

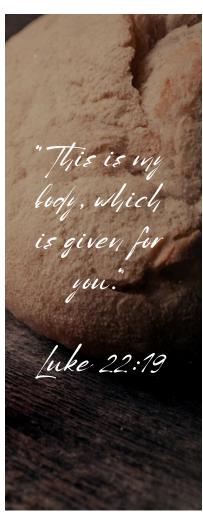
Gather. Glorify. Grow. Go. Shalom Baptist Church Newsletter

April 2025



THE SHALOM NEWSLINE









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Mark's Minute

A man was walking down a street one day when he noticed a deeply moving picture of the crucifixion in a store window. As he gazed spellbound at the vividly detailed artwork, he became conscious that at his side stood a young boy. That boy was also gazing at the picture, and his expression caused the man to realize that "The Crucifixion" scene had gripped his little soul. Turning to look at the boy, the man remarked, "Son, what does it mean?"

"Doncha know?" the little boy answered, (amazed that the man didn't know). The boy began: "That there man is Jesus, an' them others is Roman soldiers, an' the woman what's cryin' is His mother, an'" he added, "they killed 'im!"

The man didn't want to move from in front of that impressive piece of artwork, but he had other things he had to do, so he turned and walked away. After a few moments the man heard footsteps on the street behind him, and the boy came running up behind him. "Say, mister," he exclaimed breathlessly, "I forgot to tell you.... but He rose again!"

Have you ever heard the expressions, "last but not least" or "save the best for last"? The little boy didn't want that man to leave before hearing "the best part". Each year, on our journey toward Easter, we navigate through the last week of Jesus' life. We think about Judas' betrayal, the last supper, Jesus' anguished prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, and his arrest. We are reminded of Jesus' trial...and beating...and his torturous journey through crucifixion and death. Why is this so important to do each year? Because we must go through the pain of the cross to know fully the joy of the resurrection. We must experience Luke 23:48-49 (-words that directly followed Jesus' crucifixion) "When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who knew Him, including the women who had followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things".

Then, just like the man in the preceding story, they sadly walked away. We must relive all of that in order to more fully appreciate what we read in Matthew 28:8-10 (—words that directly followed the awareness of Jesus' resurrection) "So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. 'Greetings', He said. They came to Him, clasped His feet and worshipped Him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'. THOSE words, are like the words of that little boy, running up to that man and excitedly saying—"But that's not the end! I've saved the best for last! Wait until you hear what happens NEXT!"

Who do you know that needs to be "run up behind"? Who do you know who needs to hear your joy and excitement as you share the rest of the story! Happy Easter (month)!

In Him, Pastor Mark

"I forgot to tell you.... but He rose again!"

Holy Week at Shalom Palm Sunday Sunday, April 13th Easter Cantata Sunday, April 13th 7:00 pm No Wednesday Activities

Maundy Thursday Seder Dinner

Thursday, April 17th
6:00 pm
Tickets on sale through April 9th

Good Friday Prayer Stations

Friday, April 18th 12:00 pm-5:00 pm

Easter

Sunday, April 20th
Sunrise Service at 6:30 am
(Donuts, juice and coffee afterwards)
Regular schedule to follow.





April 2nd CHICKEN CASSEROLE

April 9th

BAKED SPAGHETTI

April 16th

NO DINNER

(Holy Week)

April 23rd

CHICKEN PARMIGIANA

April 30th

HAMBURGER STEAK & GRAVY

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.

Shut-In of the Month:

Nancy Williams

13700 Gayton Road Richmond, VA 23233

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

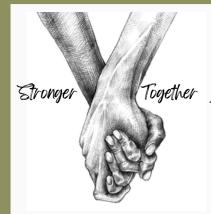


Meet our Deacon for the month of April:









Strength in the Journey

Strength in the Journey is a ministry for those who have lost their spouse and are seeking the support of others navigating a different path in this life's journey. You are welcome to join our next meeting on **Monday, April 21st at 1:00 pm.** We will meet at Jane Nelson's house for a covered dish luncheon. Please call the church office if you need her address.



Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group Monday, April 21st 7:00 pm



Cancer Support Group
Tuesday, April 22nd
11:00 am

From the Office:

- Kelly will be out of the office March 31st-April 2nd.
- Church Council will meet Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 pm in the Co-Ed classroom.
- Church office closed on Monday, April 21st in observance of Easter Monday.
- May Newsletter entries are due Wednesday, April 23rd.



RAISIN' CANES

The Senior Adult group here at Shalom has re-branded. They are now called the "Raisin' Canes". They meet every 4th Thursday of the month. Their next meeting is Thursday, April 24th at 1:00 pm at Shalom. All those are 55+ are welcome!



Saturday, April 5th 6:00 pm







The Sisters in Service Circle meets Monday, April 14th at 10:00 am in the Co-Ed classroom.

The Beloved Circle meets Tuesday, April 15th at 6:30 pm in the home of Lori Glass.

Annie Armstrong Offering Goal: \$3,500 We have received \$2,500 as of March 16th.

> Mother's Day Tea Saturday, May 3rd 12:00 pm-2:00 pm

Fellowship Hall. Join us for the fun, fellowship, and entertainment. Decorate your own table in a fun theme or your china. Prizes given for the best table decoration.

Casserole Ministry-let us know of anyone who may need a casserole due to sickness, grief, or just anyone that needs a meal. Please contact Virginia Ryan or Ann McFaden.

KIDS CORNER

CHILDREN'S EASTER EVENT



SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH 10:00 AM-1:00 PM



Egg Hunt, Petting Zoo, Easter Display, Cake Walk & other fun events! Please bring bags of individually wrapped candy and place in the white cart at the welcome desk by April 9th.



Palm Sunday April 13th

We invite all childre to process into worship with palms at the beginning of each service on Palm Sunday. Please meet Kathy Seay in the lobby before each service begins.









Our men's breakfast scheduled for April 19th will be at Riverbound Cafe and not Shalom. Please mark your calendars and meet us at 8:30 am for a time of food and fellowship.

The Tuesday morning Men's Bible study will conclude our study of the Book of Revelation on April 1st and will meet for breakfast at Riverbound Cafe on April 8th before we start our next study. Join us for breakfast and our new study beginning on April 15th.

We have a Mission Trip planned to Bland Ministry Center for May 4th - 7th. If you are planning on going on this trip, please let Ken Hein know. The trip is open to both men and women.

The 3rd Annual Fun, Fellowship, Fishing and Food Day will be held on Saturday, May 17th at Dr. Jeff Wilson's Pond in King William Co. Mark your calendars and joining us for the as we gather. Directions will be provided.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Easter Sunday is April 20th. The Lord is risen, He is risen indeed! Let's praise and worship together, grateful to Jesus for His work done for us! Thank you, Lord, for giving us eternal life through your victory over sin and death!

Come and see what is happening on Sundays at Shalom. People are choosing to use their spiritual gifts for the glory of God. There are many opportunities to serve in the kingdom. If you are unsure of where you fit in, just ask. We are happy to help! Shalom has many ministries to participate in with new ones being added regularly.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord; for he laid its foundation on the seas and established it on the rivers." Psalm 24:1-2

Happy Earth Day!

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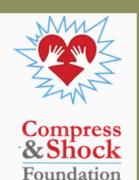


This Easter we will place flowers on a bare cross, symbolizing the new life and resurrection of Christ. You are invited to bring fresh cut flowers on Easter Sunday. The cross will be set up outside at the main entrance of the church (under the portico). Please stop by before each service and Sunday School to drop off your flowers.

Visitation Team

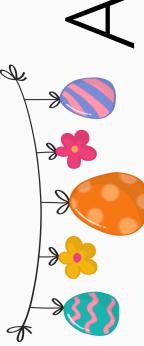
The Visitation Team meets every 4th Monday to make visits to our shut-ins, those in the hospital, or those who have been sick. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact the church office or Kathy Wingfield.

The Compress & Shock Foundation's mission is to bring free and equitable access to CPR and AED education to all communities with a specific dedication to those communities most adversely affected by cardiac arrest due to race, ethnicity, primary language, or access to healthcare education.

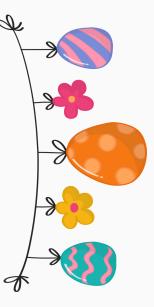


Shalom is hosting a class on Saturday, April 26th. If you are interested in attending, please fill out the RSVP card insert in Sunday's bulletin.

April Anniversaries April Birthday's 3rd Bert & Cathy Childress 2nd Joan Anderson 20th Sara Smith 3rd 12th Geoff & Lydia Baldwin Margaret Schools Serena Dean David & Michele Nelson 4th Thomas Cochran Margot Krantz 16th Chuck & Leisa George Janis Garbett 22nd Li-Anne Jennings Robert & Karen Stokes **Debbie Taylor** Annette Logan 23rd 5th 23rd Adam Crigger Dan & Ann McFaden Louise Scott 24th Danny & Holly Dean 6th Janice Carswell Ed Kidder Sally Norman 26th Kevin & Laura Kelly Shirley Winebarger 24th Chuck Townsend 10th Page Baber 25th Sherri Tuminello Abigail Krantz 27th Dawn Tyree Marcus Krantz 11th Kevin Lane 29th Robert Anderson 13th Stan Nabors 17th Gerry Mick 18th David Booth



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Saturday	5 6:00pm The Harvesters	12 10:00am Children's Easter Event 10:00am Easter Cantata Dress Rehearsal	19 8:00am Men's Ministry Breakfast	26 Mom & Me Weekend 10:00am Compress and Shock Foundation CPR Training	3 12:00pm WMU Mother's Day Tea
Friday	4	2:00pm Pavillion Reserved (Cosby)	12:00pm Good Friday: Stations of the Cross	25 Mom & Me Weekend	2
Thursday	8	10	17 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Seder Dinner	24 1:00pm Raisin' Canes (Senior Adult Group)	1
Wednesday	2 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Bible Study (Heaven) 6:15pm Praise Team 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Bible Study (Heaven) 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	16	5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Bible Study (Heaven) 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	30 6:15pm Bible Study (Heaven) 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
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Monday	31 11:00am Staff Meeting	7 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Small Group Bible Study	14 11:00am Staff Meeting	21:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Strength in the Journey 6:00pm Small Group Bible Study	28 Lifeline Screening 9:00am Feedmore Truck 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm EMT Meeting 7:00pm Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group
Sunday	30 Children & Youth Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Easter Cantata Rehearsal	6 Baptisms 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 3:00pm Easter Cantata Rehearsal	Palm Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:30am Worship 1:30pm Deacon's Meeting 3:00pm Girl Scout Meeting 7:00pm Easter Cantata	20 Easter Sunday 6:30am Sunrise Service 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Quarterly Business Meeting & Luncheon (Tentativley) 12:15pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 3:00pm Girl Scout Meeting





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