



Gather. Glorify. Grow. Go.

Shalom Baptist Church Newsletter

March 2024



THE SHALOM NEWSLINE

EASTER

AT
Shalom

Sunday, March 24th

Palm Sunday (Regular Worship Schedule)

Easter Cantata at 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 28th

Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 31st

Sunrise Service at 6:30 am

Regular Worship Schedule

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Miller.....Senior Pastor
Jean Dart.....Minister of Music & Worship
Rev. Nate Puller.....Youth Minister
Kathy Seay.....Children's Ministry Director
Kelly Bittler.....Ministry Assistant
Jeff Farrier..... Church Musician

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Church Office Hours

Monday: 7:30am-5pm, Tuesday: 8am-2pm, Wednesday: 7:30am-3pm

Thursday: 8am-2pm



Mark's Minute

I am so thankful for our Shalom Strategic Leadership Team! They have been meeting with me on a monthly basis to galvanize our new Shalom Vision and Mission Statements. You will most definitely start seeing the following information more and more around Shalom!

Our Vision is simply this: **“Shalom Baptist Church...a community of believers that seeks to Gather, Glorify, Grow, and Go...in the Lord!**

And our Mission Statement simply fleshes out each of those four ACTION verbs:

Gather: Hospitality is crucial to the success of any church. Visitors and members alike need to feel invited, cared for, accepted and loved. The whole church must have a mindset of inclusivity. We must greet and serve each other as Christ did—without judgment, without ulterior motive, but with sincerity and a genuine desire to see each other grow in their service and love for the Lord

Glorify: We glorify God in all aspects of our lives. Worshipping God is a lifestyle. In Psalm 42:1-4 we read that we are to long to know God with an unquenchable thirst, seeking after Him, no matter what we are going through in life. Worshipping God in this way means that we bring all of who we are into His presence and glorify Him with our actions, participation, commitment and dedication. We seek to experience God in worship by drawing together on a regular basis to celebrate Him.

Grow: We recognize that being disciplined is a key to spiritual growth (Jesus had disciples/pupils). We also recognize that within the larger group, growth and discipleship generally happen within “smaller community” (i.e. small groups—the disciples were called out of the larger crowd). Discipleship and growth, thus, happen when people participate in, connect into, and engage in these smaller, more personal settings and situations. This opens up doors of being known, knowing others, and knowing God more intimately.

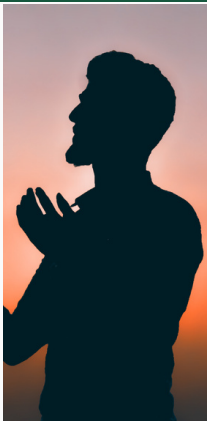
Go: “Go” is a very strong command from our Lord. The word “go” is used 1,542 times in God’s Word. Going is an intentional transition of moving forward in one’s spiritual maturity. United in faith, followers of Christ are automatically called to minister to others. As spiritually mature Christians, we were created, saved, called and commanded to “Go!”

May God bless YOU as you Gather, Glorify, Grow and Go!

In Him,
Pastor Mark

“SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH...A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS THAT SEEKS TO GATHER, GLORIFY, GROW, AND GO...IN THE LORD!”

SHALOM VISION





March 6th
GLAZED HAM

March 13th
SHEPHERD'S PIE

March 20th
BEEF MEXIMELT

March 27th
NO DINNER
(Holy Week)

Cost: \$5.00 for adults
\$2.00 for children
\$12.00 per family

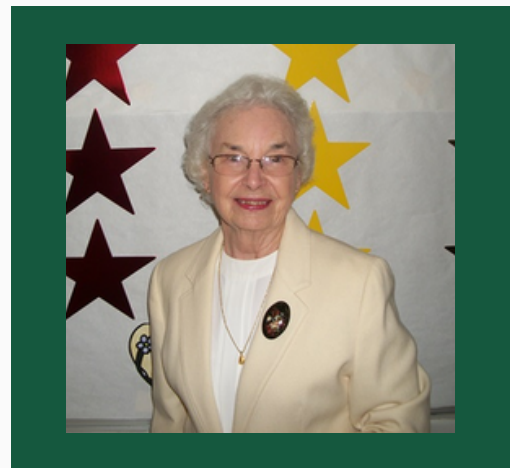
Each week reservation cards will be in the bulletin. Please fill out a card and put it in the offering plate or call the church office with your reservation by 3:00pm Monday and leave a message.

Shut-In of the Month:

Marie Edwards

**132 Lancaster Drive #213
Irvington, VA 22480**

Please remember Marie 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 3rd-10th

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 2024 Prayer Guides are available in the church lobby.



The Sisters in Service Circle meets Monday, March 11th at 10:00 am in the Co-Ed classroom. For more information contact Ann McFaden.

The Beloved Circle meets Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30 pm in the Believer's classroom. For more information contact Virginia Ryan.

Upcoming Events:

May 5th, 2024: Rise Against Hunger packing event will be held in our fellowship hall. We will pack 10,000 meals for those in our world in need. Sign up sheets will be available soon. We will need a set up crew, packers and clean up crew.

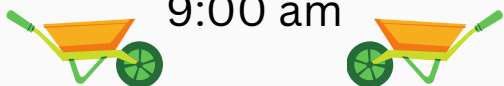


THE SOUPER BOWL CONTEST BROUGHT IN 1,900+ CANS OF SOUP FOR MOMENTS OF HOPE. THE 1ST PLACE GOLDEN SOUP TROPHY WENT TO THE FRIENDSHIP CLASS, FOR THE SECOND YEAR! THE 2ND PLACE SILVER SOUP TROPHY WENT TO THE CANFIELD CLASS. THANK YOU SHALOM!



Landscaping Work Day Saturday, March 2nd

9:00 am



Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group

**Monday, March 25th
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"

The Cancer Support Group has changed their meeting time. They are meeting every **4th TUESDAY** of the month.

Next Meeting

**Tuesday, March 26th
11:00 am**



We have a few things planned for March. The first is the start of a new study for our Tuesday morning Men's Bible study beginning on March 5th. We meet at 8:30 a.m. at Shalom. The new series will be on the Book of Joshua and will last for eight weeks. Please consider joining us as we gather and grow.

There will be a Men's Dinner on Tuesday, 12th, at 6:00 p.m. at a restaurant to be determined. Please mark your calendars and join us for an evening of gathering and food.

On Saturday, March 23rd, consider joining us at the Noble Warrior's Men's Conference that will be held at Mechanicsville Christian Center. This conference will feature two Keynote Speakers, Jarrod Jones, Pastor of Grace Community Church in NY and author, and William "Duce" Branch, Hip-Hop Artist (The Ambassador), Assistant Professor of Preaching and Bible at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Founding Member of the Cross Movement. Additionally, there will be 16 breakout sessions from which you can choose. Please let Ken Hein know if you wish to attend so he can register you.



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 navigating a different path in this life's journey. You are welcome to join our next meeting on **Monday, March 18th.** We will meet at Shalom at 11:15 am and go to Bottoms Up Pizza for lunch.



M Here at Shalom we are looking forward to our March project! We will be collecting under garments for men and boys! (sizes S-M-L T-Shirts and boxer style underwear.

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F MCEF stands for Mechanicsville Church Emergency Functions and provides many services. It is a 100% volunteer managed and operated non-profit organization.

If you prefer giving a monetary donation, checks can be sent to MCEF, P.O. Box 604, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. You can also donate online. All donations are appreciated!

Please note that MCEF has a Senior Rides program. For further information about MCEF and the many programs, please pickup a brochure in our lobby!

Blessings,
Linda Wade

From the Office:



- Church Council Meeting-Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00 pm.
- **Daylight Saving Time Begins on Sunday, March 10th.**
Spring forward!
- April Newsletter entries are due Wednesday, March 20th.



KIDS CORNER

Easter Event

Saturday, March 23rd

10:00 am-1:00 pm

Egg Hunt, Petting Zoo, Easter Display,
Cake Walk & other fun events!



THANK
YOU

to everyone who
made Winterfest
a BLAST!



April 26th & 27th



SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 24-28, 2024

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.

We're inviting you to enter the front gates and join us for "Wow Factor: God Gives Great Gifts." At CentriKid 2024, kids will explore how God gives above and beyond everything they can ask or think.

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



Message from our

Sunday School

Director

Thank you to all who attended the Valentine breakfast. We had approximately 150 people who shared in food and fellowship. Also, in love for each other, our brothers and sisters in Christ. What a blessing it is to belong to the family of God!

Shout outs to the Special Events committee who decorated and made the fellowship hall beautiful. Also, the Men's Ministry who prepared the food. It's amazing the things that can be accomplished when we work as a team, the body of Christ.

Thank you Lord, for your deep and complete love. For loving us even when we are unlovable. You are such a good God! We are humbled, honored and happy to be called your children.

Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for His mercies never end. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness! Lamentations 3:22-23

Thanks,
Debbie Taylor

Thank You

I would like to thank Shalom, my Friendship class, & my Pastor, for all the cards, calls, food, visits and most of all prayers. I am blessed to belong to such a loving and caring church.

In His love,
Faye Cosby



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 \$17.50 each. **Orders must be received no later than Sunday, March 17th.**



After our trip to Winter Jam we are now looking forward to the month of March. This month we will be having a Skate Night out on March 7th. We are working with a community of homeschool students and are planning a field trip on March 15th to Virginia Beach for Dolphin Watching. After that we will be going to the movies on March 21st to watch a new movie, The Ark and The Darkness, based on what we have been learning in Sunday School over the past months.



On-Line Giving Change: When giving through Give Now on our website, there is a fee associated with each donation. The church has been paying these fees. Several people have asked if they could pay the fee rather than the church, so we have made a change to the Give Now form to allow for this option beginning March 1st. You will see a box after your payment information that asks if you would like to pay the fee. If you do not want to pay the fee, unselect this option. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Snead at 804.347.8971.

March Anniversaries

- 19th Kevin & Christy Lane
- 20th Glen & Millie Daniel
- 26th Roy & Janice Carswell
- 28th Gary & Liz Whitt
- 29th Brian & Kathy Seebeck



March Birthday's

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| 3rd | Sherrie Balsley | 18th | Diana Pepler |
| 4th | Ronnie Hardy | 19th | Judy Coiner |
| 5th | Deborah Wright | | Sydney Dunn |
| 7th | Judy Dorazio | | Bob Vaughan |
| | Betty Leadbetter | | Mary Lee Wilberger |
| 9th | Millie Daniel | 20th | Randy Crew |
| | Margaret Higgins | 22nd | Peggy Lambert |
| 10th | Gail DeFeo | 23rd | Leyna Neal |
| | Joan Durvin | 24th | Virginia Clark |
| 12th | Charity Baker | 26th | Sonya Blommel |
| 15th | Carson Brooks | | Bill Mick |
| 16th | June Cross | 28th | Allen Layne |
| | Brecken Garrison | 29th | Trish Woodson |
| | Mitzi Hubble | 30th | Byron Blake |

HOLY WEEK: A TIMELINE

Chronological Bible Reading Plan



PALM SUNDAY

Jesus triumphantly enter Jerusalem
Matthew 21:1-11

Also read: Matt. 20:17-34; Mark 11:1-11;
Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19



TUESDAY

Religious leaders question Jesus
Matthew 21: 23-32

Also read: Mark 11:20-33; Luke 20:1-8



MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Last Supper
Matthew 26:17-29

Also read: Mark 14:12-25;
Luke 22:7-62; John 13:1-35

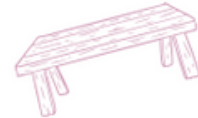


SILENT SATURDAY

Jesus was dead
Matthew 27:62-66

Also read: Luke 23:56

MONDAY



Jesus at the temple; curses a fig tree
Matthew 21: 12-22

Also read: Mark 11:12-19; Luke 19:45-48; John 12:12-19

WEDNESDAY



Judas decides to betray Jesus
Matthew 26:1-16

Also read: Mark 11:11 – 14:11;
Luke 20:1 – 22:6; John 12:20-50

GOOD FRIDAY



Jesus' crucifixion
Matthew 27:1-61

Also read: Mark 15:1-47;
Luke 22:66 – 23:55; John 18:28 – 19:42

EASTER SUNDAY

Jesus is Risen!
Matthew 28

Also read: Mark 16:1-8;
Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-9



MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8:30am Worship 9:20am He Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Easter Cantata Rehearsal 4:00pm Girl Scout Meeting	26 9:00am Feedmore Truck 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm EMT Meeting 7:00pm Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group	27 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:45am Men's Choir Rehearsal 11:00am Cancer Support Group Meeting 6:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved (Dee Miller)	28 5:30pm Supper 6:00pm The Haven (Youth) 6:15pm Bible Study 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	29 7:00pm Marriage Enrichment Small Group	1	2 Fellowship Hall Reserved (Fraley) 9:00am Landscaping Work Day
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