



THE SHALOM NEWSLINE

Happy New Year

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he
is a new creation; the old has passed
away, and see, the new has come!"*

2 Corinthians 5:17

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Miller.....Senior Pastor
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Monday: 8:30am-5pm, Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30am-4:30pm,
Thursday: 8:30am-2pm

Mark's Minute

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2026! Many of you, I suspect, are looking forward to some new opportunities and some new endeavors in this new year (and others of you are, for one reason or another, simply thankful to leave 2025 in the past!).

As I have been praying and looking past the horizon of 2025 into 2026, I felt compelled and led by the Holy Spirit to “get practical”. And so, I will be starting out 2026 with a sermon series on “Practical Prayer”. You see, we, who are believers know quite a bit about prayer...and talk a lot ABOUT prayer...but when it comes to actually praying, and learning how to pray, and navigating through seasons of unanswered prayers, we may struggle a little bit. That’s why we’re going to “get practical” about prayer.


But that’s not all. After we finish that series on “practical prayer, we are THEN going to focus on getting practical about how to live out our faith. Did you know that one of the most practical books in the New Testament (when it comes to living out our faith) is the Book of James. So, after we navigate through practical prayer, we will then travel together through the Book of James, in order to better answer THIS question: “What does the Book of James teach me about living out my faith in real and practical ways?”

So...over the next few months, let’s get practical: Practical about prayer and practical about living out our faith!

I hope that you will choose to dive headfirst with me into these upcoming sermons!

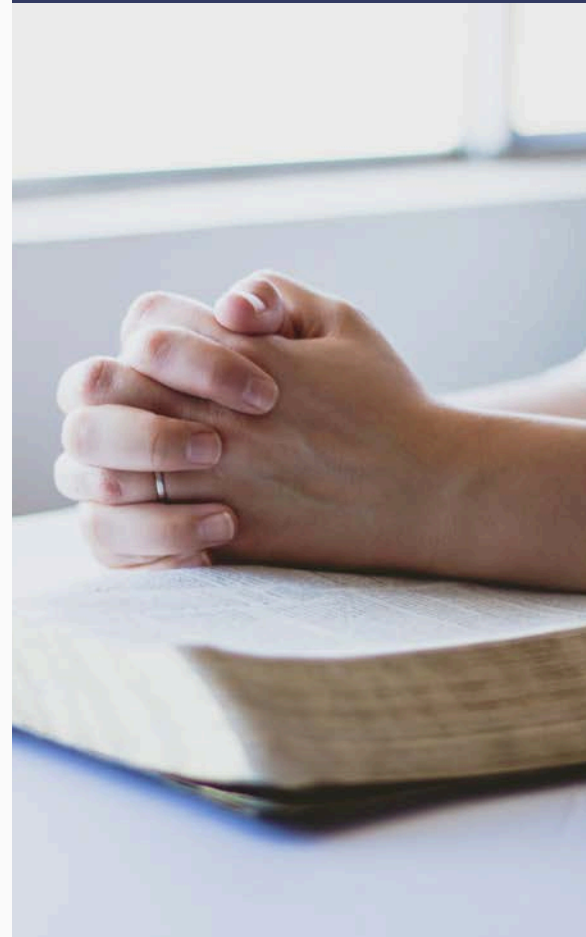
In Him,

Pastor Mark



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-PASTOR MARK





Shut-In of the Month:

Phyllis Isbell

7103-D Brooks Farm Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Please remember Phyllis 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.



January 7th
CHICKEN PARMESAN

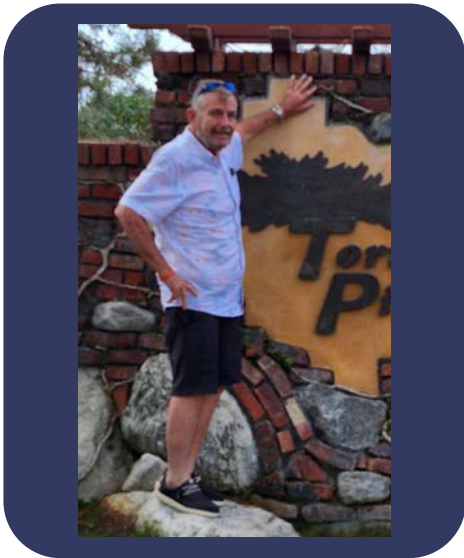
January 14th
CORN & POTATO CHOWDER

January 21st
ARROZ CON POLLO

January 28th
BBQ

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.



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

*Glen
Daniel*

From the Office:

- There will NOT be a January Church Council Meeting. Church Council meetings will start **Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm** in the Co-Ed classroom.
- We follow Hanover County Public Schools Inclement Weather Schedule. If school is cancelled due to weather, the office and activities at Shalom are cancelled as well. The church leadership will make a decision regarding Sunday services. Notices will be broadcast through our Call-Em-All system, Constant Contact, Shalom's website and Facebook page and the local news channel.
- Grace Christian will resume using the gym January-February.



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Upcoming Events:

Monday, January 19th at 10:00 am-
Sisters in Service Circle Meeting in the Co-Ed classroom.

Tuesday, January 23rd at 3:30 pm
Lottie Moon Christmas Tea MEETING in the Co-Ed classroom.



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As of December 18th, we have raised
\$12,191 for the Lottie Moon Christmas
offering.

KIDS CORNER

*A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped
with this year's Santa Breakfast. It was another
wonderful event.*

Children's Lock-In

Friday, January 2nd -Saturday, January 3rd
Contact Kathy Seay for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Winterfest -Saturday, January 17th
Children's Easter Event- Saturday, March 28th

Keep an eye out for more information!

DEACON UPDATE

Hello Shalom! Your deacons for 2026 are:

- Lori Glass
- Courtland Lambert
- Glen Daniel
- Dallas Clayton
- Sonya Blommel
- Roy Southard
- Kenny Taylor
- Doug Tomlin
- Lita Fischer
- Gerald Cousins
- Pat Dressel

WE LOOK
FORWARD
TO SERVING
YOU THIS
YEAR!



Strength in the Journey

A support group for widows and widowers

Strength in the Journey is a ministry for those who have lost a spouse and are seeking support to navigate this path in their life's journey.

Our next meeting is on **Monday, January 19th at 11:30 am.** Please bring your own lunch and meet in the Fellowship Hall at Shalom where we will discuss activities for the upcoming year.



The Encouragement Ministry Team (EMT) meets every 4th Monday of the month. Our next meeting is **Monday, January 26th at 6:30 pm.**

Just Breathe



Just Breathe is a group of caregivers who are experiencing some of the same tears, joys, concerns, frustrations & prayers. Join us for an hour to let go and "just breathe" at our next meeting on **Monday, January 26th at 7:00 pm.** We meet every 4th Monday.



The Cancer Support Group meets every 4th Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 27th at 11:00 am. We meet in the prayer room at Shalom.



Pickleball will resume on **Thursday, January 8th,** with children and youth playing at 4:30 pm and adults at 5:30 pm.

All skill levels are welcome—come enjoy fun, fellowship, and friendly competition!





Happy New Year!

If, by chance, you haven't connected with the Men's Ministry, 2026 may be your year to join us as we Gather, Glorify, Grow and Go.

We will continue our study of Genesis during January on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 am in the church conference room. We welcome your participation, as we Grow in our relationship with Christ.

On Saturday, January 10th, we will Gather and make our annual trip to Nanny's for a BBQ dinner. Plan to meet us at 5:00 pm at Shalom as we travel to Petersburg for a variety of food. We should return by 8:00 pm.

Valentine's Day is February 14th and the Men's Ministry will be preparing breakfast for our Annual Valentine Breakfast. You can join us at 6:00 am and help prepare the meal, come a little later and help serve, or join us after and assist in the cleanup. This is a good chance for you to work with other Shalom men as we serve our church.

There are two Men's Conferences during March that we are looking at as opportunities for us to Gather, Glorify and Grow, and to help fuel our "Go". These opportunities are:

- Ignite Men's Impact Weekend on March 13-14 at Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va. This conference starts on Friday evening and concludes at 5:00 pm on Saturday. Our plan is to register early and secure hotel rooms in advance, so if you are interested or need more information, please talk to Ken Hein.
- Noble Warriors Men's Conference on March 21 in Richmond. This is a local one-day conference that runs from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. Again, see Ken For more information.

Mark your calendars for May 16th for our Annual day of Fellowship, Fun, Food, and Fishing, at Dr. Jeff Wilson's lake in King William. More information will be coming.

Celebrate!



January Anniversaries

7th Mac & Judy Coiner
Wrenn & Amy Mangum
Shelly Porter & Diane Hudson
18th Bobby & Christine Norman
21st Ray & Joan Durvin
25th Stan and Delores Nabors



January Birthday's

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| 2nd | Brandon Byrd | 13th | Paul Michaelolsky |
| 4th | Robin Fraley | 14th | Michael Robertson |
| 5th | Aaron Maddox | 16th | Phyllis Isbell |
| 7th | Eleanor Simmons | | Doc Wright |
| 8th | Holly Dean | 18th | Liz Whitt |
| | Doris Duke | 19th | Evelyn Rice |
| 9th | Vicky Kidder | 23rd | Martha Thompson |
| 10th | Ryan Crew | 25th | Layton Butler |
| | Barton Stone | | Delores Nabors |
| 11th | Ron Anderson | 26th | Faye Cosby |
| 12th | Jamie Crigger | 31st | Faye Ward |



**Monday, January 12, 2026
at Shalom Baptist Church**

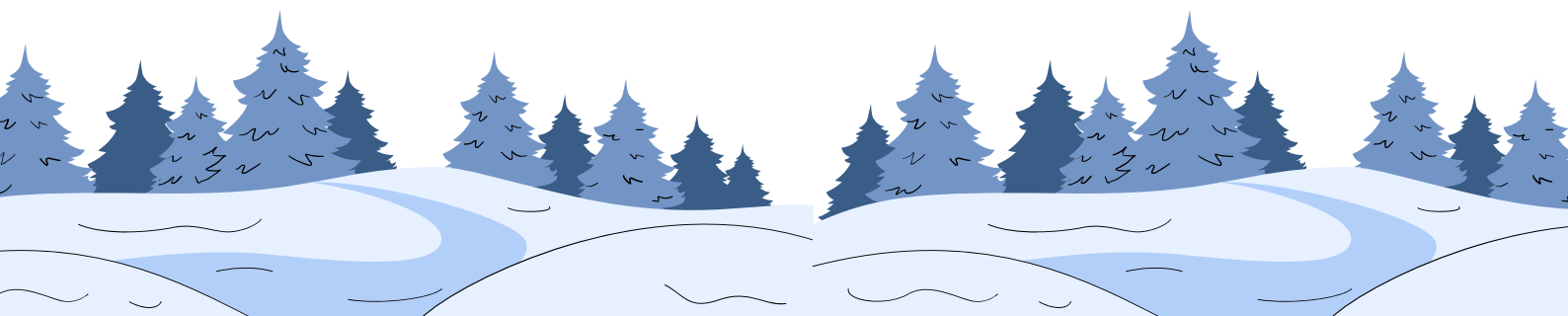
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January 2026

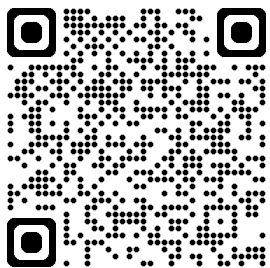
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 28 8:30am Worship 9:20am He Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Young Adult Sunday School | 29 11:00am Staff Meeting | 30 8:30am Men's Bible Study-Breakfast at Riverbend 9:00am Walking in the Gym | 31 | 1 | 2 Children's Lock-In | 3 Children's Lock-In |
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| 11 Men's Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:20am He Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Young Adult Sunday School 1:30pm Deacon's Meeting 3:30pm Girl Scout Meeting | 12 Life Line Screening 11:00am Staff Meeting 3:00pm Grace Christian-Fellowship Hall | 13 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 9:45am Men's Choir Rehearsal 3:00pm Grace Christian-Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Stewardship Meeting | 14 8:30am GBC Preschool-Fellowship Hall Reserved 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 | 15 3:30pm Grace Christian-Fellowship Hall 4:30pm Children & Youth Pickleball 5:30pm Adult Pickleball | 16 3:00pm Grace Christian-Fellowship Hall | 17 Winterfest (Fellowship Hall) |
| 18 Deacon Ordination Youth Lock-In (Tentative) 8:30am Worship 9:20am He Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck Lunch 12:15pm Young Adult Sunday School | 19 Youth Lock-In (Tentative) 10:00am WMU Sisters in Service Circle Meeting 11:00am Staff Meeting 11:30am Strength in the Journey | 20 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 9:45am Properties Committee Meeting 3:30pm Grace Christian-Fellowship Hall | 21 8:30am GBC Preschool-Fellowship Hall Reserved 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 | 22 Raisin' Canes 4:30pm Children & Youth Pickleball 5:30pm Adult Pickleball | 23 | 24 Fellowship Hall Reserved (Crigger) |
| 25 8:30am Worship 9:20am He Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Young Adult Sunday School 3:30pm Girl Scout Meeting | 26 Shut-In/Hospital Visitation Day 9:00am Feedmore Truck 11:00am Staff Meeting 3:30pm Grace Christian-Fellowship Hall 6:30pm EMT Meeting 7:00pm Just Breathe Caregiver | 27 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 9:45am Men's Choir Rehearsal 11:00am Cancer Support Group | 28 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 | 29 5:30pm Adult Pickleball | 30 3:00pm Grace Christian-Fellowship Hall | 31 |



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