



THE SHALOM NEWSLINE





Pastor

APPRECIATION

Month

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

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Thursday: 8:30am-2pm

MARK'S MINUTE

I am in the midst of performing two weddings, during back to back weekends...so perhaps "love" is on my mind...

In his book, Let Me Say That Again, Pastor Maxie Dunnam says:

"Love is a decision. It is something we do—an act of the will that gives itself unselfishly for the good and enrichment of another."

The word, "love" gets tossed around a lot these days. I love pizza. I love to golf. I love my wife (not in that order, of course). Have you noticed how often "love" is cheapened in our society. Love is mistaken for "like". Love is mistaken for attraction. Love is mistaken for lust. Sitcoms treat one-night stands as normal...and marriage as disposable. "Love" is tossed around frivolously and carelessly. Certainly, the picture of the old married couple sitting at the dinner table, eating in silence, perpetuates the idea that "TRUE LOVE" is a foreign concept:

The husband, focusing on his food says: "Could you pass me the potatoes, please?"

His wife looks over at him, pauses for a moment, and then, out of the blue asks, "Do you love me?"

He responds, "Of course I do. What kind of crazy question is that?"

She then says, "I want to hear it."

"Hear what?"

"I want to hear you say, 'I love you'"

"I love ya," he says halfheartedly.

"No. Say it like you MEAN it."

"I LOVE ya! Now would you pass me the potatoes?"

What is "true" love? Dr. Dunnam says it is "a decision". We must CHOOSE to love. "To love" is an action—it takes effort on our part. Love is not forced, coerced, or chosen for us. If I had said to Tiffany, when I first met her, "You BETTER love me" there would have been no first date. To love like God loves is "agape" love. It is unconditional love...a love that is not dependent upon the circumstances or even how much love you get back in return. That kind of love "gives itself unselfishly for the good and enrichment of another." Love involves giving of yourself. Love involves selflessness. And love involves RISK. To love is to risk. Years ago I was talking to a widow who was telling me about how wonderful her marriage relationship had been. Tears came to her eyes when she shared how difficult it had been since her husband had passed away. Why was it so hard? Both had taken a risk to love deeply. Both had taken the risk to unselfishly give. God certainly took a risk to love us... we are a rebellious bunch, likely not thanking Him enough, often taking for granted all that He has done for us, sometimes even blaming Him for the difficult things in our lives. But He still risks to love us... He loved His Son, and as Jesus hung on that cross he truly showed us how much of a risk His Father took. "For God so LOVED the world that He GAVE..." (John 3:16). "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13). Love truly. Love deeply. Love risky. I love you and am privileged to serve alongside you!

Pastor Mark





Fran Johnson

6322 Ridge Lane
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Please remember Fran 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.



Lita Fischer



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

- Lifeline Screening- Monday, October 5th
- Church Council Meeting-Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 pm.
- Called Business Meeting-Wednesday, October 7th at 6:15 pm.
- Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck Lunch-Sunday, October 18th immediately following the 11:00 am worship service.
- November Newsletter entries are due Wed. October 21st.





"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever." [Hebrews 13:8]

Autumn is the time of changes: the weather grows cooler [great news after our very hot summer!], leaves begin to turn from green to a kaleidoscope of colors, schools have been back in session for more than a month, and a new church year is underway.

As we enter this time of year when things do change, it's reassuring to know that Someone never changes—Jesus and His love for us. We may not always be aware of that love as we go through our daily lives, whether at work, school, or home; but that love is always there. It does not change or go away.

Why not take some time during your day, wherever you are, to pause and thank God for His unchanging love for you—at home, at work, at school, even at play? Thanksgiving is not limited to one day of the year, but every day is a day on which to be thankful.

-Pastor Dan



October 7th
VARIETY OF SOUPS

October 14th
SAUSAGE & CHEESE TORTELLINI

October 21st
PANDA ORANGE CHICKEN

October 28th
ROASTED PORK LOIN

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.



The Men's Tuesday morning Bible Study is continuing our study of the Gospel of John. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 am in the church conference room. We'd welcome your participation as we Grow in our relationship with Christ.

Thursday, October 15th, we will continue a monthly Veteran's Coffee Chat Group at Shalom. At our initial meeting on Sept 17th, we had 10 Veterans with over 100 years of military service participate. Regardless of if you served on active duty or in the reserves, you are invited to join us.

The Men's Ministry will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for the Sunday School picnic in our Pavilion on October 10th. Come help us flip a burger or grill a dog. We'll start preparing at 3:00 p.m.

The second Shalom's Men's Conference will take place on Saturday, October 17th. The theme for the conference is "The Importance of Community." The conference will begin at 8:30 am with breakfast and conclude at 12:30 pm with a box lunch. Admission is free. Scan the QR code on the above flyer to register.

Join us in the kitchen on Wednesday, October 28th, as we prepare dinner for our church family. Come around 3:00 pm to help prepare the meal, or at 3:30 pm and assist in setting up the tables, stay after dinner and help with the cleanup.

Tuesday, November 10th, is the date for our next Men's Ministry dinner which will be held at Anna's starting at 6:00 pm

Mark your calendars for our annual trip to Nanny's on Saturday, December 12th , leaving Shalom at 5:00 p.m. We should return to Shalom by 7:45 pm.

MEN'S Conference '26

The Importance of Community



Steven Chumley
Keynote Speaker



Ken Hein



Matt Johnston



Tommy Owens



Doug Tomlin

Come hear how being in community has enriched the lives of each of our speakers...and more!

SAT. OCT. 17 | **8:30 AM - 12:30 PM**
Breakfast & Lunch provided | **FREE ADMISSION**

Sponsored by the Shalom Baptist Church Men's Ministry
8116 Walnut Grove Rd., Mechanicsville 23111
Register online at www.shalombaptist.net or by using the QR code to the right. **Deadline: Oct. 10**
Questions? Contact Ken Hein at: Kenneth.hein.1@comcast.net





The Acteens at Shalom will be sponsoring a Baby Bottle Fundraising Campaign for the Month of October. In our last campaign we raised \$2,741.09. Let's beat that total in 2026! The East End Pregnancy Center exists and are able to offer free services because of your generosity. Our partners give more than money-they give hope, love, and life! Check donations should be made to "EEPC" with a memo specifying "Shalom Baptist Church". Grab a baby bottle and fill it up. You can also donate online by scanning the QR code.



Veteran's Day Video

We're honoring our Veteran's with a Veteran's Day video this year in November.

If you are a Veteran and would like to be included in the video, please email Jean Dart at jmdart612@gmail.com with the following information:

- Name
- Branch of Service
- Age and Picture at the time of enlistment
- Length of Service and years served

The deadline for inclusion in the video is Sunday, November 1st.



Thanksgiving Bags



Below is a list of items that MCEF is collecting for the Thanksgiving Bags that will be given to their clients. From this list, MCEF will give clients a choice of 8 items for their bag. Please place donations in the blue grocery cart outside of the Fellowship Hall.

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| • Green Beans | • Cranberry Sauce |
| • Collard Greens/Mixed Greens | • Brownie Mix |
| • Carrots | • Shampoo |
| • Boxed Mashed Potatos | • Body Wash |
| • Stuffing | • Hand Soap |
| • Gravy | • Toothpaste |
| • Pumpkin | |



Strength in the Journey

A support group for
widows and widowers



Monday, October 19th

11:30 am
Fellowship Hall
Bring your own lunch & drink.

Just Breathe



Our next
meeting is
Monday,
October 26th
at 7:00 pm
at Shalom.



EMT CO-ED BINGO NIGHT



Friday, October 9th



6:00 pm



Fellowship Hall



Pizza will be served. Please bring up to 3
canned meats for up to 3 Bingo cards. All
donations will benefit Harvest Time Thrift
in Mechanicsville. We hope to see you
there!



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Upcoming Circle Meetings

- Sisters in Service Circle Meeting
 - Monday, October 12th at 10:00
am in the Friendship classroom.

FYI

ATTENTION ALL LADIES-Our
Christmas Tea registration opens
October 22nd. Make your plans early
to secure a spot! Bring your
daughters, granddaughters and
friends. There are 100 spots
available.

Join us for the
Dover Woman's Missionary Union's

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS TEA

Hosted by: Shalom Baptist Church
8116 Walnut Grove Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Registration begins October 11 and closes November 15
(or when registrations reach 100)

To Register, scan the QR Code below

When: Saturday, December 5, 2026

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Questions or Need Help registering?
Contact Shalom Baptist Church at 804 746 7737 or email
shalombaptistma@gmail.com



KIDS CORNER

SAVE THE DATE

PAINT DAY



11/21/26



2-4 pm

Trunk-or-Treat at Shalom Baptist Church

Bring the whole family for a night of **candy, costumes, and community fun** on Saturday, October 24th 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! If you would like to decorate a trunk, please sign up. Sign-up sheets are located in the lobby and the Fellowship Hall. Can't decorate a trunk but still want to participate? You can donate candy instead! Just put your name on the same sign-up sheet and check the box for candy donation. All candy donations need to be individually wrapped and can be dropped off in the white cart in the church lobby.

Celebrate!

October Birthday's

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 & Lelani 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

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



OCTOBER 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Bland Ministry Center Trip 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Young Adult Sunday School 3:00pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal 4:30pm Financial Peace	28 Bland Ministry Center Trip Shut-In/Hospital Visitation Day 9:00am Feedmore Truck 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm EMT Meeting 7:00pm Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group	29 Bland Ministry Center Trip 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 5:30pm Open Gym Basketball	30 Bland Ministry Center Trip 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Bible Study (Zachariah) 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	1 4:30pm Children & Youth Pickleball 5:30pm Adult Pickleball	2	3
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11 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 3:00pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal 4:30pm Financial Peace 6:00pm Sunday Night Lights	12 10:00am Sisters in Service Circle Meeting 11:00am Staff Meeting	13 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 9:45am Men's Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Open Gym Basketball 7:00pm Stewardship Meeting	14 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Bible Study (Zachariah) 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	15 Veterans Coffee Club 4:30pm Children & Youth Pickleball 5:30pm Adult Pickleball	16	17 8:30am Men's Ministry Conference
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Shalom's Calendar QR Code:

Open your camera on your smart phone. Move your camera so the QR code is in the frame. You'll see the code's URL appear, tap on it to open that URL.