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Shalom Baptist Church Newsletter

February 2021



THE SHALOM NEWSLINE



"We love because He first loved us."
1 JOHN 4:19

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Mark's Minute

Not long ago, I came across a story about a husband and wife who had been bickering. In fact, they were really starting to fuss at each other. And so the wife suggested that they write down their complaints on a piece of paper and then show the other person exactly how they felt. She thought that this might cut down on the bickering by getting some things “out in the open”. The husband agreed and so they each took a sheet of paper and began writing.

They both wrote vigorously for a little while. The husband would pause, look at his wife, and write some more. The wife would pause, then look at her husband, then write some more. The husband paused again, looked at his wife with an even angrier look on his face, and then he would write some more. The wife did the same and then put her pencil down. But her husband was still writing. He looked up at her with fury and continued writing. He kept writing. Then he wrote some more. Then even more. The wife was getting furious because she had covered one side of the page and here was her husband finishing the back side of his paper. He kept looking at her and coming up with MORE to write. Every time he looked up, something new would come and he'd write some more.

The wife was in pain and agony. She was clenching her fists and tears of anger were welling up in her eyes. Finally, her husband said that he was finished. They exchanged sheets of paper and looked at each other's sheet. And...as soon as she gave him her sheet and looked at his, she felt terrible. She wanted to take her sheet back. For when she looked at her husband's sheet of paper, in spite of his anger and pain, he had written on every line: “I love you. I love you. I love you. I'm ticked off, but I love you. I'm angry right now, but I love you. I don't want to be here right now, but I love you.”

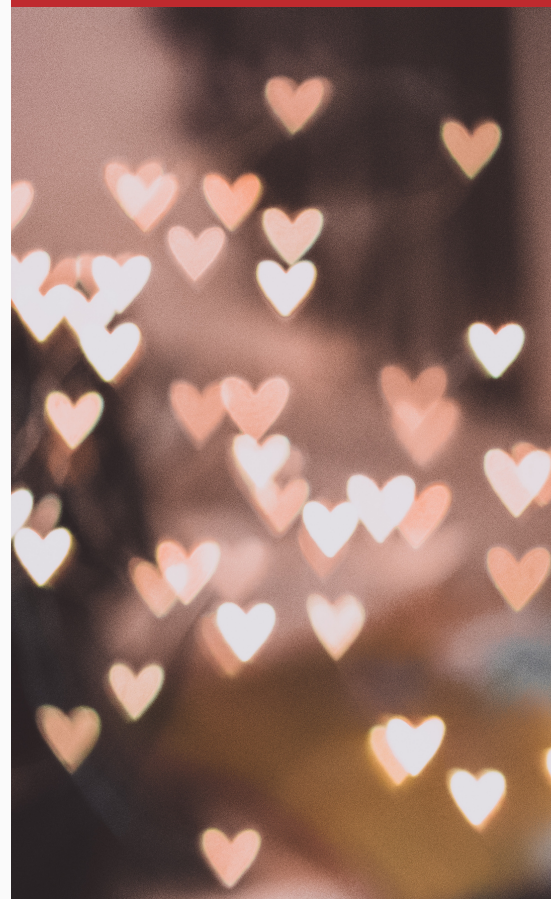
When she saw that much love...it covered over what had brought up the argument in the first place.

Perhaps that's what the apostle Peter meant when he wrote these words in 1 Peter 4:8: “Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.” In other words, love forgives again and again and

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again. This phrase may have its roots in Proverbs 10:12, which says, "Hatred stirs up dissension but love covers over all wrongs." This verse can hold several meanings within itself: 1) God's love (He loved us first) has "covered" our sins through His forgiveness, so that we can (as a result) "cover" other people's sins. 2) When we truly love one another, we will forgive (cover) people's offenses/sins against us. And 3) When we exercise love, God will forgive our sins. Now, regardless of which meaning you choose, one thing is clear: love and forgiveness are intertwined. In fact, in 1 Corinthians 13 (the "love chapter"), we discover that "love keeps no record of wrongs". As we practice "loving God's way" we will also be practicing "forgiving God's way".... And vice versa.

In Him,
Pastor Mark

Shut-In of the Month:

Lottie Williams

c/o Sandra Williams

7262 Fairview Drive

Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Please remember Lottie 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 February:

Wayne Hufner





Stewardship Snippet

Guaranteed Financial Success

Is it wrong to desire financial independence? Not as long as that doesn't mean independent from God. The question should be, how much does God want me to have or keep? How do you reach your long-term goals? The answer is simple: Spend less than you earn and do it for a long time. Or as the Bible says, "Whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow". (Proverbs 13:11). I always tell people in my practice as a Financial Advisor, the savings rate is more important than the rate of return. That is proven by math. The eighth wonder of the world is the "magic of compounding". Simple illustration, if at age 20, you put away \$2,000 per year, and earned an average return of 10% per year for 40 years, at age 60 you'd have almost \$1,000,000. The "Rule of 72" says if you take any interest amount and divide it into 72, you get how long it takes for money to double. Compounding involves three variables, amount saved, time period and earnings rate. Key point: The earlier you start, the less you have to save. The later you start, the more you either have to save or the more risk you have to take on the rate of return needed. Whatever your financial situation is today, ask God "What would you have me do?" It all begins with being content as a steward of whatever God has allowed you to have or blessed you with. Cash-flow margin is the next important concept related to your success of the magic of compounding. Again, the answer is, spend less than you earn. To create margin, you have two choices, increase income or reduce expenses. Remember the four areas that control cash-flow, giving/tithing, lifestyle expenses, taxes and debt repayment. The main area we can affect is lifestyle. God knows what lifestyle he has chosen for you. Allow Him to help you. Conclusion: adding cash-flow margin to magic of compounding; 1) get rich slowly - it requires patience and self-discipline, both fruits of the Spirit. 2) a dollar spent today takes it out of your future use. 3) money has time value, amount today can be more tomorrow.

"Money talks....but all mine ever says is good bye" Anonymous



SOUP^{er}BOWL

Brunswick Stew Kits

We are collecting Brunswick Stew kits for our Moments of Hope neighbors. Please place kits in the MCEF cart at the front of the church.



Kits should include the following:

1-14.5oz can potatoes

1-12.5oz can chicken

1-15oz can lima beans

1-15 oz can stewed tomatoes (or diced tomatoes)

1-15oz can chili with beans

1-10.5oz can chicken and rice soup

1-14oz can cream corn



"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

-Matthew 25:40-

**KITS ARE DUE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH**



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We are collecting Spam and Vienna Sausages during the months of January, February and March.

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Don't forget that **MCEF** is working with **Moments of Hope** during these months, so if you can, please bring your **Brunswick Stew Kits** by **Sunday, February 7th**.

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Clothing Needs: Currently folks are looking for fleece jackets and are not taking heavy winter coats which are in a good supply at present.

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Thank you all again for supporting this ministry.



-Vicki Crew



new artwork

New artwork has been donated to Shalom Baptist Church by Kim Stanley and family in memory of Karen Larsen and her brother, Dan Larsen, who is the artist of this print. This beautiful piece of artwork is hanging up in the church office.



BELOVED

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Chunky Knit Blanket DIY

Date: Saturday, February 6th

Time: 10am- 2pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Materials Needed: 5 skeins of blanket BIG chenille-style yarn (Stores: Michaels, Hobby Lobby, Joann's, Walmart)

Participants will learn how to make a Chunky Knit Blanket using their hands. Yarn should be purchased and brought to class. During the class, we will watch a short video explaining how to make the blanket; then hands-on instructions. Blanket will be approximately 48 X 60.

If interested, please contact Dawn Hansen at 804-647-2925 or email dawn.hansen09@comcast.net.

SOCK IT 2 ME

In conjunction with our sisters at local churches, socks will be collected for the homeless at Moments of Hope. Socks can be any size or color.

Collection will be taken from **February 14-28**; then delivered to Moments of Hope on **March 6!**

Place socks in drop box located in the church lobby labeled **SOCK IT 2 ME.**

Questions? Contact Dawn Hansen at 804-647-2925



many thanks

Don Ober wanted to thank everyone for your prayers and cards during his surgery.





International Missions would like to declare the month of February

"The Month of Love for God's Word"

by raising funds for the purchase of Bibles in needed areas in their native language. Stay tuned for more information!



Weekly Schedule

Sunday's:

8:30 AM Worship
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship

Both services are shown LIVE on Facebook and Shalom's YouTube channel.

Wednesday's:

6:15 PM Bible Study
 Beloved Women's Bible Study
 Praise Team Practice

February Anniversaries

14th Bobby & Virginia Ryan
 14th Wallace & Darlene Taylor
 25th Jason & Tracy Nolan
 Bo & Daniela Robins
 27th Roy & Katherine Taylor



February Birthday's

1st Ken Hein	15th Nevaeh Gayles
2nd Lou Bourne	16th Ellen Bell
Leisa George	Gerry Ford
3rd Madison Dickason	Von Hubbard
4th Becky Johnson	17th Darlene Grubbs
5th Donna Gammon	Bob Major
Nathan Joyner	18th Kathy Seebeck
6th Denise Price	20th Ken Cliborne
Donna Seay	21st Jimmy Daniel
Tim Stanley	22nd Mica Clayton
Darlene Taylor	Dante DeFeo
7th Chip England	23rd Courtland Lambert
Janet Smith	Maggie Miller
8th Easton Kelly	24th Katherine Hall
10th Parker Byrd	25th Bert Childress
12th Janice Booth	26th Tiffany Agee
13th Christy Lane	27th Linda Platt
Tracy Nolan	28th Cathy Childress
Terry Woodson	Melanie Gary
	Carol Herndon

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an atoning sacrifice
for our sins."
1 John 4:10

