



THE SHALOM NEWSLINE



*The heavens declare the glory of God; the
skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

PSALM 19:1

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Mark's Minute

I had only been at Shalom for 3 months when Madeline was born (in May of 2006). A week and a half AFTER her birth, I wrote a sermon entitled, "Reflections from the Side of the Crib". Here's an excerpt from that sermon:

"I tiptoe over to her crib...I run my hand over the smooth wood and make my way around to the side.

'A miracle', I think to myself—this little life—these little hands and fingers, these little feet and toes, that little curl on the top of her head—and that quick and rhythmic breathing, reminding me of new life with every single breath...

And as I stare down at that little body, I begin to reflect on what it means to be a parent: what it means to love like a parent, and what God, our Heavenly Father, teaches me about parenting..."

During that sermon, I reflected on the fact that a parent's love cannot be earned. So often, children try to earn their parents' affection, but God never intended for a parent's love to be earned. He didn't design love that way. Looking at my baby, Madeline, in that crib made me realize that she couldn't DO anything to earn my love—back then, she was just a baby. She couldn't swing a baseball bat or shoot a three-pointer, she couldn't paint a picture...she couldn't even say "I love you". Think about God. His love for us is simply rooted in His creation of us. Remember that God loves us 100%. That doesn't drop down to 98% or 83% if we do something wrong (or something REALLY wrong). There is NOTHING you can do to make God love you less.

During that sermon, I also reflected on the fact that a parent's love listens for the cries of the children. There were definitely some "middle of the night" cries from Madeline. And Tiffany and I grew accustomed to "listening for" those cries. Throughout Scripture, we find God's children crying out to Him. In fact, in Psalm 120:1 it says, "In my distress I cried to the LORD and He answered me."

Also, during that sermon, I reflected on the fact that a parent's love responds appropriately to a child's needs. God responds to our needs in ways that are most appropriate (whether we realize it or not). God always knows what's best for us. I, too, in my years as a parent, have had to discern the difference between a need and a want.

But that's not all...a parent's love forgives and understands. A parent's love is forgiving. I think it's a tragedy to see a family torn apart because one member of that family stubbornly refuses to forgive another member of that family.

And a parent's love protects. As I stared down at that peaceful baby lying in that crib those many years ago, I couldn't help but to be overwhelmed as I thought about all of the things and people out in the world that might potentially harm her. Psalm 46 reminded me as a parent that "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble."

Finally, a parent's love prays. Both of my girls were prayed for BEFORE they were even born (before we even knew if they would be girls or boys). This is the single most significant factor when it comes to a parent's love...it all comes down to this: Prayer. Tiffany and I haven't stopped praying for our girls on a daily basis all these years later.

On June 1, 2024, I will not be a parent watching Madeline from the side of a crib...instead, I will be a parent watching her walk across the stage to receive her high school diploma (and a parent who watched his other daughter walk across the stage to receive her college diploma).

But these truths about parenting do not and will not change. Even though I am no longer parenting a 2-week-old and a 3 ½ year old (but rather an 18-year-old and a 21-year-old) I still plan to be a parent whose love is not earned, who listens for the cries of my children, who tries to respond appropriately to their needs, who seeks to forgive and understand, who protects, and who prays.

Happy Graduation(s) girls! And Blessings, Shalom!

Love,
Dad/ (Pastor Mark)



Meet our Deacon for the month of June:

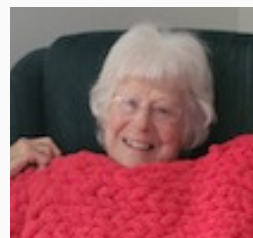


Vickie Trice-Romano

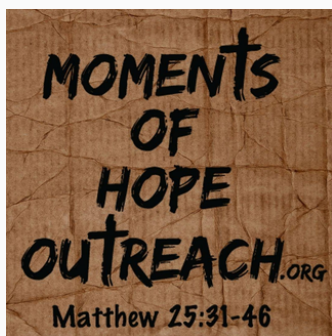
Shut-in of the Month:

May McAllister

809 Thompson Street
Ashland, VA 23005



Please remember May 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.



Shalom Baptist Church and two other churches are partnering together to serve meals at the Moments of Hope Saturday Serving on **Saturday, June 22nd**. We need **YOUR HELP**-Shalom will be making 150 bag lunches!

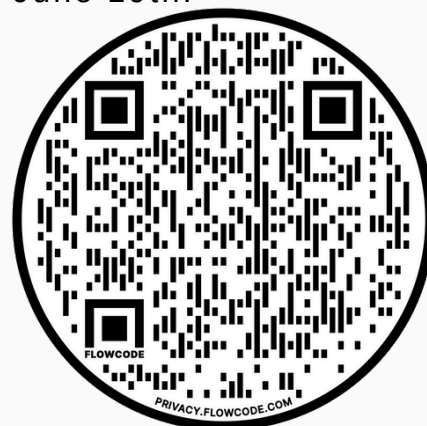
If you would like to purchase items, please click on the QR code below to sign up for the items you would like to contribute. If you're not able to sign up online, call the church office and Kelly will help you get signed up.

Items need to be at the church no later than Wednesday, June 19th.

On the sign up sheet you can select to help deliver and serve the lunches. Moments of Hope asks that all those delivering and serving be 21 years and older.

All of our church family (children, youth and adults) are invited to assist in packing the lunches during Bible Study on Wednesday, June 19th.

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





UPDATE

Our second annual Fishing, Fun, Fellowship & Food Day will be held on Saturday, June 8th beginning at 10:00 am. The event will take place at Dr. Jeff Wilson's property and pond in King William County. Call Ken Hein for directions.

Father's Day, June 16th, the Men's Ministry will be bringing the Sunday message at both the 8:30 am and the 11:00 am worship services. The men's choir will also be providing the music at the 11:00 am service.

Tuesday, June 18th, following the Men's Bible study, we will be doing the next stage of landscaping, starting around 9:45 am. Bring your shovels and help us plant some shrubs.

The Oil Change Ministry is scheduled for June 29th.

Thanks,
Ken Hein



NO WMU meetings until September!

Save these dates:

- Spiritual Awareness Event
Thursday, August 15th
6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Program
Featured Speaker: Deborah James Winans, "MK" and Missionary
- WMU Ladies Luncheon/Baby Shower for EEPC.
Saturday, September 21st.
Details to follow.



Strength in the Journey

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, June 17th at 12:00 pm.** We will fellowship at Shalom under the pavilion. Please BYOL (lunch and lawn chair).



Happy
Summer



Taking over the kitchen duties in January has been quite the experience. It has been fun, frustrating, challenging and exhausting.

The number one thing I have learned is that until you work in the kitchen, you have no idea the effort that goes into Wednesday Night Meals. I want to personally thank all of the teams that tirelessly, week after week, put on the aprons and prepare meals, serve meals and clean up the kitchen. Also, thank you to the set-up crews that come in on Wednesday mornings to ensure the tables are set with cups, silverware, napkins, etc. And I would be remiss in not thanking those who jump in to help even though they are not on an official team. Without all these people, Wednesday night dinners would not happen, so thank you!

I also wanted to share that for the last several months we ran a pilot program and partnered with Moments of Hope on the third Wednesday of the month. We were able to feed 16 people who do not have a permanent address with a hot meal. The partnership was a success, and we look forward to incorporating this program again in the fall.

It takes a lot of people and effort to be able to successfully have Wednesday night dinners every week. I am asking each of you to pray and think of how you might be able to help or contribute to lightening the load of those that in the kitchen on a regular basis. I will be looking for people who are interested in helping in the kitchen even if it's on an as needed basis. If we all lend a helping hand it will be so much easier!

The second Wednesday of the month still does not have a cook. If you and/or a team would be willing to sign up for one month this fall I would be most grateful. I am not always available to cook, and it is important to have those dates filled before the fall gets here.

The kitchen opens in September. I will be sending out information soon on new ideas and programs. If you have suggestions, please let me know!

Cooking with love,
Rhonda Neal

KIDS CORNER



- **Touch a Truck-June 1st 10:00 am-1:00 pm**

Touch-a-Truck is a hands-on learning experience for children to explore a variety of large trucks, first responder vehicles, construction vehicles and much more! Children will be able to get behind the wheel of their favorite vehicles, honk the horns, work the lights and sirens and meet the professionals who build, protect and serve our community.

- **Centri-Kid Camp, June 24th-28th**

- **Voyagers-Every Tuesday during the Summer**

Mark your calendars for Voyagers. Voyagers is our children's summer program. We meet every Tuesday from 8:45 am-2:15 pm starting June 4th.

Schedule:

6/4 Getting to Know YOU

6/11: Field Day Type Games

6/18: TBD

6/25: Games

7/2: Agriberry Farm

7/9: VA Museum of History & Culture

7/16: TBD

7/23: Tikvat Israel Messianic Synagogue

7/30: Water Games at Twin Hickory

8/6: No Voyagers-VBS Week

8/13: Maymont and Hotdogs with Families

- **Summer Wednesday Nights**

Throughout the summer there will be children's ministry activities every Wednesday at 6:15 pm. The topic for the summer is, "Challenge Accepted."

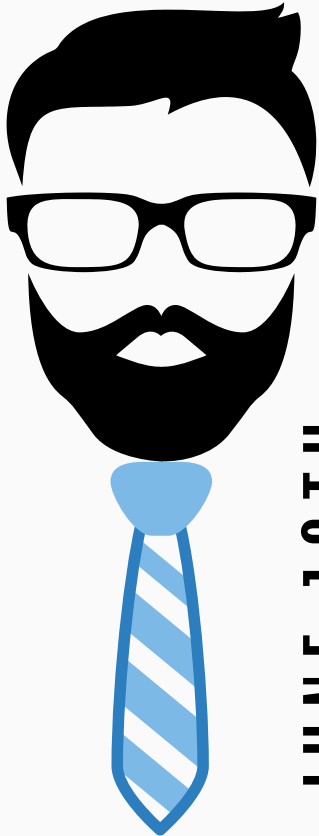


SAVE THE DATE for VBS
August 5th-9th





HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



JUNE 16TH

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

- Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 4th at 7:00 pm in the Co-Ed SS classroom.
- July Newsletter entries are due, Wednesday, June 19th.
- **Kelly will be out of the office August 5-8. If you would be interested in volunteering to man the office during that week for a few hours in the morning, please call the church office at 804-746-7737.**
- The church office will be closed Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.



Thank you for all your support for MCEF! We did such a good job collecting soup donations in the past, let's go for individual servings of Chef Boyardee pasta. The backpack ministry for children'



The youth at Shalom are preparing for a fun summer. On June 2nd we will be honoring our graduates from both high school and college. We are looking forward to the opportunity to see them and pray over their future.

During the week of June 10th-14th we will be going to Fuge camp at Ridgecrest Conference Center in North Carolina. We are excited to travel with 24 students and leaders. We look forward to sharing all the wonderful ways that God moves in our life at Camp this summer.

We have all this and more coming in the month ahead. See Nate on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings to see how you can be a part of what God is doing in the life of the Students at Shalom.



THANK YOU!

Thanks for the visits, prayers and cards while I was in the hospital. I really appreciate it!

Carolyn Southard



Congrats!



CLASS OF 2024



"Trust in the Lord with all of your heart..."
Proverbs 3:5

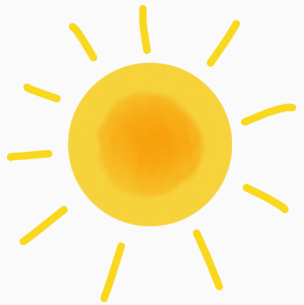
June Anniversaries

- 3rd Neil & Brandy Applewhite
- 9th Courtland & Peggy Lambert
- 10th Ronnie & Lehlia Hardy
- 11th Craig & Margene Secor
- 20th Bill & Anne Fowler
Ron & Sandi Palmer
- 22nd Ed & Vicky Kidder
- 23rd Vernon & Mary Beasley
Charles & Kathy Wingfield
- 26th Lin & Kathy Diacont
- 29th Harold & Virginia Clark


June Birthday's

- 2nd Wayne Hufner
- 3rd Alma Wright
- 4th Betty Cook
- 5th Kay Craft
Logan Lane
- 6th Kathy Diacont
- 7th Bobby Ryan
- 8th Bonnie Blake
Dottie Layne
- 11th Bill Frost
- 12th Jean Dart
David Nelson
- 14th Harold Clark
Linda Tomlin
- 17th Angela Farrier
- 18th Chuck Hubble
Dee Ober
Drew Revere
Craig Secor
- 22nd Robin England
- 23rd Roy Taylor
- 24th Wyatt Byrd
- 26th Charlie Blackwell
- 27th Gail Hosfeld
- 28th Glen Daniel
- 29th Dan McFaden





June 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:30am Worship 8:30am Youth Purity Class 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	27 Office Closed	28 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 9:45am Men's Choir Rehearsal 11:00am Cancer Support Group Meeting 6:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting	29 9:00am Feedmore Truck 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Bible Study 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Parent Partner 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm The Haven (Youth) 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	30	31	1 10:00am Touch a Truck Children's Event (Parking Lot)
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