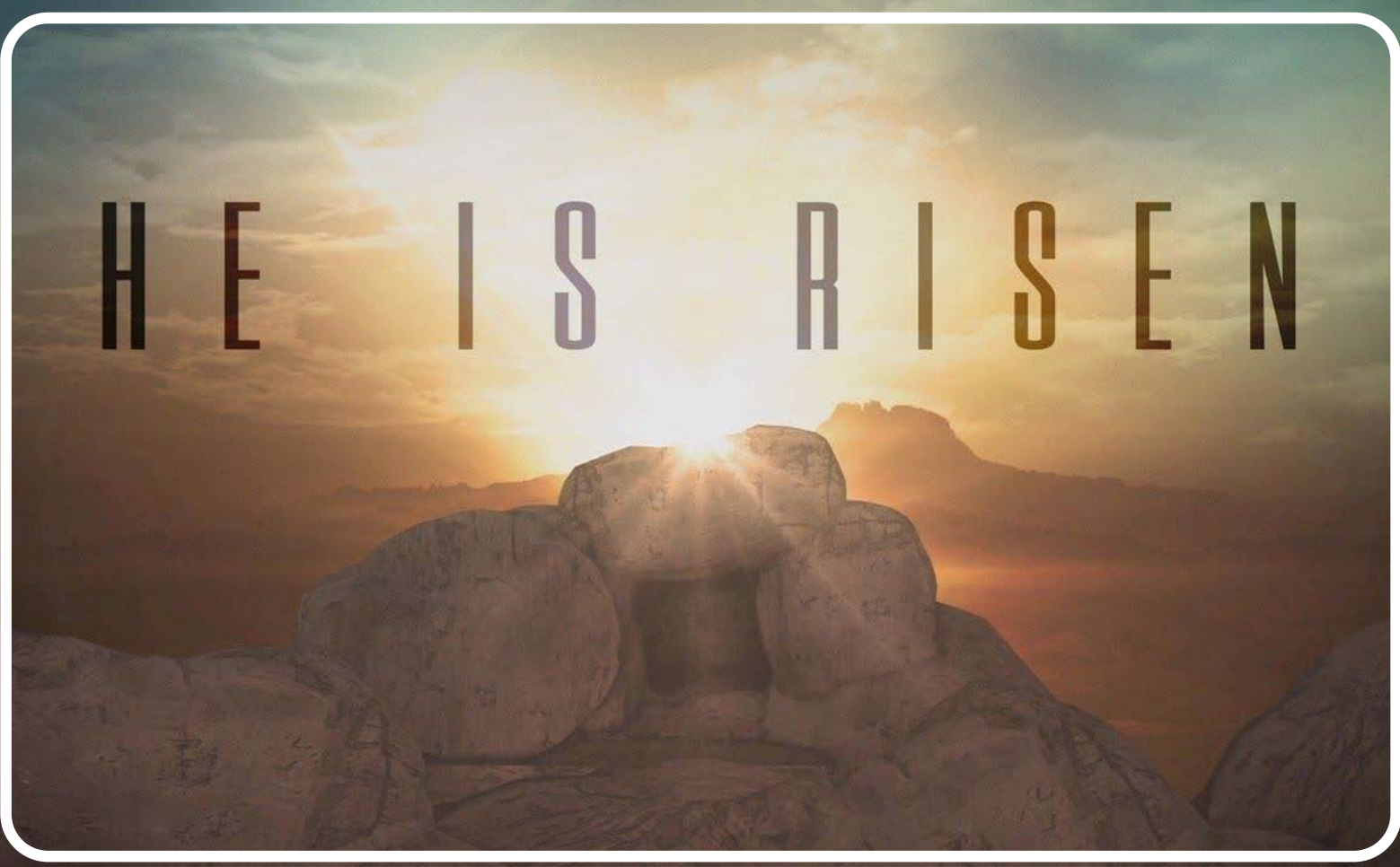




Striving to be the complete church using our complete gifts completely!



THE SHALOM NEWSLINE



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Mark's Minute

Perhaps you've heard the name "Josh McDowell"...or perhaps you haven't. Josh McDowell is both an evangelist and a defender of the Christian faith. Though he has authored over 150 books, his book Evidence that Demands a Verdict was ranked 13th in Christianity Today's most influential evangelical books published after World War II.

Well...here's the story behind that book.

Josh McDowell entered university as a young man looking for a good time and searching for happiness and meaning in life. He tried going to church, but found religion unsatisfying. He ran for student leadership positions but was disappointed by how quickly the glamor wore off. He tried the party circuit, but often woke up after the weekends feeling worse than ever.

He finally noticed a group of students engaged in Bible study, and he became intrigued by the radiance of one of the young ladies. He asked her a reason for it. She looked him straight in the eye, smiled, and said, "Jesus Christ."

"Oh for crying out loud," he retorted, "don't give me that garbage about religion."

She replied, "I didn't say 'religion', I said 'Jesus Christ'."

The students invited him to intellectually examine the claims of Christ and the evidence supporting Christianity. He accepted their challenge, and after much study and research, finally admitted that he couldn't refute the body of proof supporting Christianity. McDowell received Christ as his Savior, and his research became the background for his book, Evidence that Demands a Verdict.

One of the major factors in his conversion to Christianity was his inability to ignore the historical resurrection of Jesus Christ, a point he made later to a student at the University of Uruguay who asked him, "Professor McDowell, why can't you intellectually refute Christianity?"

"For a very simple reason," replied McDowell. "I am not able to explain away an event in history—the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Happy Easter!

In Him,
Pastor Mark

"I am not able to explain away an event in history—the resurrection of Jesus Christ."



-Josh McDowell-





Easter Sunday Services



Sunday, April 4, 2021

Sunrise at 6:30AM-Worship at 8:30AM-Sunday School at 9:45AM-Worship at 11:00AM

Shut-in of the Month:

Eva Lee Taylor

Please remember Eva Lee this month by sending a card or calling. It means so much to our Shut-Ins, that they are remembered and that we still care.



The Crossings
8227 Meadowbridge Road
Room 329
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Please remember that visitation is not permitted at most nursing homes and assisted living locations due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus. Please check in with all of our shut-ins, to make them feel loved, and connected to our church family!



Meet our Deacon for the month of April:

Courtland Lambert

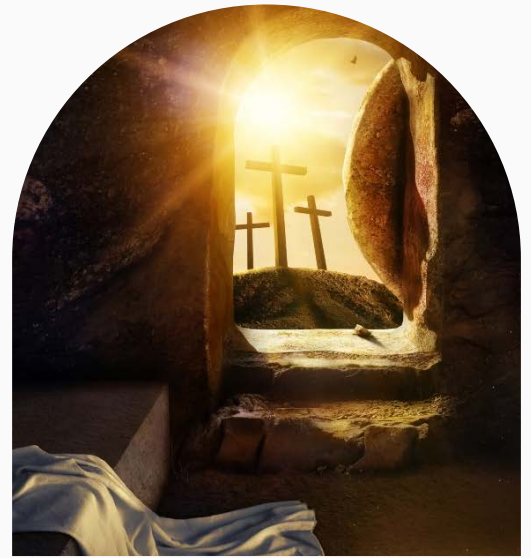




Prayer Corner

Dear Church Family,

Christ has risen,
from the dead, Hallelujah!
No more fear of death or dread, Hallelujah!
An empty tomb,
that lay in wait, Hallelujah!
A time for believers to celebrate, Hallelujah!



Although this poem is short and to the point it says so much more. Its focus is on new life. As we leave a “dark year” behind us we have every reason to celebrate!

Our church has remained strong through this last year, Hallelujah!
More than likely things will change somewhat this next year. It’s called renewal. My prayer for each of you is to spend some time with the Lord.

Ask Him to be with you and to speak to you about what this means in your life.

Ask Him to refresh and renew your heart.

I guarantee you if you are available, He will do just that.
May this Easter be special for each of you as families are allowed together.

I leave you with this: I am your prayer leader. I’m available if you need me. I’m only a text or phone call away.

He has risen, Hallelujah!

Love in Christ,

Dee




MCE SPRING

is here and it's time for something new for MCEF.

I have been advised that the food pantry is well stocked at this time so for the months of APRIL, MAY and JUNE I'll be collecting the following items: FEMININE HYGIENE ITEMS, BAR SOAP and DEODORANT.

DID YOU KNOW?

Are you struggling to pay your rent or utility bills? Call (804) 357-4093, listen closely to the recording then, speaking slowly and clearly, leave a detailed message that includes:

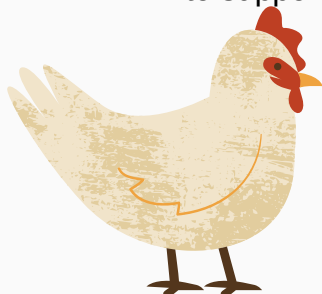
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- your creditor's name
- the account number



By listening to the recording and leaving the information, you are granting us permission to confirm the situation and act on your behalf. You will receive a call back as soon as possible. MCEF cannot help with past due rent in a private rental situation or with mortgage payments. Requests for financial assistance via email will not be processed.

FUNdraising for MCEF

- When: Third Monday of each month from 10 AM-8PM
 Where: Chicken Salad Chick (to the left of Publix)
 What: Applies to all orders (eat in, carry out, or drive thru)
 The menu is available at www.chickensaladchick.com
 How: Mention MCEF when you place your order and 10% of your purchase will be donated to support MCEF's ministries right here in Mechanicsville.



Chicken Salad Chick
 Brandy Creek Commons, Suite 1A
 6575 Mechanicsville Tpke
 Phone: 804-723-4798



Children's Easter Event

SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD

10 AM-11:30 AM & 12 PM-1:30PM



CALL THE CHURCH
OFFICE TO SIGN-UP!



Veggie Tales Afternoon

SATURDAY, MAY 22ND

12 PM-2:30 PM

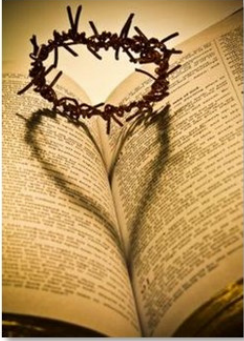
K-5th Grade



Sign up by calling the
church office at
804-746-7737.



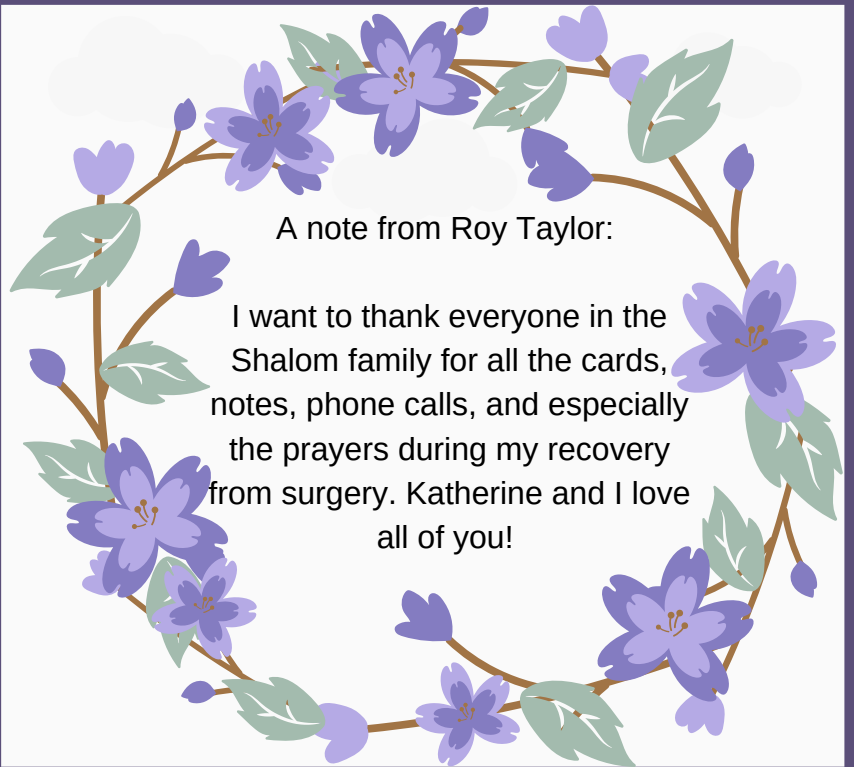
All for Love



The final hours of Jesus' life were filled with every human emotion — betrayal, loneliness, physical pain and suffering. Even though Jesus knew

these experiences would come, he was still obedient and followed his Father's will. He did it for each of us... *all for love.*

Join us Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. as we experience together the journey that Christ took for each of us.



A note from Roy Taylor:

I want to thank everyone in the Shalom family for all the cards, notes, phone calls, and especially the prayers during my recovery from surgery. Katherine and I love all of you!



CROSSROADS

Mission Trip to Crossroads Camp Save the Dates: May 21-23, 2021

A group from Shalom will be participating in "Volunteer weekend" at Crossroads Camp and Conference center in beautiful Lowesville, VA. This is a good mission opportunity for family groups, Men's Ministry, Youth group, WMU groups or a group at large from Shalom.

During the weekend we will be preparing the property for Summer Camp. Projects include: cleaning, painting, organizing, landscaping, mulching, yard work and light construction, such as porch and deck repairs. In the evenings we will enjoy a campfire and/or worship service.

Meals and cabin lodging will be provided at no cost. You can upgrade to the hotel room for a \$20 cleaning fee per room for the weekend. All Covid 19 protocols, as mandated by the Governor and the CDC, will be followed.

More information regarding sign-ups and logistics will be provided in April via the newsletter, emails and classroom visits. Questions? Contact Mitzi Hubble at 937.4515 or email to mhubble@qubicaamf.us . Please also let us know if you would like for us (Mitzi and/or Chuck (837.7378)) to meet with your groups in April regarding this trip.

You can visit: www.crossroadscamp.com/volunteerweekend2021



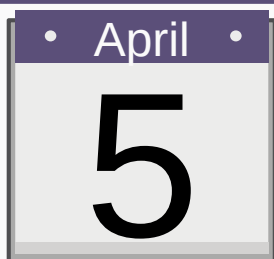
Stewardship Snippet

Our study last month talked about the economic dangers of debt. This month we'll cover the spiritual dangers of debt. There are two: (1) borrowing always presumes upon the future and (2), borrowing may deny God an opportunity to work.

The Bible warns us about presuming upon the future. James 4:13-16 calls presuming the future as "arrogance." Whenever money is borrowed for any purpose, there is a presumption of repayment. When a Christian borrows money, it must be paid back, Psalm 37:21, "The wicked borrows and does not repay". The biblical principle here is, whenever you borrow money for any reason, there must be a guaranteed way to pay it back. Not a "hoped for way". Of course, if the rapture happens, maybe you get off the hook. Or maybe He will leave those with debt here to repay it. Obviously, this is a joke but it does point out the importance of repaying your debt.

The second spiritual danger is it may deny God the opportunity to work. Sometimes we feel we must borrow, but are we limiting God? God can provide in unusual, undeniable and supernatural ways. We may miss out on seeing God work. This is often putting the lender in God's place. Often, we don't wait on God's timing and seek other means to reach our desires. Isaiah 55:8-9 talks about God's thoughts and ways are not like ours. The question is, are we trusting in God to provide or is it me? So the next time the need to borrow arises, think carefully about the economic dangers, but don't overlook the possible spiritual dangers. Next month we will look at the biblical principles of borrowing.

"When a man is in love or in debt, someone else has the advantage"
Bill Balance



FROM THE OFFICE

The church office will be closed Monday, April 5th
in observance of Easter.



THE INTERNATIONAL BIBLE SOCIETY

So far Shalom has raised enough money to purchase over

400

Bibles for the International Bible Society.



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women • missions • leadership

Morning group - MONDAY - April 12th - 10:00 - Prayer Room - For further information contact Ann McFaden 804-513-0052

Evening group - THURSDAY- April 8th - 7:00 - Mitzi Hubble's home- 8164 Greenville Rd., Mechanicsville. For information contact Virginia Ryan - 804-370-0583; Mitzi Hubble 804-937-4515

Upcoming Youth Events



Grown Up Egg Hunt & Volleyball

Sunday, April 11th

3:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Bring a friend to be entered into the \$20 gift card drawing.

RSVP to 804-922-6453.

Flag Football & Tye Dye

Sunday, April 25th

3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Shirts will be provided but you must RSVP to 804-922-6453.





Rabies Vaccine Clinic

Hanover Community Cats in conjunction with Hanover Animal Control is having a Rabies Vaccine Clinic for cats and dogs in the parking lot at Shalom Baptist Church on Saturday, April 24th from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Missy Donovan at 804-651-3328 or by email at hcc804@yahoo.com.



Don't forget that by shopping through AmazonSmile and Kroger you can raise money for Shalom.

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones.

Kroger has the Community Rewards program that makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Visit [www.https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards](https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards) to learn how to enroll in this program.



Dec-Feb
Donations:
\$384.40





FEED MORE

Feed More collects, prepares and distributes food to your neighbors who struggle with hunger through its programs and Agency Network.

Shalom is partnering with First Shiloh Baptist Church and we need volunteers to help with the Feed More ministry every 4th Monday from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM at First Shiloh Baptist. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at the Welcome Desk.



Children's Church

If you would like to volunteer to help with children's church, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk.

Thank you!



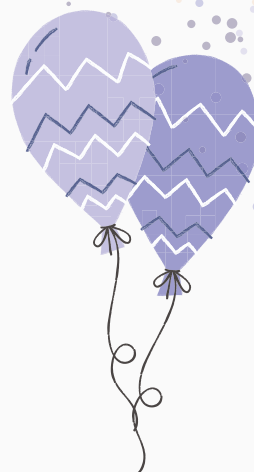
April Anniversaries

- 2nd Todd & Dawn Russell
- 3rd Bert & Cathy Childress
- 8th Travis & Erin Atkinson
- 12th Geoff & Lydia Baldwin
David & Michele Nelson
- 16th Chuck & Leisa George
Brandon & Shelly Wilson
- 23rd Dan & Ann McFaden
- 26th Kevin & Laura Kelly
- 28th Ryan & Joanna Vasconi
- 30th Dave & Bonny Miragliotta



April Birthday's

- 1st Brooke McGhee
- 4th Thomas Cochran
Janis Garbett
Debbie Taylor
- 5th Louise Scott
- 6th Janice Carswell
Shirley Winebarger
- 7th Luke Broaddus
- 8th Tommy Owens
- 10th Page Baber
Vicki Trice
- 11th Madeline Helmick
Kevin Lane
- 16th Elizabeth Blackwell
Doug Hansen
- 18th David Booth
- 20th Tracie Helmick
- 21st Libbie Ball
- 23rd Ed Kidder
Sally Norman
- 25th Shelia Curtis
John Pippin
- 26th Toni Liskie
- 27th Dawn Tyree
- 28th Betty Point
- 29th Mason Brannagan



Encouragement Ministry Team



The EMT appreciates all the donations that were given for the Police Encouragement Project! We met our goal of \$443 and anything that was received above that will go to help with other projects that we are working on for our frontline workers.



The congregation will have an opportunity to meet along with the EMT group at the Hanover Sheriff's Office to distribute the encouragement packs and pray on the property. A date and time will be announced.

CentriKid camps

The best summer days are at CentriKid camps!

June 28th-July 2nd

We are looking for students in grades 3rd-6th to go to CentriKid camp at Eagle Eyrie. We are also looking for adult chaperones. If interested, contact Kathy Seay at 804-833-9763.

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Palm Sunday 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	29 5:00 PM Staff Meeting	30 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Personnel Committee Meeting	31 6:15 PM Beloved Women's Ministry Bible Study 6:15 PM Bible Study	1 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM Overcomers Outreach	2	3 Children's Easter Event
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