



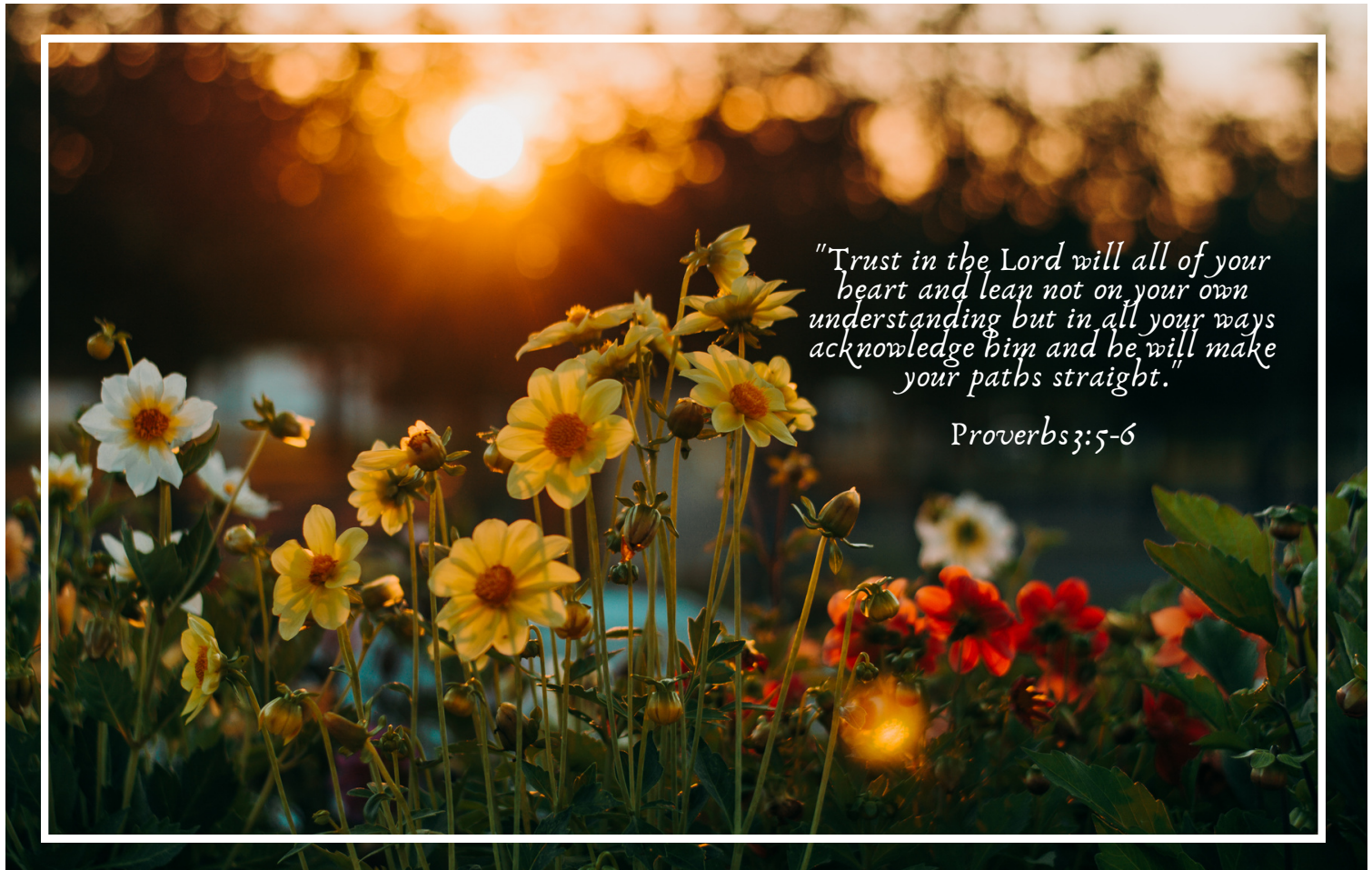
Striving to be the complete church using our complete gifts completely!

Shalom Baptist Church Newsletter

March 2023



THE SHALOM NEWSLINE



"Trust in the Lord will all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding but in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6

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Thursday: 8am-2pm



Mark's Minute

Richard Rolle (1290-1349) was known as “St. Richard the Hermit”. One of his most famous writings is his work called “The Fire of Love”. In it, he writes:

“I cannot tell you how surprised I was the first time I felt my heart begin to warm. It was real warmth, too, not imaginary, and it felt as if it were actually on fire. I was astonished at the way the heat surged up and how this new sensation brought great and unexpected comfort. I had to keep feeling my chest to make sure there was no physical reason for it.

But once I realized that it came entirely from within, that this fire of love had no cause [either] material or sinful, but was a gift of my Maker, I was absolutely delighted and wanted my love to become greater. And this longing was all the more urgent because of the delightful effect and interior sweetness which this spiritual flame fed into my soul...it set my soul aglow as if a real fire was burning there.”

Now...move with me into 1738...

John Wesley was in despair. He did not have the faith to continue to preach (even though he was a preacher).When death stared him in the face, he was fearful and found little comfort in religion. He confessed this to a friend of his—and also confessed his desire to give up the ministry. To which his friend counseled otherwise, telling him to “preach faith till you have it.” John Wesley found himself crying out, “Lord, help my unbelief!”... yet he still felt dull within and very little motivated. That day, on May 24th, 1738, John Wesley opened his Bible to these words, “He has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature...”

That evening he reluctantly attended a meeting in Aldersgate. Someone read from Martin Luther’s preface to the Epistle to the Romans...and at 8:45 PM, John Wesley recounts: “while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine...”

There it is again... a heart warmed.

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-PASTOR MARK





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Now...fast forward to February 2023. In a chapel on the campus of Asbury College, revival/an awakening (whatever you want to call it) has been going on (while I am writing this) for two weeks.

There are a few nay-sayers out there. But having spent 3 years across the street at Asbury Seminary, I can tell you that Asbury is a special place. There is a sense of God's Spirit there in general. And this isn't the first time an awakening has occurred on that campus in the tiny town of Wilmore, Kentucky.

I have no doubt that hearts are indeed being warmed.

Mine certainly was several times in the chapel of the seminary...

But let me turn to the question back around to you: Has your heart ever been warmed by God's Spirit? If so, where were you? What were you doing? Who were you with?

Remembering times like those often help us to jumpstart renewal and fresh devotion to Christ in our lives.

If you haven't experienced that kind of warmth in your heart...might it be that God is calling you into a deeper place with Him? Come humbly before Him...kneel if you can...then be raw, real and sincere before Him, confessing sins and thanking Him for His mercy and forgiveness... who knows...you might have a revival in YOUR heart.

In Him,
Pastor Mark

WELCOME

Nate & Kathy





March 1st
LASAGNA

March 8th
SUBS

March 15th
CHILI CHEESE HOTDOGS

March 22nd
POTATO BAR & SALAD

March 29th
ISRAEL INSPIRED MEAL
(ISRAEL TEAM FUNDRAISER)

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:

Mary Revere

**1710 Parlow Drive
Richmond, VA 23222**

Please remember Mary 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 March:

Kevin Kelly





Week of Prayer &

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING® anniearmstrong.com

March 5th-12th

Annie Armstrong was born in Baltimore at a time when women were not expected to lead. She served, challenged churches to action and rallied support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer renowned for visionary missions leadership.



The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way we support mission efforts in North America. **One hundred percent** of gifts given to AAEO are used to support Southern Baptist missionaries serving across the United States and Canada.

Shalom's goal is **\$3,500.00**. All monies collected go directly to our missionaries in the field. Annie Armstrong offering envelopes are in your offering boxes and in the chair pockets in the sanctuary. The 2023 Prayer Guides are available in the church lobby.



Our Golden Soup Trophy winners were the **Friendship Class** with a whopping total of **373** cans of soup collected! But the BIG winner was **MCEF** which received **600+** cans of soup for their pantry! Way to go Shalom!



Beloved Circle meets **Thursday, March 2nd** at 6:30 pm at church. For more information, please contact Virginia Ryan or Mitzi Hubble.

The Morning Circle meets **Monday, March 13th** at 10:00 am at church. For more information, please contact Ann McFaden

UPCOMING EVENTS:

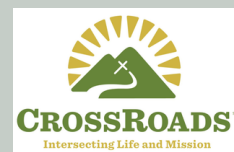
April 15th: Ladies Tea to benefit the East End Pregnancy Center. More information to follow.



May 11th: Dover WMU Annual Meeting at Shalom.



May 19th-21st Crossroads Volunteer Weekend. A great time for all ages to help get the camp cleaned up and ready for summer. For more information contact Mitzi Hubble.



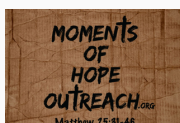


THANKS TO
SHALOM FAMILY
FOR SOUP
DONATIONS TO
BENEFIT MCEF.

Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group

**Monday, March 27th
7:00 pm**

Just Breathe is a group of caregivers who are experiencing some of the same tears, joys, concerns, frustrations & prayers. Join us for an hour to let go and "Just Breathe"



Moments of Hope exists to give **HOPE** to our neighbors

experiencing homelessness & those living in poverty.

Service Opportunities:
Clothing Ministry Table
Camp Visits
Emergency Shelter
Room in the Inn
Saturday Servings
Food Pantry
Bike Ministry
Prayer Table
Nurses Station
Grounds Maintenance



Bland Ministry Center

FOOD PANTRY • CLOTHES CLOSET • DENTAL CLINIC • HOME REPAIR

During each Sunday in the month of March we will have *Undies Sunday's*. We are collecting underwear, starting children's size 10 all the way to adult sizes. Please bring new underwear and drop off in the bin in front of the Welcome Desk in the church lobby. This collection will go towards the Bland Ministry Center and Battlefield Park Elementary School

A mission trip to the Bland Ministry Center is scheduled for May 7th-13th. If you're interested in being a part of this trip, please contact Kathy Seay for more information.

Men's Ministry News

The Men's Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped set up, cook and serve food for the recent Valentine Breakfast. We hope everyone enjoyed some good food, good fellowship and made a new friend or two that morning.

The next men's dinner will be at Shalom on March 14th, beginning at 6:00 pm. Men, please put this date on your calendar.

We will be traveling to Bland County the week of May 7th to do some construction work. Plans are to leave on Sunday, May 7th at 2:00 pm and return Wednesday evening, May 10th. Please consider going with us as we serve those in need and share God's love in the Bland area.



PASTORAL PONDERINGS

There is an old adage that says, “If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb—and vice versa.” March is, indeed, a month of transition from winter to a spring—well, in most years! [We’ve seen snow and had heat waves in March many times in the past.]

With that in mind, let’s think about March as a time to focus on Jesus, especially as we prepare for the Easter season. Rev. 5.5: “Do not weep! See—the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has triumphed.” John the Baptizer said, as recorded in John 1.29, “Look, the Lamb of God, the one who takes away the sin of the world.”

Jesus is both the Lion and the Lamb. How can He be both such opposite personifications? John gives us the answer in the quotes above. Jesus is the Lion of

Judah because He triumphed over all the evil that has ever existed and will exist. He is also the Lamb because He triumphed as the sacrifice over death on the cross. So, as you prepare yourself to the Passion in April, focus on both aspects of Jesus. They are not mere titles; they are His very being.

-Pastor Dan



From the Office:

- Church Council Meeting-Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 pm.
- Daylight Saving Time Begins on Sunday, March 12th. Spring forward!
- April Newsletter entries are due Wednesday, March 22nd.





KIDS CORNER



Wednesday Night Activities:

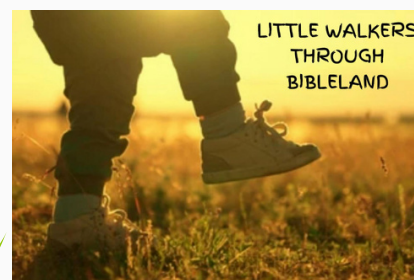
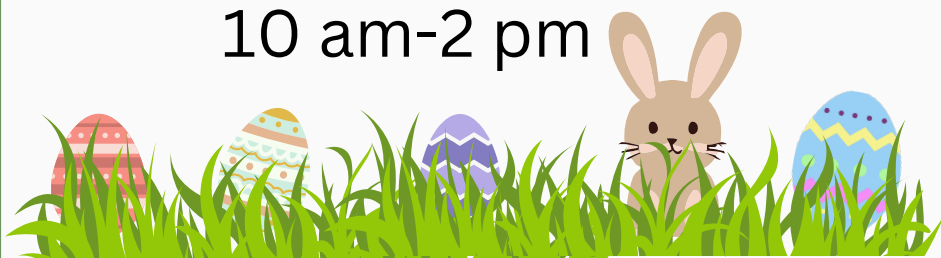
Every Wednesday at 6:15 pm we have activities for children Pre-K-5th Grade.

Upcoming Events:

Easter Event & Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 25th

10 am-2 pm



SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 19-23, 2023

CentriKid 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 place through track times, rec, 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.

What we see on the surface seems important – appearances, grades, and accomplishments – but God’s word shows us that there is something that matters even more – something Beyond the Surface. God see, knows and cares about our hearts. He can give us a new heart for Him – a heart that is pure, humble, trusting, merciful, and willing to obey and follow wherever He leads. Join is in 2023 as we go **Beyond the Surface!**

For more info, or to let us know you may be interested: email jjclib@gmail.com



Message from our

Sunday School

Director

It is an exciting time to be in the body of Christ! We are so blessed and are being led to step out in faith to do new things. Our faith should be like Peter's, willingness to step out of the boat to follow our Savior.

Small groups have started. A mixed group meets on Monday evenings. A men's group meets on Tuesday mornings. The senior high girls meet on Wednesday evenings. A couple of new groups are forming now. We hope you will join or start a group to grow your faith. The topics are endless; give us your idea!

A big thank you to everyone who sent valentines to our Shalom shut-ins. They received over 25 cards each, with some being handmade by the Children's Department. Also, congratulations to the Friendship Sunday School class for winning the Golden Soup Can Trophy. They collected 373 cans for MCEF.

These are just a couple of outreach projects performed by Sunday School classes.

Thank you Jesus, for loving us and for allowing us to participate in your Kingdom work. Use us as tools to do your will. We are your children, your sheep, and we love you.

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6



Easter Lily's



It's that time of year to place your order for lilies to decorate the Sanctuary for the Easter services. You may purchase a lily to honor or remember loved ones. Forms are provided in the bulletin. Cost is \$15.00 each. Orders must be received no later than Sunday, March 19th.



THANK you

On behalf of my mother, Mary Revere, thank you so much for the thoughtful Valentine package. She was so tickled when she opened the envelope and saw so many cards. It really made her day. Thank you for keeping her in your thoughts and prayers.
-Susan Lewis

I would like to extend a heartfelt appreciation to those that sent such beautiful Valentines cards. I was so blessed. The cards are very uplifting to us with health challenges that can't be at church every Sunday. Cards keep me connected. God bless you for your thoughtfulness and kindness. -Jo Harris

Thanks to everyone for the beautiful cards as well as the visits and food. -Myrtle Shockley

March Anniversaries

19th Kevin & Christy Lane
 20th Glen & Millie Daniel
 22nd Tommy & Jackie Owens
 26th Roy & Janice Carswell
 28th Gary & Liz Whitt
 29th Brian & Kathy Seebeck



March Birthday's

3rd	Sherrie Balsley	23rd	Leyna Neal
4th	Ronnie Hardy	24th	Virginia Clark
5th	Deborah Wright		Jean Gifford
6th	Jaydon Wilson	26th	Sonya Blommel
7th	Betty Leadbetter	27th	Peggy Hedgepeth
9th	Millie Daniel	28th	Allen Layne
	Margaret Higgins	29th	Trish Woodson
10th	Gail DeFeo	30th	Byron Blake
	Joan Durvin		
12th	Charity Baker		
15th	Carson Brooks		
16th	June Cross		
	Mitzi Hubble		
19th	Judy Coiner		
	Sydney Dunn		
	Bob Vaughan		
	Mary Lee Wilberger		
20th	Randy Crew		
22nd	Peggy Lambert		

EMT FUNDRAISER

Sunday, March 5th

8:30 am-12:30 pm

Support our Encouragement Ministry Team by purchasing chili and/or Brunswick stew. \$12.00/quart.



MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 2:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved 3:00pm Cantata Rehearsal	27 9:00am Feedmore Truck 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm EMT Meeting 7:00pm Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group	28 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking 6:30pm Personnel Meeting	1 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Bible Study 6:15pm CA's/Truth Trackers 6:15pm Praise Team 7:30pm Basketball 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2 6:30pm WMU Meeting	3	4
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NAMETAGS

Please remember to utilize the name tags on Sunday mornings. You can pick up your name tag in the church lobby. Don't have one? Let the church office know and we will be happy to make one for you!

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.

