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Shalom Baptist Church Newsletter

November 2020



# THE SHALOM NEWSLINE



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# Mark's Minute

As many of you know, we, at Shalom, have been working our way through the book of 1 Peter on Sunday mornings. It is the first of two letters written by the apostle Peter to the churches scattered throughout Asia Minor...during a time when Christian persecution was really starting to ramp up under Emperor Nero.

And when we realize that it was written during persecution, that adds another whole dimension to phrases like, "submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority, whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority or to governors who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right."

We learn in those verses, that believers in Christ are to live "counter culturally"...as Kingdom citizens, first. This submission is for the Lord's sake (as a witness for Christ and for His example (see 1 Peter 2:21-23). God established an order for government (versus disorder and anarchy)...BUT that divinely instituted system of government authority is to be aligned with these two functions: 1) to punish those who do wrong; and 2) to commend those who do right. Now, if the government authority is NOT aligned with those two functions, then Christianity allows for passive resistance (see Acts 5:27-29).

We ALSO learned that these principles apply to our workplace authorities (our bosses) as well. But amazingly enough, by using the word "likewise" in 1 Peter 3:1, Peter is ALSO saying that this submission is related to a new believing wife to her non-Christian husband. Our marriages, then, are to be "counter cultural". They are to reflect our "Kingdom citizenship". And (at least according to 1 Peter 3:1) the Christian wife submitting to her non-Christian husband is 1) for the Lord's sake; 2) as a witness of Christ and His example; 3) and to reflect the divinely instituted order in the family that God established. However, when the non-Christian spouse tells his Christian wife to do something directly against a major in God's Word, then that's where passive resistance (even in a marriage) is permissible.

Now...here's something you may not realize: Peter (who was writing this letter) was married. In Matthew 8:14-15 we read, "When Jesus came into Peter's house, He saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. [Jesus] touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on Him." In order to have a mother-in-law, you have to have a spouse. Not only that, but in 1 Corinthians 9:5, the apostle Paul writes these words: "Don't we have a right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles, and the Lord's brothers and Peter?"

Think about this: when Peter married his wife...neither one of them was a Christian (because Jesus had not begun His public ministry yet). In fact, Jesus didn't even call Peter until Matthew chapter 4...and just four chapter after that (in Matthew 8) we find Jesus healing Peter's wife's mother. I think we can make a safe assumption that the MARRIED Peter encountered Jesus FIRST...BEFORE his wife did. And...no doubt... Peter influenced her for the Lord.

Her husband AND her mama could both testify to the Lord's power, couldn't they? Who...in your family...did you first see Christ at work in? And...who in your family...is seeing Christ working in you?

In Him,  
Pastor Mark





Meet our Deacon for the month of November:

*Kevin Kelly*



November Church Council Meeting

**11/03/20**

**7:00 PM**



**Current Deacons**

Ron Bowles  
David Booth  
Kevin Clear  
Ken Clibourne

Gordon Eary  
Ken Hein, Chair  
Wayne Hufner  
Kevin Kelly

Courtland Lambert  
Tommy Owens  
Jane Snead

Shut-In of the Month:

*Joyce Brown*

**7600 Autumn Park Way  
Room 503 B  
Mechanicsville, VA 23116**

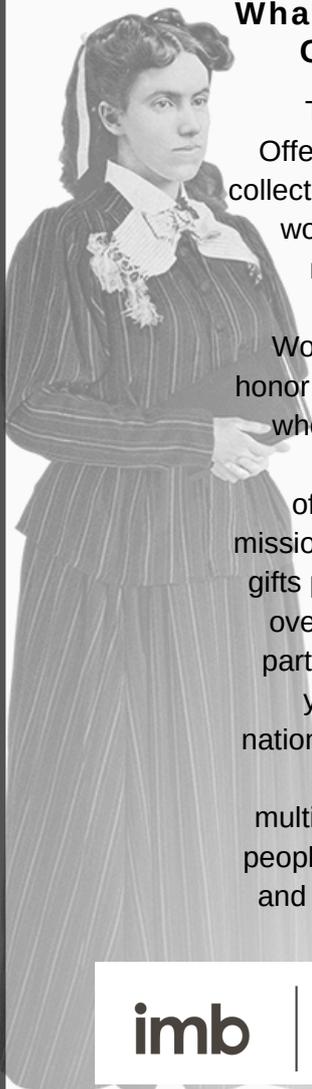
Please remember Joyce this month by sending her a card or calling. It means so much to our Shut-Ins, that they are remembered and that we still care.



*Please remember that visitation is not permitted at most nursing homes and assisted living locations due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus. Please check in with all of our shut-ins, to make them feel loved, and connected to our church family!*



A Great *Multitude* + You  
Rev 7:9



**What is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?**

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® is an annual offering collected by believers around the world to support international missions. The offering was officially named in 1918 by Woman's Missionary Union in honor of the missionary to China who urged churches to start it and give sacrificially. This offering is unique from other mission offerings in that 100% of gifts provide for missionaries all over the world. It is a valuable part of Southern Baptists' 175-year history of reaching the nations with the gospel and vital to reaching the vision of a multitude from every language, people tribe and nation knowing and worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 7:9).



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CHRISTMAS  
OFFERING®

**Nursery Reminder**

If you are utilizing the nursery please make sure you bring diapers, wipes, change of clothes, sippy cup/bottle, etc. for your child.



Thank you!



**Bless a Child With a Shoebox Gift**

We are collecting shoeboxes filled with items for children around the world. Pre-printed shoeboxes are available in the Welcome Center or you can build a box online. Mark your calendar. We are collecting the shoeboxes on Sunday, November 15th.



**GOAL:  
200 BOXES**



**Bland Ministry Center**

FOOD PANTRY • CLOTHES CLOSET • DENTAL CLINIC • HOME REPAIR

Due to Covid-19, the Bland Ministry Center has requested monetary donations in place of a gift collection. This season we are collecting monetary donations to send to the Bland Ministry Center. You can donate by putting "Bland" on your checks or online by choosing 'Missions'-'General' and then writing Bland in the note section, in addition, our November benevolence offering on "Sunday, November 29th" will go to the Bland Ministry Center as well. Thank you for your continued support to the Bland Ministry Center.



## Fiber Artist Ministry Group

Interested in being a part of a crochet and knitting ministry group at Shalom?

Each meeting will begin with a short devotional that leads into a time of working on crochet and knitting projects together. Group projects may include scarves, hats, baby blankets, prayer shawls, and other items that can be donated or shared with those in need.

The group is open to all fiber artists (crochet or knit) of all skill levels. Basic crochet will also be taught to those who are interested in learning. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th starting at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday.

If you're interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Joanna Vasconi at 703-431-1449 or [joannamv3@icloud.com](mailto:joannamv3@icloud.com).

### **List of things to be thankful for (from Debbie Taylor Sunday School Director):**

- Jesus--what a wonderful Savior! What a great love He has for us. We love you Jesus!
- The Bible, God's Holy Word. A lamp for our feet and a light for our path--direction for our lives and our Sword.
- For Pastor Mark--thank you Lord, for providing Your shepherd for this body of Christ. We are also thankful for Pastor Mark's supportive, loving and sweet family.
- Our music ministry---Jean and Jeff, the choir and praise team. Thank you for leading us in music, song and praise to our Lord.
- For our church secretary, Kelly, who is invaluable, efficient and knowledgeable.
- We are grateful to our dedicated Sunday School teachers. We thank God for you and the ministry you provide in His name.
- We are grateful for the many opportunities to serve and shine brightly for our Lord, Jesus Christ. We encourage you to find your fit. You will grow and be blessed.
- Father, we are thankful for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you Lord, for choosing us as Your children, the family of God.

We pray you will be full of thanks to our Lord at Thanksgiving and everyday. Remember the One who provides for our every need and blesses us with all good things. He holds us in His mighty hand. Praise God!

Giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ Ephesians 5:20



# Thanksgiving Ideas

**Read a Thanksgiving Story-** Set aside a few moments on Thanksgiving Day to come together and read a Thanksgiving story like "Thankful" by Eileen Spinelli.

**Write a Thanksgiving poem or prayer-**Take on the project of writing a family Thanksgiving poem or prayer together, allowing each family member to contribute a line or stanza.

**Share Bible Verses About Being Thankful-**Ask each family member to read a favorite Bible verse before the Thanksgiving meal.

**Remember Thanksgivings Past-**During Thanksgiving dinner, ask each family member to share an unforgettable Thanksgiving holiday memory. Don't forget to include children.

**Celebrate with Thanksgiving Communion-**Plan a time of family Communion on Thanksgiving Day to give thanks by remembering Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

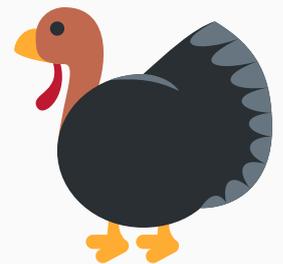
**Pass on a Thanksgiving Blessing-**invite a widow, single person, or someone who is lonely to share in your family Thanksgiving meal. Give a grocery store gift card to a single parent or a struggling family. Fill up a college student's gas tank. Take a piece of pie to a shut-in. The possibilities are endless, so put on your collective thinking caps and get ready to be blessed in return.

**Give a Thanksgiving Offering-** Prepare a special Thanksgiving offering to give to a needy family. Grocery store gift cards are an excellent way to help out families who are struggling to make ends meet. If you don't personally know someone with a need, consider donating money to Shalom's benevolence fund, or help with the many ministry opportunities through Shalom like the Bland Ministry Center, Christian Village, MCEF and/or Moments of Hope.

**Enjoy a Thanksgiving Sports Game or Workout-** Keep the whole family in shape with an active outdoor game or workout activity designed to burn off those extra Thanksgiving calories. Consider kid-friendly physical activities that can be easily adapted for toddlers, teens, and seniors too. For example, plan a neighborhood football game or a long nature hike for the Thanksgiving weekend.

**Watch the Thanksgiving Parade-** Then vote on your favorite float or performance.

**Undertake a Thanksgiving Adoption-**Maybe you know someone who is dealing with a serious illness or injury. Shopping for groceries and cooking an elaborate Thanksgiving meal will probably be too exhausting and expensive for them. Why not lift that burden off their shoulders by letting the family know you plan to adopt them at Thanksgiving? Then prepare and deliver their feast, or at least their groceries, in advance.





**Upcoming Meetings**

**WMU Morning Group:** Monday, November 9th at 10:00 AM

Contact: Ann McFaden 804-746-0678

**NEW-WMU Evening Group:** Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 PM

Contact: Mitzi Hubble 804-937-4515 or Virginia Ryan 804-370-0583

*\*Both meetings will be held at Shalom\**

**Upcoming Events**

Lottie Moon Mailbox-info. to follow

Week of Prayer for International Missions-Nov. 29th-Dec. 6th

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering In-gathering-Dec. 6th

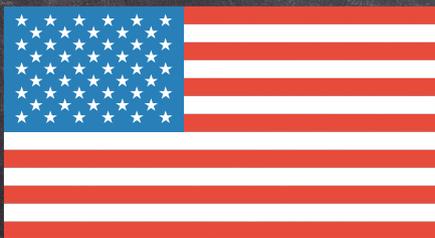
**THANK YOU!**

Shalom Family,  
 Thank you so much for the care package! It means so much to me to get something so thoughtful! I tune in every Sunday to the live stream, so even though I don't get to see your smiling faces, I can still see the back of your heads! Thank you again!  
 Blessings,  
 Morgan Miller



- Shalom provided over 300 bag lunch meals to give out on September 26th; included was fried chicken and potato salad.
- Moments of Hope served 363 people on October 3rd.
- For Thanksgiving we are asking church members to pack a to-go container. These meals will be given out on Thanksgiving Day. For more information contact Faye Cosby at 804-839-0686.
- Tote Food Drive: contact Faye to get a tote and fill it up.
- **Please pray for the Moments of Hope ministry!**

*Happy Veteran's Day*



Honoring all who served!

**From the Office**

The church office will be closed Thursday, November 26th and Friday November 27th in observance of Thanksgiving.

<p>• November •</p> <p><b>26th</b></p>	<p>• November •</p> <p><b>27th</b></p>
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# Stewardship Snippet

We in Stewardship would like to again remind folks reading the newsletter, this column and the occasional Stewardship message email, is designed to help those that may like getting information regarding what stewardship looks like from a biblical perspective. We hope that in a small way it will help provide an educational framework that can help those that just like little pieces of information to help them find financial contentment. It's not unlike the Dave Ramsey class but in a different format. We are using the Ron Blue approach. He is a Certified Financial Advisor that uses biblical principles to help people understand how to manage what God has given them.

Last time you were introduced to the five short-term objectives. One of those was cash-flow margin. This one may be the one most people need the most help with. We'll look at that in more depth in future articles. Now we'd like to move to the long-term objectives. Those include financial independence, family needs, paying off debt, lifestyle desires and giving. Financial independence is having enough resources to fund all the short-term objectives. Reaching financial independence is never achieved by reaching a certain number, but rather you reach a point when you surrender your finances with respect to God's ownership and your stewardship. Family needs may be the desire to assist children with educational expenses. This can be a challenging objective. The long-term objective of paying off debt could involve being completely out of debt, including on your home. Lifestyle objectives is unique to each family. This objective finishes the statement, "I want to change my lifestyle by...". This objective gives you the most opportunity to seek the wisdom of God by asking Him what He would desire me to do or what lifestyles changes He wants for me. The last long-objective is giving. This one is different than just tithing. This is in addition to tithing. This is your offering to God. Is there a long-term goal in mind, something you'd like to do that supports God's work somewhere? So how much money is enough? You won't know until you can define and quantify both your short-term and long-term objectives. It's like running a race, you keep running until to reach the finish line. It's the same with your financial goals, how do you know when you have enough. So determine your finish line, then you can determine how to get there.

"Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can" -John Wesley



# Beloved Women's Ministry

## DON'T FORGET

### Bonfire, Hotdogs, S'mores & Fellowship

**Date:** Saturday, November 7th

**Time:** 5:30 PM-Until

**Place:** Home of Susie Lewis  
5059 Dixie Ridge Lane  
Mechanicsville, VA

**Bring:** Chair, flashlight, blanket, Bible and a friend.

**Contact:** Dawn Hansen at 804-647-2925



### Attention Shalom Men

We are exploring the interest to forming a new men's Bible study to be held on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. here at Shalom. We would like to begin this study in January and would like to know if you would attend. The course of study will be determined by the group and would be led by those who would volunteer. Please contact Ken Hein by email at [kenneth.hein.1@comcast.net](mailto:kenneth.hein.1@comcast.net) and let him know your interest.



# M C E F

If anyone is interested in any Volunteer opportunities, MCEF may be the right fit for you. Go to [www.4mcef.com](http://www.4mcef.com) and download the Volunteer Form. Don't have a computer? Call Vicki @ 516-8329 and she will be glad to get a form to you.

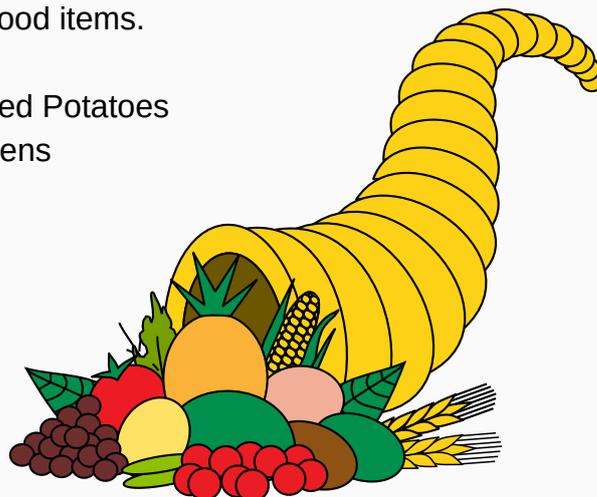
Thanksgiving will be here before we know it so please open your hearts and think of those less fortunate than many of us and be kind enough to share some food items.

### Food Items Needed:

- Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Collard Greens
- 24 oz. Applesauce
- Boxed Stuffing
- Jars of Gravy
- Cornbread Mix
- Cake Mix and Icing
- Brownie Mix.
- Kroger paper bags

### Clothing Needs:

- Large tops for women (XXL & Larger)
- Kids winter clothes (especially for boys)
- Coats
- New Underwear & Socks (all sizes and for all ages)





Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this month has found you well.

November is upon us. Time for election again.

We as Americans, are a privileged people. We live in a country where we are able to elect those who rule our country.

Sadly, in the last election millions of evangelical Christians did not cast a vote!

This election is the most important in the history of our country.

If you have not yet voted, I implore you to vote. First of all, investigate the credentials of each candidate. Next, spend some time in prayer and ask God to direct you, He is faithful and He will. 2 Chronicles 7:14 states, "if my people who are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and heal their land."

If ever our country needs cleansed and healed is now. Suicides are on the rise, deaths due to overdose is on the rise, a deadly virus continues to claim lives, riots in our streets, etc. etc.

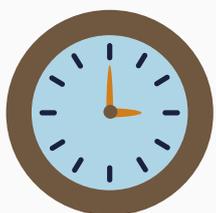
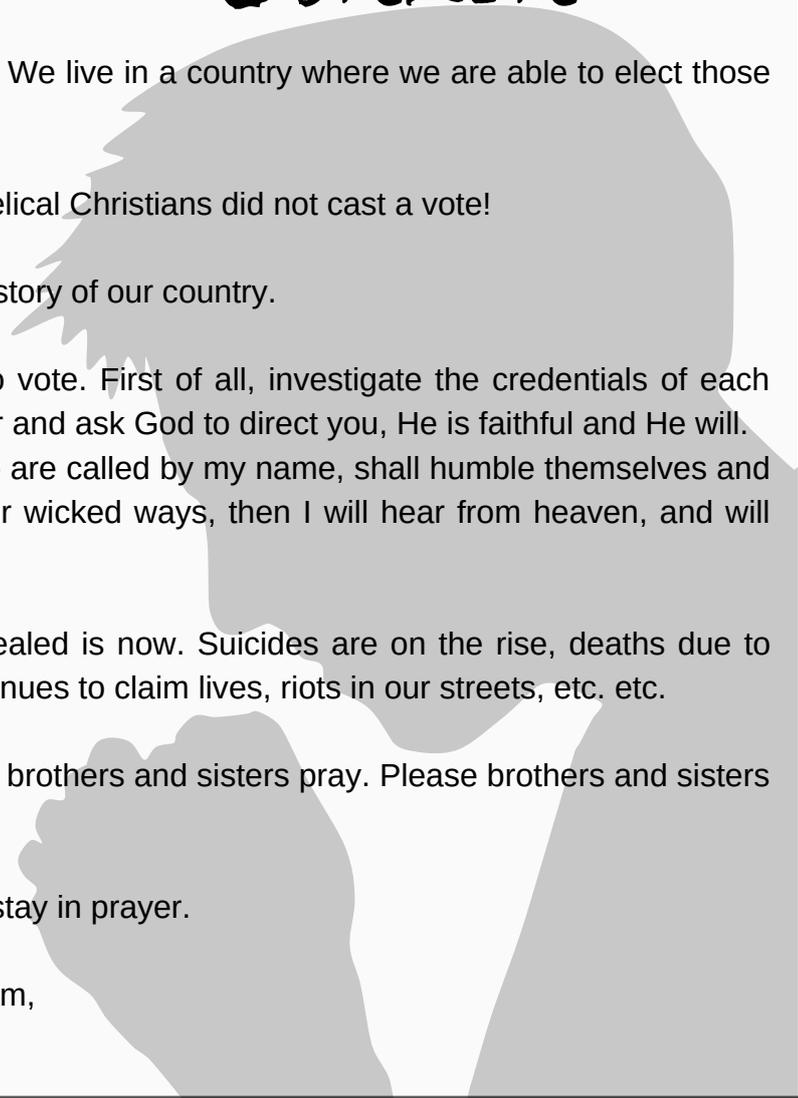
Our land is so in need of a healing. Please, brothers and sisters pray. Please brothers and sisters vote!

Stay strong, stay united, stay healthy, and stay in prayer.

Until next month may God bless you, for I am,

*Dee*

## Prayer Corner



Daylight Saving Time Ends!  
It's TIME to FALL back 1 hour on  
November 1st.





# Celebrate!

## November Anniversaries

- 13th David & Rose Wheat
- 14th Robbie & Shannon Brooks  
Melinda & John Wilson
- 17th Chuck & Mitzi Hubble
- 19th Terry & Trish Woodson
- 20th Don & Sandy Setliff
- 21st Vonnie & Carol Loving
- 25th Burt & Tammy Olsen



## November Birthday's

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|------|------------------|------|------------------|
| 1st  | Mary Beth Brown  | 17th | Shannon Brooks   |
|      | Robin Summers    | 19th | Dawn Russell     |
| 2nd  | Karen Friedel    | 20th | Taylor Friedel   |
|      | Olivia Norman    |      | Dick Liskie      |
| 3rd  | Logan Atkinson   |      | May McAllister   |
|      | Robert Seay      | 21st | Virginia Ryan    |
|      | Agnes Seay       | 22nd | Hayden Miller    |
| 5th  | Chris Agee       |      | David Wheat      |
|      | Steve Garbett    | 23rd | Renee Norman     |
| 7th  | Gloria Blackwell | 24th | Cody Grubbs      |
| 8th  | Maci West        | 26th | Ed Johnson       |
| 9th  | Jake Bell        |      | Nancy Williams   |
|      | Victoria Byrd    | 27th | Robbie Brooks    |
|      | Kevin Clear      |      | Emma Lane        |
| 11th | Madeline Byrd    |      | Landyn Miller    |
|      | Mary Potter      |      | Dave Miragliotta |
|      | Bruce Young      | 28th | Roy Carswell     |
| 12th | Donald Felts     | 29th | Lydia Baldwin    |
| 13th | Jeff Farrier     | 30th | Billy Norman     |
|      | Eddie Hudson     |      | Albert Scott     |
| 15th | Eileen Cosby     |      |                  |
|      | Mark Helmick     |      |                  |
| 16th | Liz Crew         |      |                  |

## ← Covid-19 Update →

- Shalom Baptist Church is still abiding by the Governor's order and in Phase 3.
- Masks are to be worn over nose and mouth while in the church building.
- Remember when interacting with others to maintain social distancing.





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*Reminder*

*Bible Study  
every Wednesday  
at 6:15 PM*

*Reminder*  
*to thaw your turkey!*

Refrigerator Thawing Times  
4 to 12 pounds — 1 to 3 days.  
12 to 16 pounds — 3 to 4 days.  
16 to 20 pounds — 4 to 5 days.  
20 to 24 pounds — 5 to 6 days.