



# THE SHALOM NEWSLINE

*Let your light shine before others,  
so that they may see your good  
works and give glory to your  
Father in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:16*

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# MARK'S MINUTE

At the moment that you are reading these words, several of us from Shalom are likely touring the 7 churches mentioned in Revelation chapters 2-3 (we will be touring them June 30-July 1). One of those churches is the Church at Laodicea. In Revelation 3:15, Jesus says that they are neither HOT nor COLD, but rather LUKEWARM.

Now, I have to admit...that used to really confuse me. I can understand how it would be a good thing for a church to be hot. You know, "on fire for God, with passionate, red-hot zeal". But, when we read this in its context, it appears that being "cold" is actually a positive thing, too. It seems that the temperature that is NOT positive (according to these verses)...is "lukewarm".

So, what does it mean when Jesus says: "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot"? Well, to understand this, we have to go back to the word, "deeds". You see, "hot"; "cold" and "lukewarm" are not necessarily describing a person's spiritual fervor—but are instead adjectives that modify this church's DEEDS. Jesus is saying something about their DEEDS. Let's start with that word "hot". Laodicea was located SMACK in between Hieropolis and Colossae—it was the "middle city" of those 3 cities. So, on one side, was Hieropolis, which was built upon massive hot springs (which still flow today). In fact, the white travertine deposits can be seen for miles—and are even visible across the Lycus valley from Laodicea. In other words, the people of ancient Laodicea would have had a visual reminder of the HOT SPRINGS from where they were. We used to live in the mountains of Virginia...and there was a place not far from where we lived that had once been a fancy resort (around the 1900's). That resort was famous for its hot springs...its natural, hot baths. And people would pay lots of money to go there and receive the medicinal benefits of those hot springs.

Now let's go back to the church's "deeds" for a moment. The church was failing in both hot AND cold. So, what's the "cold side" all about? Well, remember that Laodicea was between Hieropolis and Colossae. Colossae was known for its pure, cold water...in fact, while at the site of Colossae, I took a picture of a natural spring there.

But between the hot springs and the pure cold water sat Laodicea, and Laodicea's deeds were right in the middle—lukewarm...they weren't HOT—that is—they weren't providing healing for the spiritually sick (which corresponds with the healing of the hot medicinal baths) ...BUT (on the flip side) their deeds also weren't cold... in other words, they weren't providing refreshment for the spiritually weary. Think about what an ice-cold drink of water does for you on a 94-degree day. Think about the refreshing feeling you get jumping into a pool when you're outside in August. So, you see, Hot symbolizes healing and Cold symbolizes refreshment.

But that's not all. In addition, the water was piped into Laodicea...and those pipes would get filled with minerals...well, Jesus says to that church in Laodicea...that its deeds—caused Jesus to do what YOU would do if you drank a lukewarm glass of water filled with minerals (and the Greek is very graphic). Jesus doesn't just say "or "spew". He (quite literally says "vomit")—bottom line...the Laodiceans lack of zeal...made Jesus want to throw up!

May our deeds as a church be both healing and refreshing!

In Him,  
*Pastor Mark*

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NEVER BE  
LACKING IN  
ZEAL, BUT  
KEEP YOUR  
SPIRITUAL  
FERVOR,  
SERVING THE  
LORD.

Romans 12:11

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Shut-in of the Month:

*Doc Wright*

7380 Lexington Drive

Mechanicsville, VA 23111

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



Thanks for all your gifts of food & monetary donations! - Linda Wade

Deacon of the Month  
COURTLAND LAMBERT



**FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:**

- The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.
- There will be no Church Council meeting for the month of July.
- August Newsletter entries are due Wednesday, July 24th.
- Kelly will be out of the office August 5th-8th.
- The August Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13th & the Stewardship committee will meet on Tuesday, August 20th due to VBS.



**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

A BIG thank you to all of those who contributed to the Baby Bottle Campaign. Shalom raised \$3,325.11 for the East End Pregnancy Center. THANK YOU!





Mark your calendars for VBS

## AUGUST 5TH-9TH



Register on-line by visiting [www.shalombaptist.net](http://www.shalombaptist.net) and click on the VBS tab or call the church office at 804-746-7737. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact the church office. We will have our VBS volunteer meeting on **Saturday, July 13th at 2:00 pm.**

Voyagers has begun their adventures and meet every Tuesday from 8:45 am-2:15 pm during the summer months (except the week of VBS). This program is for K-5th grade children. The last Tuesday Voyagers meet is August 13th. For more information, contact Kathy Seay at 804-746-7737.

### **Voyagers Schedule:**

- July 2nd: Agriberry Farm
- July 9th: VA Museum of History & Culture
- July 16th: TBD
- July 23rd: Tikvat Israel Messianic Synagogue
- July 30th: Water Games at Twin Hickory Park
- August 6th: No Voyagers-VBS Week
- August 13th: Maymont Park & Family Hotdog Lunch



### **Children's Ministry meets every Wednesday at 6:15 pm.**

Our summer series is called "Challenge Accepted". "Challenges" are wildly popular on YouTube and social media. This series captures some of the family friendly fun to teach kids about following Jesus. Children love these games-based lessons that points them back to the ultimate challenge-deciding to follow Jesus and live a life devoted to God.



### **Bland Ministry Family Mission Trip-August 14th-16th**

If you are interested in serving with us at the Bland Ministry Center, please contact Kathy Seay. We will not have Children's Wednesday Activities on Wednesday, August 14th.



**Bland Ministry Center**  
FOOD PANTRY • CLOTHES CLOSET • DENTAL CLINIC • HOME REPAIR





**Notice from Nate:**

I have a calling on my life to minister to my community in King William County. Over the past few months, God has opened doors for my wife and I to do ministry in our community like never before. We have decided to take a step of faith to plant a church in King William. I will be leaving on July 15th to put my full focus into the ministry we have been strongly called into. We are so excited to follow God in this coming season of our life. We are thankful for the relationships we have had the opportunity to make during our season at Shalom. We pray that the ministry at Shalom will continue to be blessed even as we pursue this life changing opportunity that God has called us to. Thank you all for your love and support! - Rev. Nate Puller



**Youth Group Newsletter**

We have seen God move in big ways this month through our time at camp. We saw God have an impact on each student right where it was needed for them. The students experienced God at camp and now our challenge is to come along with these students for the next 51 weeks as they live out Revival Generation.



In July the youth will be preparing to welcome the rising students into the youth group.

*Strength in the Journey*

**Monday, July 15th**



Strength in the Journey is a ministry for those who have lost their spouse and are seeking the support of others who are navigating this path in their life's journey. You are welcome to join our next meeting on **Monday, July 15th**. We will meet at 11:00 am and then go to Rise & Shine to share a meal together. We hope you can join us. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Toni Lane.



We are continuing our study of the Book of Colossians on Tuesday mornings. The Bible study is held at Shalom and starts at 8:30 am in the conference room.

You are invited to join us for breakfast on Saturday, July 13th, at Shalom. Be sure to bring your sons, grandsons or a friend as we fellowship and eat.

Be on the lookout for information on our upcoming trip to the Museum of the Army in August and our men's conference in September.



Sunday mornings are a time of Bible study. The Bible is God's Word that he wrote for you and it has been a best-seller ever since! Find out what's in the Bible by reading, studying and sharing with others. An acrostic for **BIBLE** is: **B**asic **I**nstructions **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth. Allow God to guide you with His perfect wisdom by reading and following the directions. Please join us and make the extra effort on these summer Sunday mornings, you will be blessed!

An opportunity to serve the children of Shalom is approaching! This fall we are in need of a few teachers for the children. If you feel your heart leading you in this direction, please pray about it. See Debbie Taylor for more information.

"Determine in your mind and heart to seek the Lord your God."

1 Chronicles 22:19



Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group  
Monday, July 24th  
7:00 pm  
Shalom Baptist Church

### Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck Lunch

Please join us immediately following the 11:00 am worship service on **Sunday, July 21st** for our Quarterly Business meeting. Please remember to bring a side dish. If you have any agenda items for this meeting, contact Jane Snead at 804-730-1104 or [jasnead@aol.com](mailto:jasnead@aol.com).





The WMU at Shalom are selling cookbooks to raise money for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering©.

If you would like to contribute a special recipe(s), please submit them to the church office or the recipe box placed in the church lobby. Please be sure to include your recipe name, ingredients, directions, your name, phone number and email address. We welcome treasured recipes from those members who have passed away as well. Just be sure to make note that the recipe is from someone who has passed on.

You can pre-order your cookbooks NOW! The cost to pre-order books is \$15.00. Pre-order forms are available at the welcome desk in the church lobby and payment needs to accompany the order form. Please make checks payable to Shalom Baptist Church with “cookbooks” in the memo and submit pre-order and money to the church office or the box at the welcome desk. All recipes, pre-orders/money are due by Wednesday, July 31st.

If you don't want to pre-order a cookbook, we will have a limited inventory of books that will be on sale for \$20.00 per book once the shipment has been delivered on a first come first serve basis. We encourage you to pre-order to insure you get a Shalom cookbook!

If you have questions, please contact the church office at 804-746-7737.

**No WMU Circle meetings until September.**

**Upcoming Events:**

Spiritual Awareness Event at North Run Baptist Church  
August 15th-6:00 pm: Dinner 7:00 pm: Program Featured Speaker is Deborah James Winans, “MK” and missionary.

WMUV 150th Anniversary Celebration at Camp Crossroads  
September 7th

GETAWAY 2024  
November 1-2 or 2-3  
Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center

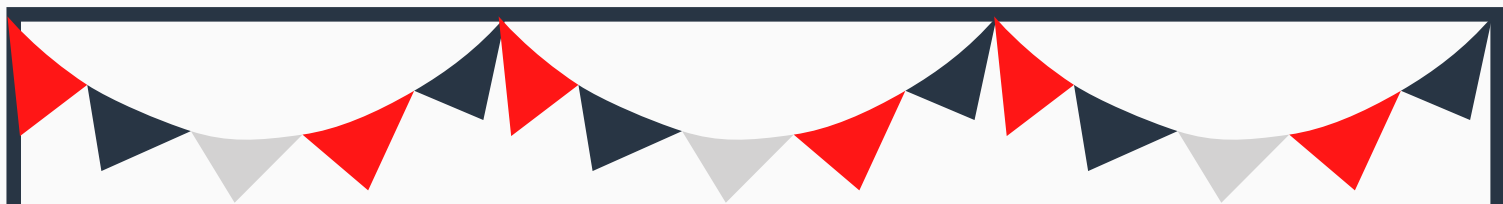




# Thank You

Thanks for all the cards, prayers, food and concerns during my recent illness. It is truly a blessing to have such a caring church family.

Blessings to all,  
Barbara Tribble

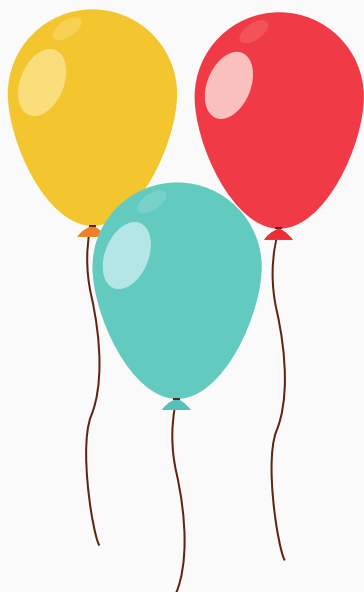


## July Anniversaries

- 1st Chip & Robin England
- 2nd Doc & Deborah Wright
- 18th Carl & Carolyn Boshier
- 19th Glenn & Gwen Russell

## July Birthday's

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|------|----------------------|------|------------------|
| 1st  | Trish Eary           | 16th | Erika Seay       |
|      | Michele Nelson       |      | Robert Stokes    |
| 2nd  | Abbi Nolan           | 18th | Alex Butler      |
|      | Bo Robins            |      | Allison Butler   |
| 3rd  | Amy Neal             | 19th | Kim Butler       |
| 5th  | Stuart Point         | 20th | Bill Fowler      |
| 8th  | Christine Norman     | 21st | Ethel Johnson    |
| 10th | Ann McFaden          |      | Ethel Metzger    |
|      | Kathy Thompson       | 22nd | Suzie Johnston   |
| 12th | Toni Lane            |      | Pete Logan       |
|      | John Wilson          | 24th | Bobby Norman     |
|      | Kathy Wingfield      | 25th | Bob Grubbs       |
| 13th | David Hosfeld        |      | Janet Jarrell    |
|      | Ron Palmer           | 27th | Maggie Alexander |
|      | Larry Seward         | 28th | Brian Friedel    |
| 15th | Isabel Ferrer        | 30th | Lin Diacont      |
|      | Barbara Lecarpentier |      | Gary Whitt       |
|      | John Poindexter      |      |                  |







# July 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> Turkey & Greece Trip 8:30am Worship 9:20am He Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>1</b> Turkey & Greece Trip 9:00am Feedmore Truck	<b>2</b> Turkey & Greece Trip 8:30am Men's Bible Study 8:45am Voyagers 9:00am Walking in the Gym	<b>3</b> 6:15pm Bible Study 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm The Haven (Youth) 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> Church Office Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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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.

**Nursery Schedule**



July 21st

8:30 am: Sydney Dunn & Rhonda Neal  
11:00 am: Sydney Dunn & Rhonda Neal

July 28th

8:30 am: Sydney Dunn & John Smith  
11:00 am: Sydney Dunn & Amy Neal

