



THE SHALOM NEWSLINE





Pastor

APPRECIATION

Month

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Miller.....Senior Pastor
Jean Dart.....Minister of Music & Worship
Kathy Seay.....Children's Ministry Director
Adam Crigger.....Interim Youth Director
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Thursday: 8:30am-2pm

MARK'S MINUTE

When somebody on our Shalom staff team is celebrating a birthday, we have a tradition of taking that person out to lunch after staff meeting. (Funny sidenote: For my birthday, we discovered how many restaurants are NOT open on Mondays).

Well, as you may know (or maybe you didn't know), Kelly's birthday was on Sunday September 28th, so we had planned to take her out after staff meeting on Monday, September 29th.

Kelly is such a blessing to our staff team! She is funny, hospitable, kind, willing to jump in where needed, efficient, administratively gifted (...and a whole lot of other positive adjectives!!) All that to say, we were ready to bless her with a lunch out at a favorite Mexican restaurant in town.

After being seated and demolishing some chips and salsa, we were excited to see another couple from Shalom come in and sit down right across from us. We shared greetings and joked that "we'd better watch what we say" ...and then, settled in to conclude our staff meeting over lunch.

That couple from Shalom got up from their table to leave right before we did. (This was one of those restaurants where you bring your bill up to the register to pay). But...when I got ready to pay the bill for OUR staff, the gentleman behind the counter took my check...and smiled. And...he gave me my debit card back.

At first, I didn't know what was going on—I tried to give him my card again. And again...he pushed my card back to me. And that's when he pointed to that other couple from Shalom, indicating that THEY had picked up the tab for our staff.

Needless to say, our staff was both amazed and deeply thankful. I ran out the door to catch that couple...and we thanked them profusely. While we, as a staff, had sought to bless Kelly on her special day, that couple had blessed ALL of us on her special day!

In those moments, that couple not only poured out a whole lot of Matthew 7:12, where Jesus said, "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets", they also sprinkled into our day a little of Galatians 6:10, which says, "...as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" and, furthermore, they added a dollop of Proverbs 3:27, which says, "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act."

Be a blessing to others. And...sometimes...be a SURPRISING blessing to others. That, Shalom, certainly was to us!

In Him,

Pastor Mark



Shut-in of the Month:

Bonnie Custalow

**7119 E Brooks Farm Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23111**

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

**Meet our Deacon for the
month of October:**

Dallas Clayton



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

- Church Council Meeting-Tuesday, October 7th at 7:00 pm.
- Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck Lunch-Sunday, October 19th immediately following the 11:00 am worship service.
- November Newsletter entries are due Wed. October 22nd.
- Lifeline Screening- Monday, October 27th



October 1st

SEASONED ROAST CHICKEN THIGHS

October 8th

BUTTER CHICKEN

October 15th

PIZZA CASSEROLE

October 22nd

BAKED POTATO BAR & CHILI

October 29th

POTLUCK

Cost: \$5.00 for adults
\$2.00 for children
\$15.00 per family

Each week reservation cards will be in the bulletin. Please fill out a card and put it in the offering plate or call the church office with your reservation **by 3:00pm Monday and leave a message.**



Upcoming Circle Meetings

- Sisters in Service-Monday, October 13th at 10:00 am in the Co-Ed classroom.
- Beloved-Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30 pm at the home of Lori Glass.

FYI

- Cookbooks available for \$10.00. Please see Ann McFaden or Kathy Wingfield. Proceeds go to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.
- Women's Getaway & Retreat - November 6-7. Join us for a time of worship and retreat at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, Lynchburg, VA.
- Save the date: Ladies Christmas Tea, December 6th, Grace Chinese Baptist/Living Hope, Richmond VA

The Men's Sunday School Class, the Canfield Class, began an 8-week study of 1, 2, & 3 John this past week. This video study is led by Tony Evans with discussion following each week's session. Come join us for this study which will carry us into November.

The Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study will conclude its study of Revelation on October 7th. We will take a week's break with Breakfast on October 14th at Riverbound Café at 8:30 am. On October 21st we will begin a study on Genesis. All men are invited to the breakfast and Bible study.

Saturday, October 18th, is the date for our next Men's Breakfast, at Shalom. Food will be ready at 8:30 am. If you'd like to help prepare the food, meet us in the kitchen beginning at 6:30 am. Don't forget to bring your father, uncles, and sons.

The Men's Ministry will be preparing the Church's Wednesday Night Dinner on October 22nd. Join us as we set tables, prepare food, serve, and clean-up beginning at 3:00 pm. Serve God by serving others and fellowship with your brothers in Christ.



The Moments of Hope pantry and resource center would like to thank Shalom's VBS for the generous supply of microwave Mac & Cheese. Your dedication to help support this mission has made a significant impact on Moments of Hope. Thank you for all you do for us!



WELCOME
ADAM CRIGGER
AS SHALOM'S
YOUTH DIRECTOR

Thank You

October is Clergy
Appreciation Month.

The deacons are deeply grateful to Pastor Mark and to our church staff, Jean, Jeff, Kathy, Kelly, and Adam for your dedication and commitment to Shalom.

We appreciate each one of you and thank you for all that you do.



I don't know how to begin: During my present health situation my church family has been there for me all the way. I have had many visits, telephone calls, and too many cards to count. Food has come to my sister's house daily (delicious meals). Also I want to thank all who are praying for me. I'm thanking all of you and asking each of you to pray for our wonderful church family. If I haven't returned your telephone calls please forgive me I hope to reach you soon. Love and prayers to all.

Sister in Christ,
Barbara Lecarpentier



Monday,
October 27th
at 7:00 pm.
For more details,
contact Chuck
and Leisa
George.



Tuesday, October 28th
at 11:00 am.
For more details,
contact Dee Ober.

KIDS CORNER



Trunk-or-Treat at Shalom Baptist Church

Bring the whole family for a night of **candy, costumes, and community fun** on Saturday, October 25th at 5:00 pm.



Get creative and dress up your trunk with bright colors, silly themes, and festive fall fun! Anything cute, clever, or whimsical that will make kids smile. No scares needed — just loads of imagination, laughter, and light! Call the church office at 804-746-7737 if you would like to participate and decorate your trunk.

Church-Wide Friendsgiving

Saturday, November 8th
2:00 pm-Fellowship Hall

Please bring a snack to share and join us for a fun afternoon of games!

Please save the date for this year's Santa Breakfast which is scheduled for
Saturday, December 13th at 9:00 am.

We are looking for youth and adults who could help us with the program. If you are interested in being a guide, reader or character, please contact Kathy Seay, our Children's Ministry Directory.



The Bereavement Committee is missing a 10-foot lavender table runner/hot pad. If you have seen it, or if you took it home to wash, please return it to the Fellowship Hall closet.

THANK YOU!



EMT invites you to join us for the first Co-Ed Bingo Night on October 17th. Come for a pizza dinner at 6:00 pm and stay for BINGO at 6:40 pm. Admission to this great event is one can of vegetables per BINGO card. The canned goods will be donated to the Feedmore ministry. There is a limit of two cards per person, but there is no limit on the number of cans of vegetables you can bring. Hope to see you there!

If you have sewing skills and would be able to help EMT with an upcoming project, please reach out to Darlene Grubbs or Vicky Crew.

Our next EMT meeting is on October 27th at 6:30 pm.



Pickleball has concluded for the year. Pickleball will **resume** on **January 8, 2026.**

Strength in the Journey

A support group for widows and widowers



Monday, October 20th

11:30 am
Franco's Italian
Restaurant
Bell Creek Rd.



October 23rd

Canal Boat Ride
Meet at Shalom at
12:00 pm.

\$15/person
\$8.00/person (65+)
Please let Ann
McFaden or Delores
Nabors know if you
would like to attend.



Find comfort and support this holiday season with GriefShare's *Surviving the Holidays*.

If you would be interested in being a part of this, please contact Russ Hoffman at 804-366-6850.





Shut-In/Visitation Ministry

Our ministry provides support, visits and spiritual care to our homebound members who are unable to attend services due to illness, age or other challenges. Our visits sometimes involve taking communion, a simple gift and church literature. The most important gift we can provide is TIME.

Shalom can be incredibly grateful for the dedication of our strong team of about a dozen that make monthly visits. Their selfless service in visiting, calling and praying for our homebound members is a testament to the love of Christ.

If you would like to be involved in this ministry, or if you know of someone who would benefit from a visit, please contact the church office.

Be the "Hands and Feet of Jesus"

Next Meeting: 10/9/25 at 10:00 am

Next Visitation Day: 10/27/25

Celebrate!

October Anniversaries

1st	Paul & Deborah Michalosky
2nd	Billy & Renee Norman
5th	Ken & Sheila Hein
7th	Kenny & Debbie Taylor
8th	Bob & Darlene Grubbs
10th	Randy & Vicki Crew
	Thomas & Lalani Tucker
11th	Jason & Lynn Crew
	Gary & Judy Kirby
13th	Pete & Annette Logan
15th	Samantha & Craig Miller
16th	Bill & Mary Frost
17th	Ron & Joan Bowles
24th	Doug & Linda Tomlin
25th	Roy & Mary Southard

October Birthday's

1st	Lindsay Campbell	21st	Brad Crew
3rd	Judy Kirby	22nd	Kyle Bowles
	Jason Nolan		Beverly Waller
5th	B.W. Alexander	23rd	Carolyn Southard
	Linda Seay		Vicki Trice-Romano
8th	Mac Coiner	24th	Lauren Baker
	Beth Thompson	26th	Caroline Mayhew
9th	Beau Kelly		Zoe Teboe
	Linda Williams	27th	Dallas Clayton
10th	Wanda Alspaugh	30th	Val Pinkney
	Ray Gifford		Mary Southard
11th	Shea Neal		
12th	Vicki Crew		
	Lewis Jackson		
14th	Marshal Brooks		
17th	Fran Johnson		
	Katherine Taylor		
18th	Mary Frost		
	Kay Strickland		





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28 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal 4:30pm Financial Peace University	29 11:00am Staff Meeting	30 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am GBC Fall Pictures 9:00am Walking in the Gym	1 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Bible Study 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4
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