



Gather. Glorify. Grow. Go.
Shalom Baptist Church Newsletter

August 2025



THE SHALOM NEWSLINE



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Mark's Minute

When I lived in Houston Texas, there were a series of billboards placed around town that were affectionately dubbed, "God Billboards"—Here is a sampling of a few of them:

- Life is Short. Eternity isn't. – God
- I saw that. –God
- I've been here all along. –God
- Live like your afterlife depended on it. –God
- Let's meet at My house Sunday before the game. –God
- Don't make me come down there. –God
- If you must curse, use your own name. --God
- I miss how you used to talk to me when you were a kid. –God
- Will the road you're on get you to my place? –God
- Big bang theory, you've got to be kidding. –God
- My way is the highway. –God
- Well, you did ask for a sign. –God
- I love you...I love you...I love you... --God

And of course, the one that was SO APPROPRIATE in Texas...

- You think it's hot here... --God

The other evening, as Tiffany, Madeline and I were taking a walk together through our neighborhood, the heat and humidity had combined to create what I can only describe as an "oppressive feeling". It made me think of that sign that I had seen so many years ago in Texas.

Here's the thing: God "wants" people to be with Him for all eternity. That's WHY He sent His Son, Jesus, to endure what He did. Paul, in 1 Timothy 2:4 wrote, "[God our Savior] ...wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." And Peter, in 2 Peter 3:9 said, "The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

Listen--The Lord God has given us so many signs...so many warnings, but also so many wonderful promises in His Word. If God could REALLY pick a sign to display to the world, I believe that He would likely pick "I love you...I love you...I love you" over and above, "You think it's hot here..." Why? Because "I love you...I love you...I love you..." is the culmination of John 3:16, 1 Timothy 2:4 and 2 Peter 3:9.

May that be the sign that we, Shalom, display to others...as we encounter them on the road of life!

In Him,
Pastor Mark



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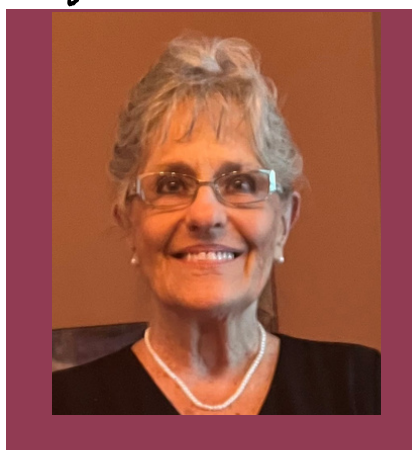
*I love you...
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I love you...
-God*





Deacon of the Month:

Sonya Blommel

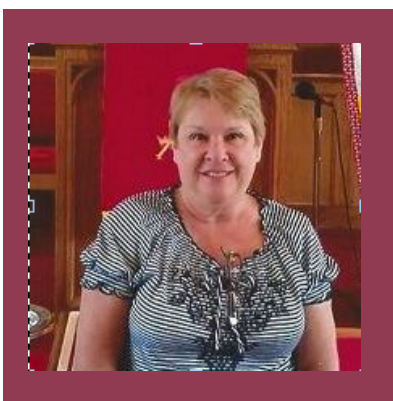


Shut-in of the Month:

Beverly Jo Harris

Please remember Beverly Jo this month by sending her a card or calling her. It means so much to our Shut-Ins, that they are remembered and that we still care.

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FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

- Church Council will meet Tuesday, August 12th at 7:00 PM in the Co-Ed classroom.
- Stewardship Committee will meet Tuesday, August 19th at 7:00 pm.
- Carpet cleaning will take place August 22nd & 23rd.
- September Newsletter entries are due Wednesday, August 27th.
- Kelly will be out of the office July 31st - August 8th.

FINANCIAL *Peace*
UNIVERSITY

Are you interested in learning how to manage your money in a Biblical way?

Join us for our Financial Peace University small group starting **Sunday, September 14th at 4:30 pm.**

FPU is a biblically based class that has helped millions beat debt, build wealth, and give like never before.

For more information, please call the church office at **804-746-7737.**



Pickleball meets every Thursday afternoon.

Children & Youth: 4:30 pm
Adults: 5:30 pm



KIDS CORNER

Vacation Bible School

AUGUST 4TH-8TH

6:00 pm-8:30 pm

Voyagers

August 5th: No Voyagers (VBS)

August 12th: Maymont and hotdog lunch with families.

Save the Date

Saturday, September 13th

MOVIE NIGHT



We will have a Men's breakfast on Saturday, August 9th, beginning at 8:30 am at Shalom in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your sons, fathers, and neighbors as we "Gather" for food and fellowship.

Our next trip to Bland Ministry Center is scheduled for September 14 - 17. This trip is open to men and women. Mark your calendars and join us as we "Go" and serve others.

The Men's chorus meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 9:45 am following Bible study. Join us and lend both your heart and voice to our group.

We are continuing our study of the Book of Revelation on Tuesday mornings in the church conference room. Join us as we "Grow" in our knowledge of His Word. We start our study at 8:30 a.m.



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Casserole Ministry is in full swing! If you would like to make a casserole or a pot of soup, please contact Ann McFaden.

We still have Shalom cookbooks, and they make awesome gifts. Price is \$15.00/book.

Upcoming Events:

- Sisters in Service Circle Meeting September 8th at 10:00, in the Co-Ed classroom.
- Beloved Circle Meeting September 16th at Lori Glass' home.
- Rise Against Hunger- May 2026



We encourage you to be part of one of our Cross Connection Dinner groups this fall! Dinners will be held once a month and hosted by a different member of your group.

This is a great opportunity to get to know other Shalom folks that you may not have met. Please fill out the card that can be found in Sunday's bulletin if you are interested in being a part of this "Gather" opportunity.



Are you someone who likes to be involved with positive ways to encourage others? If so, join us on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. No application necessary to join and "on the job training" is provided. How easy is that?! We welcome anyone with a desire to bless a life of someone who needs encouragement.

EMT is sponsoring a Ladies Game Night on Friday, August 22nd 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Bring your favorite game and appetizer to share. We hope to see you there for a night of fellowship and fun.

Just Breathe
No Meeting in
AUGUST!



*Strength in
the Journey*

A support group for
widows and widowers



Monday, August 18th

Meet at



on Virginia Center Parkway at
12:30 pm.



We will not meet in
August. See everyone in





Music Notes...



Singspiration 2025
Sunday, August 24
6:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of music and creative arts by the members of Shalom followed by an ice cream fellowship!

It's Not Too Late!

Please let Ms. Jean know by Tuesday, August 12th if you would like to share a song for Singspiration.

You can reach her by calling 804.691.5893 or emailing her at jmdart612@gmail.com

Handbell Ringers Needed



If you are a youth or adult and have an interest in learning more about ringing handbells, contact Jean at 804.691.5893 or by email at jmdart612@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

As we look forward to a new school year starting on August 18, Shalom will have a blessing of the students. This special blessing will take place on August 17. We will cover our children with prayers of protection, success, readiness and calm as they begin their studies.

We can also decide to study. The Bible is waiting to give us knowledge, hope and a deeper understanding of our God. There are many ways to discover scripture. There are reading plans that go from front to back in a year and, of course, reading at your own pace. YouVersion is an app that has many reading plans to guide you in reading the Bible through. I personally find it beneficial to have a narrator read the scripture as I read along. After reading through a few times, I'm starting to put together the prophets, kings and those hard names. If you have any questions, I would be excited to guide you in the best way to read the Bible through. It is truth in a blessing!

The new Sunday school year begins September 7. This is the Sunday the children are promoted and are moved up. Some will receive Bibles, but all will receive our love and support. Sunday school teachers will also be recognized for their faithful dedication to the Word.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, stay cool and joyful in the Lord!


Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance. Psalm 33:12. NIV



Wednesday Night Dinners: Back in September — We Knead You!





Good news, Church family! Our beloved Wednesday Night Dinners are firing back up this September, and that sweet smell you're imagining right now? That's the aroma of community, fellowship... and possibly chicken tetrazzini.

But here's the scoop (pun intended): these dinners don't just cook themselves — we need YOU (yes, you!) to help make the magic happen behind the scenes.


 Our most urgent need is a Lead Cook (Maybe two)— someone who knows their way around a kitchen or is brave enough to fake it till they make it. If that's you, please say yes (your future team already loves you).

Don't want to lead the charge with a spatula? No problem!

Join the crew that fits YOU:

-  Kitchen Crew – chopping, stirring, praying nothing burns.
-  Dessert Crew – for the sweet-toothed saints among us.
-  Set-Up Crew – tables, chairs, and a touch of feng shui.
-  Back-Up Squad – because life happens and we love a hero who steps in when needed.

Whether you're a culinary wizard, a master organizer, or just really good at opening boxes of brownie mix — **there's a spot for you.**

 **Sign-up cards will be in upcoming bulletins** OR reach out to Rhonda Neal, Kitchen Lead at 804-241-3863, call or text.

Together, we can serve up more than just great food — we serve community, laughter, and grace... with a side of green beans.

Because when the Church gathers, even mashed potatoes become ministry.

Bon appétit and God bless,
Rhonda Neal



Central VA Raceway Ministries

Sponsored by Dover, Middle District & River City Network

August 14th -16th

Volunteers are needed to minister to race fans in a variety of ways. Please check out the information sheet that can be found in Sunday's bulletin. If you are interested in helping, please sign up in the church lobby. For more information you can contact Kari Smith at kari@faithfit.net.

If you are unable to volunteer the weekend of the race, you can still help by making cookies. Cookies must be **HOMEMADE** (NO STORE OR BAKERY BOUGHT) and bagged in small clear zip lock plastic bags with 2-3 medium sized cookies in each. A label saying, "Compliments of Shalom Baptist" may be put on the outside of the bag. No tracts please!

Cookies must be dropped off at Shalom by Tuesday, August 12th.



August Anniversaries

3rd	Charlie & Gloria Blackwell
5th	Zach & Amy Neal
9th	Danny & Margot Krantz
	Dan & Martha Thompson
11th	Brandon & Victoria Byrd
15th	Bob & Nancy Wilkinson
22nd	B.W. & Maggie Alexander
24th	Adam & Charity Baker
28th	Donald & Terrie Felts

August Birthday's

1st	Mary Hunter Townsend	22nd	Dean Blackwell
3rd	Warren Estes		Vonnie Loving
5th	Michele Lester		Wallace Taylor
	Jenna Thompson	23rd	Scott Shaw
6th	Camden Glass	24th	Jim Fraley
	Morgan Miller		Annette Shaw
7th	Harvey Trice	25th	Betty Edgell
8th	Barbara Tribble		Doug Tomlin
11th	Brian Seebeck	26th	JJ Crew
12th	Lizzie Blake		John Edgell
	Susan Waitt		Rhonda Neal
13th	Betty Hauser	28th	Breanna Blake
16th	Joan Bowles		Landon Brooks
17th	Tammy Olsen		Debbie Cousins
	Tracey Seward		Kevin Kelly
18th	Sandy Russell	29th	Paul Sherwood
19th	John Karsten	30th	Carl Boshier
	Jane Snead		Lori Glass
	Melinda Wilson		Slip Neal
	Charles Wingfield		

Celebrate!





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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship		28 9:00am Feedmore Truck 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Memorial Service 6:30pm EMT Meeting 7:00pm Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group	29 8:30am Men's Bible Study 8:45am Voyagers 9:00am Walking in the Gym	30 5:00pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 6:15pm Bible Study (Heaven) 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	31 4:30pm Children & Youth Pickleball 5:30pm Adult Pickleball	1 6:00pm VBS	2 6:00pm Annual WMU Spiritual Enrichment Event (Dover Baptist Association)			
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