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Shalom Baptist Church Newsletter

April 2022



# THE SHALOM NEWSLINE

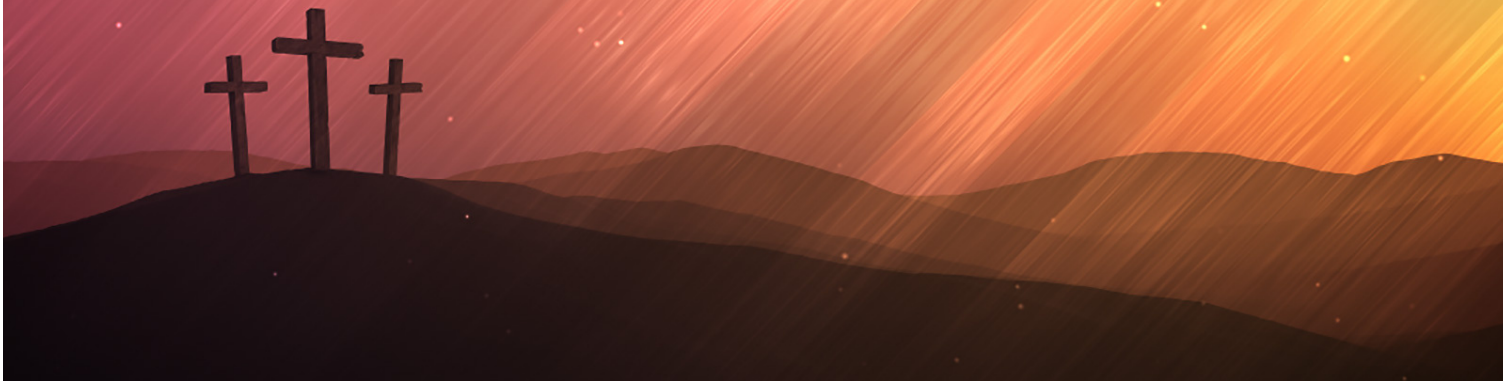
## *Celebrate Easter at Shalom*

Palm Sunday-April 10th at 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Tenebrae Service-April 14th at 7:00 PM

Sunrise Service-April 17th at 6:30 AM

Easter Sunday-April 17th at 8:30 & 11:00 AM



### Church Staff

Rev. Mark Miller.....Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dan McFaden.....Associate Pastor  
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**Church Office Hours**  
Monday: 7:30am-5pm, Tuesday: 8am-2pm,  
Wednesday: 7:30am-3pm Thursday: 8am-2pm



# Mark's Minute



In last month's "Mark's Minute", I highlighted what I would be doing (and where I would be going) in May as part of the "Footsteps of Paul and Seven Churches of Revelation" Tour in Turkey and Greece.

This month, I will highlight my Sabbatical focus for June. This June, as part of my Sabbatical, I am going to spend some time sharpening my devotional side and my leadership side. There are three specific goals that I have for June: 1) To engage in both devotional materials (to deepen my spiritual walk) and leadership materials (to strengthen me as a leader). If you ask my wife, she will tell you that "the books that I will be reading during my Sabbatical" continue to grow. On the devotional side of things, I will be working through *The Devotional Classics* (edited by Richard Foster), *The Cost of Discipleship* (by Dietrich Bonhoeffer), *In the Name of Jesus and Sabbatical Journey* (both by Henri Nouwen), and *Being with God* by A.J. Sherrill. On the leadership side, I will be reading *Simple Church* by Thom Rainer and Eric Geiger, *Breaking Growth Barriers* by Carl George, *Overcoming Barriers to Growth* by Michael Fletcher, and *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul* by Adam Hamilton. 2) In addition, I hope to journal each day, not only about what I am learning in my reading, but where I am seeing God in clearer ways as I slow down and enter into a different routine.

And finally June will be a month to 3) connect with pastoral coaches and pastoral teams. I will be using June to not only be coached by mentors that I respect, but to also be coached by some pastors/staff teams of churches that are "at the next level" from where Shalom is right now (as in, at the next level in size, in stability, in new endeavors, in staffing, in community ministries, in discipleship structures). In other words, I want to learn from people who have led a church THROUGH where Shalom is right now...and into the next level. I have lined up eight different pastor/staff teams to travel to, meet with, and talk through a questionnaire with them that I have created.

Throughout June, July and early August, the Millers will also be worshipping at different churches to experience what other Baptist churches and other denominations do for worship. We are looking forward to learning from others (both traditional and contemporary in style).

In addition, during the month of June, I will be praying through our membership, taking walks, and revisiting some places that had been especially integral and meaningful in my spiritual journey.

I hope that gives you an idea of my June on Sabbatical.

In Him,  
Pastor Mark

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PASTOR MARK







April 6th  
**SHEPHERD'S PIE**

April 13th  
**NO MEAL**

April 20th  
**BRATS WITH PEPPERS & ONIONS**

April 27th  
**CHICKEN DIVAN**

**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.

Shut-In of the Month:

*Alice Joyce Brown*

7600 Autumn Park Way

Rm 503 B

Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Please remember Joyce 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.



Meet our Deacon for the month of April:

*Ken Hein*





## Pastoral Ponderings Shalom on Sabbatical

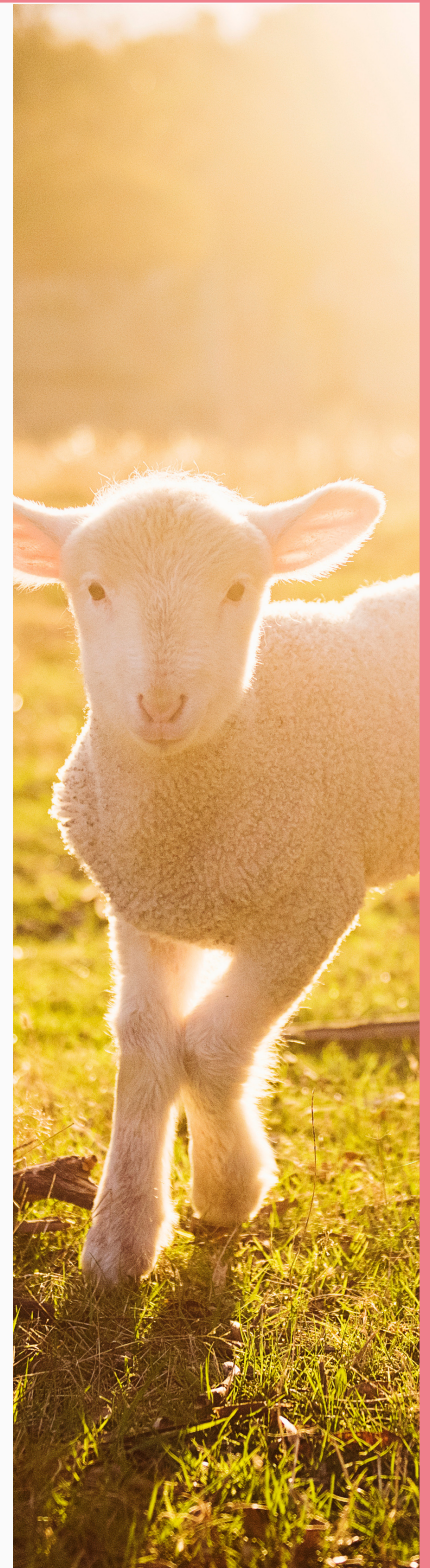
Read prayerfully 1 Corinthians 3:4-11. You probably know that the churches in Corinth had some issues, to say the least! It seems that they were bickering over several issues, including who was the better preacher. Can you imagine that? Surely none of us has ever done anything like that!

Seriously, for the next three and half months, beginning May 1st, Shalom will experience a change in pastoral leadership as Pastor Mark goes on his 3 1/2 months sabbatical. I have been entrusted with the role as your interim pastor, and I need your prayers to continue the work that Pastor Mark has been doing for over 16 years. As Paul wrote to the Corinthians, pastors are different, with differing skills and gifts to offer their congregants. Some sow, some water, and others reap, depending on the gifts that God has gift them.

There will be comparisons of course. Many of you have been served by several pastors over the years. Remember, however, the advice that Paul gave to the Corinthians and others: each Christian, including pastors, has been empowered by God through they Holy Spirit to do what he has entrusted him/her to do for *Him*. As Paul says elsewhere: "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them..." [Romans 12:6].

We will definitely be praying for Pastor Mark as he journeys through his sabbatical. Again, I ask that you pray for me too as I shepherd the flock called Shalom Baptist Church in his absence.

*Pastor Dan*







The One Stop Shop food pantry is fully stocked thanks to the generosity of Shalom and other Mechanicsville churches. Thank you Shalom!

For the month of April, MCEF will be accepting food donations of your choice:

- Condiments (ketchup, mayo, relish, mustard, etc.)
- Toilet Paper

You can always donate through MCEF's website at [www.4mcef.com](http://www.4mcef.com).

Another way to donate is by linking your Kroger rewards card to MCEF. Click the Community tab and follow the instructions.

A new exciting MCEF ministry is T4T (Tools 4 Teachers). See me for a list of items or check out the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall for a list of items.

Again, THANK YOU Shalom!

Linda Wade



## Bland Ministry Center

FOOD PANTRY • CLOTHES CLOSET • DENTAL CLINIC • HOME REPAIR

### Upcoming Trips

April 24-27: Construction Trip

July 31-August 5: Family Trip

September 6-10: Construction Trip

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the Bland Ministry Trips listed above, please contact Kathy Seay at 804-833-9763.

## Prayer Corner

April showers, bring May flowers,  
Yellow, red and blue-  
Dew drops sent from heaven,  
To feed the earth for you!



Job 5:10 says, "He provides rain for the earth, He sends water on the country side."

Rain is referred to as a blessing, a symbol of God's love spread over the world, even as a flood to wash away the sins of a wicked, corrupt world.

What do you think about when you see rain from the sky? Do you think about God's design and His gracious provision for the world? When is the last time you thanked God for rain?

My prayer for each of you this month is that He rains down from heaven mercy and grace to each of you.

Be blessed for I am!

Love,  
*Dee*





Our men will be setting up and displaying our Ministry trailer on April 2nd for the Community Easter Event from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. This is a chance to promote our ministries and expand participation in our activities. Please join us as we greet the community.

We will hold a men's fellowship dinner at Anna's on April 12, beginning at 6:00 pm. Come and join us for good food and great fellowship.

Come and help us with some construction projects at the Bland Ministry Center from April 24-27. We'll depart on Sunday, April 24th at 2:00 pm from Shalom. Spending Monday through Wednesday, April 25-27, at Bland, we will be involved in building projects at both the Ministry Center and out in the community. Following work on Wednesday, we'll head back to Mechanicsville and should arrive home around 10:00 pm. If you can't help with the construction, you may be interested in joining us and helping the Bland Ministry Center's food and clothes pantry. Please see Ken Hein or Kathy Seay for more information.

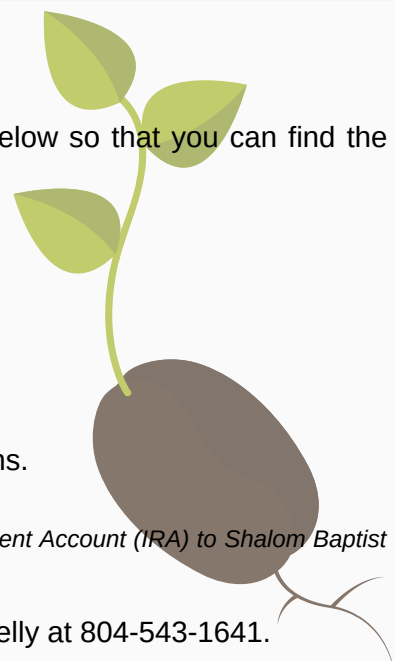
The men will be preparing the Wednesday evening meal on April 27th. Carl Boshier will be leading the team as tables are set up, the meal is prepared and served, and the kitchen is cleaned up. Please let Carl know if you can assist.

#### From the Stewardship Committee **Ways You Can Give**

There are many ways that you can give here at Shalom. They are listed below so that you can find the giving method that best suits you.

- You can bring your offering forward during worship.
- You can place your offering in the box in the Welcome Center.
- You can give by mail.
- You can give through text.
- You can set up automatic bill pay.
- You can give online!
  - Recently ACH transfers were added to your list of online giving options.
- You can also give through your required minimum distributions.
  - *If you are over a certain age, you can make gifts directly from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to Shalom Baptist Church without paying federal or state income tax on the withdrawal.*

If you have any questions about giving, please reach out to Kevin Kelly at 804-543-1641.







# KIDS CORNER



## Upcoming Events:

**CA's:** Children in Action will be studying mission work in Germany for April. We meet at 6:15 pm on Wednesday evenings.



### **Easter Community Event**

Saturday, April 2nd  
10:00 AM-2:00 PM



### **Mom & Me Weekend**

April 22nd & 23rd

Eagle Eyrie and the Women's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) invite you to bring your elementary age daughters and come to an overnight retreat to learn more about being on mission for God. Come, meet a missionary, take a hike, do a craft, learn a dance, worship with other girls and mom/leaders. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kathy Seay at 804-833-9763.



### **Voyagers**

We are starting to plan for Voyagers for this summer. We will meet every Tuesday during June-August (except during VBS week) from 8:45 AM-2:15PM. Mark your calendars and be on the look out for more information including how to register.



Centri-Kid is a high-energy, intentional, gospel-centered overnight camp for 2nd-6th graders. Their mission is to help kids experience the time of their lives and learn more about the message of Jesus Christ. This takes

through track times, recreation, worship, Bible Study, church group time, and a variety of other fun events. CentriKid Camps are committed to providing content that is rooted in Scripture, a safe location, kid-friendly programming, and staffers who are deeply invested in your kids.

2022 Theme is Wonder: Knowing the Infinite God! Jeremiah 32:17-June 20-24-Eagle Eyrie

**Information Session is scheduled for Sunday, April 24th at 12:30 pm. If you would like info. before then, please contact Jon Cliborne at 804-357-6790 or jjclib@gmail.com.**



Evening Group meets Thursday, April 7th at 6:30 pm. PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE. For more information contact Virginia Ryan at 804-370-0683 or Mitzi Hubble at 804-937-4515.

Morning Group meets Monday, April 11th at 10:00 am. For more information please contact Ann McFaden at 804-513-0052.

**Upcoming Events: July Standing Rock Mission emphasis-details to follow WMUV Hope Team-October or November presentation on Human Trafficking-stay tuned for additional information.**



Annie Armstrong Easter offering has collected

**\$4,000.00**

as of Sunday, March 27th.  
Our goal is \$3,500.00

Easter Community Event-Saturday, April 2nd, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. The WMU/CA's will host a table to introduce the community to these mission opportunities. If you would like to volunteer please contact Ann McFaden or Mitzi Hubble.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR: *Sunday School Director*

He is risen! We serve a risen Savior and He loves us. We are His sheep and He knows us.

What's going on in Sunday School? Let me explain how our children's classes are working right now. The younger children are meeting together in Preschool 3. These students are ages 4, 5 and KG. Since the attendance has been low due to the pandemic, the older children meet together as well. This necessitates putting the children in one group instead of having one child here and one child there by themselves. This group ranges from first grade through fifth grade. Not the ideal, but we are planning for the surge when the students return. If you are interested in teaching one of these age groups, please see Debbie Taylor. Our children's' team would be excited to have you and assist in transitioning you to the classroom.

Our adult classes are doing great, attendance is steady. We have seven adult classes, four which are mixed, two women's classes and one men's class. Please stop in and try a class. Bible study will strengthen you and the fellowship is a bonus. We look forward to seeing you soon!

We will soon have a world map in the hallway. This is so the Sunday School classes can intentionally pray  
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for a people group and/or a country. We also have an international missionary of our own, Stephanie Hudson. Please remember her as she is away from home and family.

Also, we are praying for Pastor Mark as he goes on a sabbatical. When he gets back, he will be refreshed, relaxed and recharged. Are you ready for that?!

Praising God for brothers and sisters in Christ!

Happy spring--Debbie

## ATHLETICS & REC.

- Walking: Every Tuesday from 9 AM-11 AM.
- Pickleball: Information Meeting-Friday, April 1st at 7 PM Games will begin Friday, April 22nd.
- COMING SOON: Basketball-Every Wednesday from 7:30 PM-9:00 PM



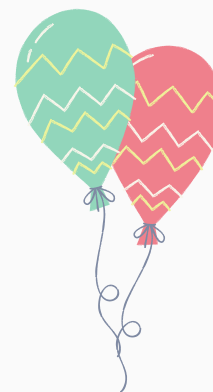
### April Anniversaries

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

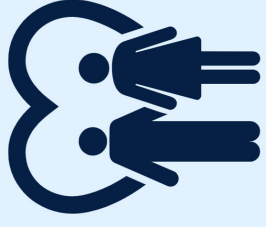
### April Birthday's

1st Brooke McGhee  
 4th Thomas Cochran  
 Janis Garbett  
 Debbie Taylor  
 5th Louise Scott  
 6th Janice Carswell  
 Shirley Winebarger  
 8th Tommy Owens  
 10th Page Baber  
 Vicki Trice  
 11th Madeline Helmick  
 Kevin Lane  
 16th Elizabeth Blackwell  
 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

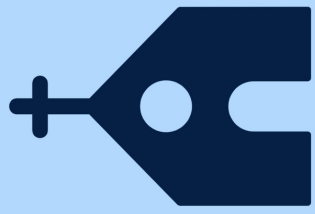


# SHALOM ON SABBATICAL EVENTS



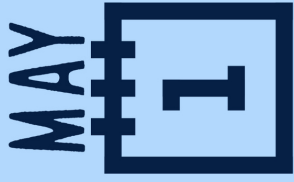
## Marriage Retreat "The Art of Marriage"

Friday, June 3rd 6:30 PM-9:00 PM  
Saturday, June 4th 9:00 AM-3:00 PM



## KICK-OFF SUNDAY

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICES



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

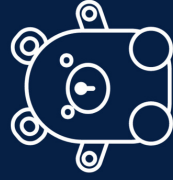
JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:15 PM. DURING  
THE MONTH OF MAY WE WILL TRAVEL TO TURKEY  
AND GREECE. IN JUNE-AUGUST WE WILL STUDY THE  
BOOK OF ACTS.



## FAVORITE STUFFY SLEEPOVER WEEKEND



MAY 21ST & MAY 22ND  
(SATURDAY AT 5:00 PM)



## Renewal Weekend

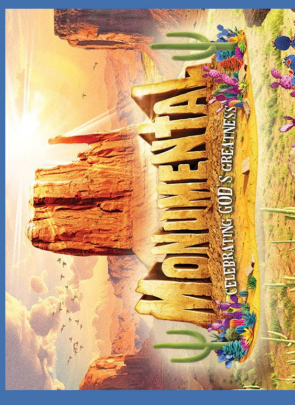


*Roger Roller & The Harvesters*

SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH 6:00 PM-8:00 PM  
SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## VBS

August 8th-12th  
6:00 PM-8:30 PM



## Welcome Home

SINGSPARATION & ICECREAM SOCIAL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21ST  
6:00 PM







# APRIL 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal 3:00 PM Warriors (Youth) 4:00 PM Financial Peace University Class 6:00 PM Discipleship Team Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 AM Feedmore Truck 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM EMT Meeting 7:00 PM Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Walking 7:00 PM Personnel Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:30 PM Supper 6:15 PM Bible Study 6:15 PM Children in Action 6:15 PM Praise Team 6:15 PM Youth 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:45 PM SR, High Girls Small Group Bible Study 7:00 PM Overcomers Outreach</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:00 PM Pickleball Information Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 AM Children's Easter Event</p>
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*Shalom Baptist Church*

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**Volunteer Weekend  
at Crossroads**



**SAVE THE DATE**

Shalom will be taking a group to volunteer at Crossroads again this May. The dates are **Friday (evening) May 13 through lunch Sunday, May 15th or any part thereof.** Volunteers will be helping prepare the property for summer camp. Assignments may include raking, weeding, landscaping, light construction projects, cleaning or painting. A sign-up sheet will be available at the welcome desk through May 1st. Questions? Contact Mitzi Hubble (804-937-4515) or Chuck Hubble (804-837-7378).