



THE SHALOM NEWSLINE

*"Commit to the
Lord whatever
you do, and He
will establish
your plans."*

Proverbs 16:3



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Mark's Minute

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever"
(Psalm 107:1)

The writer of this Psalm sure packs a lot into that first verse. I want you to notice something about these three phrases—they each draw upon the one that follows.

Why do we "give thanks to the Lord"?

Because "He is good."

What, specifically, makes God good?

The thing that demonstrates God's goodness is that "His love endures forever".

So, knowing that "His love endures forever", what should our response be?

Our response? To "give thanks to the Lord"

In other words, that verse is cyclical. It forms its own circle. It loops back on itself, over and over again.

When I was in Middle School (7th grade), I took a class called "computer literacy" (this was at a time when personal computers were relatively new—wow, do I feel old!). Well, part of this class was to do some basic programming using the computer language called BASIC. I remember one feature called the "loop feature". A person could type something and have the computer loop back to that statement over and over again. If I remember correctly, it looked like this:

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20 GOTO 10
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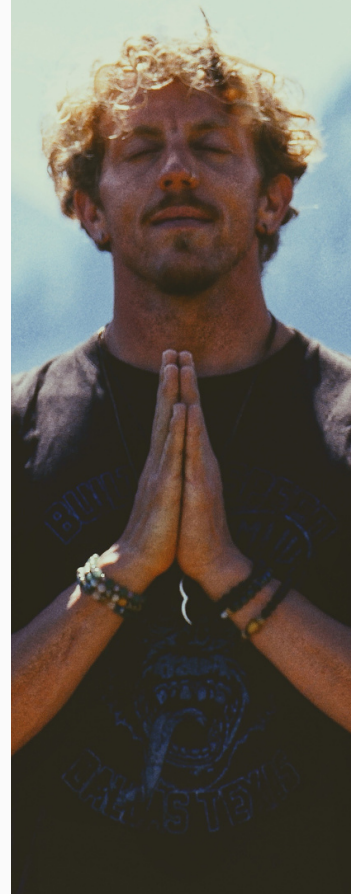
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Let's remember to continually "GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD"
For He is good
His love endures forever

In Him,
Pastor Mark



GIVE
THANKS
TO THE
LORD.





Deacon of the Month SONYA BLOMMEL



Shut-in of the Month: *Betty Hauser*



7402 Strawhorn Drive
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Please remember Betty this month by sending a card. It means so much to our Shut-Ins, that they are remembered and that we still care.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

- Church Council will meet Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 pm in the Co-Ed classroom.
- September Newsletter entries are due Wednesday, August 26th.
- Kelly will be on vacation July 30th -August 7th.



MCEF is collecting canned meats such as chicken and tuna. All donations can be placed in the blue shopping cart outside of the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for supporting this ministry.





KIDS CORNER



**Saturday, August 8th
5:00 pm**

Children's Drive-In Movie Night

Bring your own card
box to make your car
for the drive-in movie.



Saturday, September 26th

Dad & Me: Boy's Day

More information will be coming soon!



The Men's Tuesday morning Bible Study is continuing our 11-week study of the Book of Daniel. 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.

On Tuesday, August 11th we will have our Shalom Men's "Smash Burger Night" in our Pavillion. Come and join us as we gather and break (smash) bread together.

We are in the planning stages for a Men's Conference at Shalom on Saturday, October 17th. The theme for the conference is "The Importance of Community." If you are willing to help with the conference or would be willing to speak, please contact Ken Hein.

Our next trip to Bland Ministry Center is scheduled for September 27th-30th. We encourage you to join us on this trip as we serve God by serving others.



Join us for *Sunday Night Light*

2nd Sunday of Each Month

August 9th

6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Come as you are!
Youth led for families with children,
youth and young adults.





Raisin' Canes Senior Adult Group has been taking a break for the summer, but we are ready to start meeting again.

Below is a list of events we will be doing starting in September. For all of these events we will be taking the church vehicles. Times for events will be announced at a later date.

Friday, September 11, 2026

Richmond Flying Squirrels Game at Carmax Park
Tickets: \$20.00

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Jamestown Ferry over to Surry & then to the Virginia Diner

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Riverside Theatre in Fredericksburg, VA to see
"A Christmas Carol"

Cost is \$91.20 and includes your ticket, dinner and gratuity.
18 seats are available

Please RSVP with Delores Nabors or Ann McFaden.

Strength in the Journey

A support group for widows and widowers



Monday, August 17th

Meet at Shalom Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am. Each person is to bring their own lunch and think of something funny that happened with their spouse that they may share with the group.



**Cancer Support Group
No Meeting in AUGUST!**

Just Breathe

**Next Meeting:
Monday, August 24th
7:00 pm**



Psalm 8:3-5 “When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?”

How often have you said something like this: “God’s beautiful world!” Well, Ann and I on our recent cross-country trip must have said that hundreds of times as we visited some of the national parks out west. From the Badlands in South Dakota to Yellowstone to the five parks in Utah, we experienced first-hand “God’s beautiful world.” It seemed that around every curve there was evidence of His creative activity. We know from Genesis that God created all things and from Colossians that Jesus was the Agent of creation [Colossians 1:16]. Scientists will argue that nature takes its course in re-creating places like Yellowstone, but the hand behind even that re-creation is God. Yes, we saw the headwater of the Colorado River in Canyonlands National Park, but that was God’s re-creation of His original creative activity. We saw the arches and the Rocky Mountains. We even saw snow in Yellowstone! Everything we saw was testimony to God’s creative work. Look around you and let God speak to you through His fabulous creation.



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A MOVEMENT OF WOMEN ON MISSION SINCE 1874

The Sister In Service Circle (SIS) meets Monday, September 14th at 10:00 am in the Co-Ed classroom.

Bland Mission Trip - The SIS Circle will leave Sunday afternoon, August 16th and return Wednesday afternoon, August 18th. We will work in the Clothes Closet sorting donated items. All ladies are invited. If interested contact Ann McFaden.

Ladies Getaway - November 6-7, at Eagle Eyrie Convention Center. For more info contact Ann McFaden.

Dover WMU Annual Lottie Moon Christmas Tea will be held here at Shalom on Saturday, December 5th, 2-4 pm. All ladies invited, contact Ann McFaden for more information.



Starting this September

We encourage you to be part of one of our Cross Connection Dinner groups starting this September! This is a great way to get to know other members of the church, whether gathering in homes or in the Fellowship Hall once a month. 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.



Come Serve at the Table

“Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:9-10

As we prepare for Wednesday Night Dinners beginning **September 2nd**, we’re looking for volunteers to help with our Kitchen Ministry. Whether you enjoy cooking, baking, serving, setting up, or cleaning up, there’s a place for you-and you don’t have to serve every week. Even volunteering once a month makes a big difference!

Our greatest need is for a Kitchen Lead, Kitchen Team, and Dessert Team for the first Wednesday of each month. Additional dessert volunteers are also needed.

All current and prospective Wednesday Night Dinner volunteers are asked to attend one **Kitchen Ministry Meet & Greet/Orientation on Sunday, August 16th or Sunday, August 23rd at 12:30 pm**, immediately following the 11:00 am worship service. A light lunch will be provided.

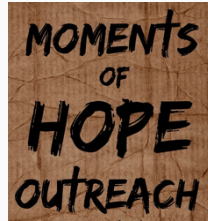
To volunteer, complete the sign-up card in the bulletin and indicate the area where you’d like to serve and which orientation date you’ll attend.

For more information, contact **Rhonda Neal** at **804-241-3863** call or text).

There’s a place for everyone at the table--and a place for everyone to serve.

Opportunities to Serve:

- Lead a Monthly Dinner: plan menu, purchase ingredients, serve as primary cook and coordinate team.
- Serve on a Kitchen Team: Support the kitchen lead in preparing, setting up stations, serving and cleaning up
- Bake Desserts: Purchase ingredients and prepare desserts.
- Set up Dining Room: Prepare the dining area by setting the tables before guests arrive.
- Help with Clean Up: Help clear and reset tables.



We are preparing to serve 200 of our unhoused neighbors through the Moments of Hope outreach ministry. To help provide care, encouragement, and nourishment, we will be assembling 200 snack bags for distribution.

Please scan the QR code below to review the available snack donation slots. You can then click the sign-up button to select the items you would like to contribute.

Donation Deadline: Please bring your donated snacks to the church office by Sunday, August 23rd.

Packing Day: Volunteers will assemble the snack bags on Wednesday, August 26th.

Thank you for helping us share hope and kindness with our neighbors in need. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in our community.

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	20th	Barbara Merritt
5th	Michele Lester	22nd	Vonnie Loving
	Jenna Thompson		Wallace Taylor
6th	Camden Glass	23rd	Scott Shaw
	Morgan Miller	24th	Jim Fraley
7th	Harvey Trice		Annette Shaw
8th	Barbara Tribble	25th	Betty Edgell
	Harvey Trice		Doug Tomlin
11th	Brian Seebeck	26th	JJ Crew
	Tim Smith		John Edgell
12th	Lizzie Blake		Rhonda Neal
	Susan Waitt	28th	Breanna Blake
13th	Betty Hauser		Landon Brooks
16th	Joan Bowles		Debbie Cousins
17th	Tammy Olsen		Kevin Kelly
	Tracey Seward		Kara Taylor
19th	John Karsten	29th	Paul Sherwood
	Jane Snead	30th	Carl Bosher
	Melinda Wilson		Lori Glass
	Charles Wingfield		Slip Neal

Celebrate!





August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:30am Worship 9:20am HeBrews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Young Adult Sunday School	27 Shut-In/Hospital Visitation Day 9:00am Feedmore Truck 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group 6:30pm EMT Meeting	28 8:30am Men's Bible Study 8:45am Voyagers 9:00am Walking in the Gym 5:30pm Open Gym Basketball 6:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting	29 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Living Waters Bible Study 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm QUA 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	30 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Living Waters Bible Study 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm QUA 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	31 4:00pm Evangelism and Outreach Team (Raceway Ministries)	1 5:00pm Youth End of Summer Cook-Out
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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.

