



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

January 2025



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



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Monday: 7:30am-5pm, Tuesday: 8am-2pm,
Wednesday: 7:30am-3pm Thursday: 8am-2pm

Mark's Minute

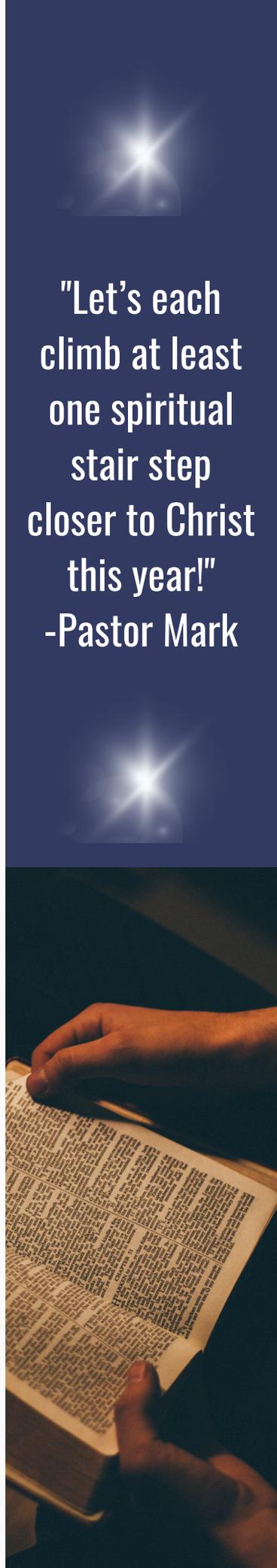
Here we stand at the beginning of 2025! As you step into 2025...into this New Year... I'd like to ask you to do something that might seem a bit strange: Think about January 1, 2026. That's right. Think about that day one year from now, 52 weeks from now, 365 days from now. As you think of January 1, 2026—how will you reflect back on 2025? What will Shalom have accomplished in 2025? What will the church be doing a year from now? What new faces will have joined our Sunday School classes, our worship services, and our teams? What mission projects will we have completed? Will we meet and even exceed our budget? In what ways will we be more unified? In what ways will we be even more effective...and more efficient? Who will have joined our choir this year? Our youth group? Our children's ministry? Our nursery? And, most importantly, who will have a relationship with Jesus this time next year (who currently doesn't have one)? This is a time to grow...to set goals...to risk...to "go for it"...and to accomplish all that God wants Shalom Baptist Church to accomplish in 2025!

But this isn't just about what the church (as a whole) will do in 2025...it's also about you...and your spiritual walk. When January 1, 2026, rolls around, how will you look back on 2025 regarding your own spiritual journey? What are your personal spiritual resolutions? Will your resolution be related to your prayer life? (Regular prayer walks? Praying with your spouse more or with your children? Will you teach your grandkids the importance of prayer? Will you literally sit or kneel down in a walk-in closet/ a quiet place to pray?) Or perhaps your resolution will be related to your study of Scripture? (Will you pick a few books of the Bible to work through slowly and thoughtfully this year? Will you read a Psalm a day? Or maybe a Proverb? Will you make more of an effort to be present in your Sunday School class, step into a Grow Group or be a part of Wednesday night fellowship and Bible Study?) Will your resolution be related to your giving (Will you increase your giving this year? Will you ask God to help you learn to give cheerfully and trust Him with those gifts? Will you teach your children or grandchildren the importance of giving?) Will you seek to discover and use your spiritual gifts to serve God and others? Will your resolution be related to your worship? (Will you be more consistent in your worship participation? Will you help get the family up and ready on Sunday mornings? Will you take the lead in demonstrating to your family how important worship is to you?) As you step over into 2025, consider where you'll be a year from now...as you step into 2026!

Let's each climb at least one spiritual stair step closer to Christ this year! Let's each make some intentional choices to grow in Him! Let's each be further along in our spiritual journey a year from now. So that you and I may have a truly blessed 2025!

In Him,

Pastor Mark



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Shut-In of the Month:

Sherleen Payne

**6441 Midday Lane
Mechanicsville, VA 23111**

Please remember Sherleen 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.

From the Office:

- The church office will be closed Wednesday, January 1st in observance of the New Year.
- Church Council will meet Tuesday, January 7th at 7:00pm in the Co-Ed classroom.
- Wednesday Church activities will resume on January 8th.
- February Newsletter entries are due Wednesday, January 22nd.
- If you are a new leader and need a key fob, please stop by the church office.

Meet our Deacon for the month of January:



Mitzi Hubble



**January 1st
NO MEAL**

**January 8th
CHICKEN BROCCOLI RICE CASSEROLE**

**January 15th
CHEESEBURGER CASSEROLE**

**January 22nd
POTATO BAR W/CHILI**

**January 29th
POTLUCK**

Cost: \$5.00 for adults
\$2.00 for children
\$12.00 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 Tuesday morning men's Bible study will kick off 2025 with a breakfast at Riverbound Cafe' on Tuesday, January 7th at 8:30 am and then begin a study of the book of Revelation on January 14th. Come join us for breakfast and this study.

We are planning a dinner and movie night with spouse or significant others on Saturday, January 11th. Please watch the weekly bulletin for more information and to sign up.

The Men's Ministry will be preparing the Wednesday night church dinner on January 22nd. Please consider joining us as we set up, prepare and clean after this meal and fellowship with other men.



The Sister's in Service Circle will meet Monday, January 6th at 10:00 am. There will be a short meeting, then we will make Winter Trees for Christian Village.

The Beloved Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30 pm at Lori Glass' home.

There will be a soup lunch at Christian Village at 12:00 pm on Monday, January 13th. We will meet there at 11:30 am to set up.

Our Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal for Shalom is \$25,000. We have a table in the lobby with additional offering envelopes, a tree with ornaments each with a Missionary's name on the back. Take one and pray for that missionary each day. There are also books about Lottie Moon. Take one and after you read it, return to the church.



LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®

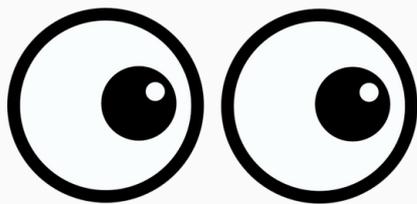
As of December 18th we have raised
\$10,206.50 for the Lottie Moon Christmas
offering.



KIDS CORNER

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

Keep a look out for Children's events coming up in 2025!



DEACON UPDATE

Hello Shalom! Your deacons for 2025 are:

- Sonya Blommel
- Dallas Clayton
- Glen Daniel
- Lori Glass
- Mitzi Hubble
- Courtland Lambert
- Christy Lane
- Samantha Mayhew
- Roy Southard
- Kenny Taylor
- Doug Tomlin
- Vicki Trice-Romano

We look forward to serving you this year!



Strength in the Journey

A support group for widows and widowers

Monday,
January 20th
2:00 pm
Fellowship
Hall





You may be surprised (as I am) to learn that MCEF is supported by 36 Mechanicsville churches!

The pantry is pretty well stocked as of December 9th. In the last month, the "One Stop Shop" has been able to provide food for 582 people (214 children and 368 adults). This includes 119 Thanksgiving bags of food. In total there were 254 bags plus 24 second bags given out. They also had 16 families who have signed up for food assistance.

Because of your generosity MCEF will be providing special food bags for Christmas too!

Current needs are peanut butter, pancake mix and syrup!

Happy Epiphany! (For those who thought Christmas was over, Epiphany, January 6th, marks the final celebratory day of the Christian holiday season.)

Blessings,
Linda



Just Breathe is a group of caregivers who are experiencing some of the same concerns, frustrations & prayers. Join us for an hour and "Just Breathe". For details, please contact the church office at 804-746-7737.

Next Meeting
Monday, January 27th
7:00 pm



The Cancer Support Group meets every **4th TUESDAY** of the month at **11:00 am.**

Next Meeting
Tuesday, January 28th
11:00 am





As we begin this new year, there is a need in Sunday School: A lead teacher is needed for the older children's class. These students are in third thru fifth grade. We have very capable teachers there, we are just in need of a person that the children would see each week, a consistency. If you feel led, please pray about it and talk it over with the Lord first. I would be happy to hear from you as you make this decisions/commitment.

Sunday School teachers are faithful, dedicated, committed, caring, devoted, and loving. These are just a few of their qualities. They are chosen people with a heart for the Lord and are diligent in interpreting the Bible to bring it fresh and new to your students each and every week. May each on of you rest in the assurance that you are held in the palm of His hand. May He use you as a channel for His Word to flow through. How marvelous to be gifted in such away, to be a tool of the living God! We appreciate and love you all.

Coming in February, Pastor Mark will be leading a class for new members (and those interested in joining our church). So, if you have joined Shalom or if you have an interest in joining Shalom, come check it out. The class will be held during Sunday school, at 9:45 am and will run for a few weeks.

Topics covered will be:

1. What is the church? What it means to be a part of the body of Christ.
2. What are Baptists? Why we believe what we believe and what exactly is that.
3. What is Shalom? What we are as family of faith.

Dates for the new member class will soon be announced.

Thank you,
Debbie Taylor
Sunday School Director



**Monday, January 27, 2025
at Shalom Baptist Church**

4 ways to book your appointment...

Call 888-814-0466 and use promo code HSCA001

Visit  [LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA](https://llsa.social/hsc)



Text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607



Celebrate!

January Anniversaries

7th Mac & Judy Coiner
18th Bobby & Christine Norman
21st Ray & Joan Durvin
25th Stan and Delores Nabors



January Birthday's

2nd Brandon Byrd
4th Robin Fraley
5th Hudson Shapiro
9th Vicky Kidder
10th Ryan Crew
11th Ron Anderson
12th Jamie Crigger
13th Paul Michaelosky
15th Sidney Norman
16th Phyllis Isbell
Doc Wright
18th Liz Whitt
19th Evelyn Rice
23rd Martha Thompson
25th Layton Butler
26th Faye Cosby
27th Glenn Russell
29th Kim Stanley
30th Heather Dillard
31st Wanda Hudson
Faye Ward



January 2025

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	8:30am Worship 9:20am He Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Children & Youth Committee Meeting	30	31	1 Church Office Closed	2	3	4
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