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Shalom Baptist Church Newsletter

November 2021



# THE SHALOM NEWSLINE

HAPPY  
*Thanksgiving*

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## Mark's Minute

This May, I will be taking a pastoral sabbatical (or clergy renewal), while our church also enters into a time of spiritual renewal. For those of you who attended our last church quarterly business meeting on Sunday, October 17th, you know that we are now including a time of "Sabbatical Questions and Answers" as part of each quarterly business meeting (through April 2022). So, I thought it might be helpful over the next several months to talk through some of the questions I received.

What is the timeframe of the Sabbatical? May 1 – August 15, with Sunday, May 1 being a "passing of the baton Sunday" to our Associate Pastor (and Sabbatical Interim), Rev. Dan McFaden.

What is the theme of this Sabbatical? My part of "Shalom on Sabbatical" will center around what I consider to be the four main roles of a Minister in a church: 1) Pastoral Caregiver (Shepherd), 2) Leader (Equipper), 3) Preacher, and 4) Teacher. Different aspects of my sabbatical correspond to these different roles.

For instance, regarding my role as "Pastoral Caregiver" (visiting, counseling, crisis care, shepherding, etc.) my Sabbatical will include some intentional times of rest, rejuvenation, spiritual readings, meditation and prayer, prayer journaling, etc. At both the beginning and the end of this sabbatical time, I will spend some uninterrupted time at a member's condo at Smith Mountain Lake. I will pray, write, read, prepare for an upcoming journey, take walks, and reflect on where I've been in ministry and where God is guiding me in my next years at Shalom. I will also enjoy time with my family, both in travel and at home. That, too, will provide a greater balance in my life. I recognize that I am only as effective as a pastoral care giver as I, myself, am being renewed and filled by God. This time of rest, rejuvenation and relaxation is designed to help me approach the next years of ministry ready to offer our church pastoral care out of a refilled and refueled position.

Next, there is my role as a Leader (and Equipper). As part of this sabbatical journey, I am lining up visits with pastors and staff teams of churches that are functioning "at the next level" then Shalom currently is functioning. This might be a church at the next level numerically (500-600 in attendance), or this might be a church that has a clearer discipleship strategy in place, or this might be a church that has successfully navigated an area where Shalom has struggled to gain traction in the past. Some of the pastors that I will be receiving coaching from have been where we are currently and have successfully led their churches to the next level. I want to learn from them (and their staff teams). When it comes to leading a church "at the next level", I want to learn more about: discipleship strategies, church organizational structures, growth barriers and growth multipliers, staffing structure and specific staffing positions, leadership strategies and time management (at the next level).

Finally, in my roles as Preacher and Teacher, I look forward to learning through a marriage retreat with my wife and also traveling to Greece and Turkey with my daughter, Morgan, for a "Footsteps of Paul and Seven Churches of Revelation" tour. This educational travel tour will be

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led by a college professor, Dr. Mark Fairchild. There is no doubt in my mind that a tour such as this will be beneficial for both my depth of teaching and preaching.

I hope this helps to give you a big picture of the “pastor’s part” of “Shalom on Sabbatical”. Next month, I will share with you, the church’s part...

In Him,  
Pastor Mark

# welcome

## PASTOR DAN MCFADEN

A Circuitous Route



Have you ever been on US route 129 from Tennessee to North Carolina through the Great Smoky Mountains? It is an 11-mile stretch of highway with 318 curves known as the "tail of the dragon." It ends at Deal's Gap where one can recover from the ordeal of those scary s-turns!

Sometimes our pilgrim's path in Christ is like that highway. Mine certainly has been! Someone who read my resume one time and noted my switching from ministry to teaching to both as the same time commented, "Couldn't you make up your mind?"

God has a path for all of us. Sometimes it is flat and straight; sometimes it is curvy and rough. He certainly directed mine so that I could be here at Shalom as your Associate Pastor. Decades of teaching at many different levels and holding various ministry positions have equipped me to become what I am.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own wisdom; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight."* Proverbs 3:5-6

Although it has been circuitous path at times, God has led me here to Shalom Baptist Church to serve Him, and I ask for your prayers as we all seek to advance His Kingdom here in Mechanicsville.

-Dan McFaden  
Associate Pastor



Meet our Deacon for the month of November:



*Rhonda Neal*

Shut-In of the Month:

*Mary Potter*



**Elizabeth Crump Henrico**  
**3600 Mountain Road**  
**Glen Allen, VA 23060**

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.



November 3rd  
CHICKEN POT PIE

November 10th  
BREAKFAST FOR DINNER

November 17th  
HAM & SWISS SLIDERS

November 24th  
NO MEAL  
(THANKSGIVING)

**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.



## 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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# Together

WE TRANSFORM LIVES

*Your 2020 gifts at work:*

- 422 NEW MISSIONARIES
- 18,380 NEW CHURCHES
- 86,587 PEOPLE BAPTIZED
- 144,322 NEW BELIEVERS
- 769,494 HEARD GOSPEL

*week of prayer*

**NOV. 28TH - DEC. 5TH**

**Dover WMU Annual Lottie Moon Christmas Tea**

Date: Sunday, December 5, 2021  
Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Berea Baptist Church  
15421 Pouncey Tract Road –  
Rockville

Sign up by: November 21, 2021  
Send an email to:  
wmumission@aol.com subject:  
WMU Christmas Tea



**Upcoming Meetings**

**Evening Group:** November 4th at 7:00 PM at church. For more information contact Virginia Ryan at 804-370-0683 or Mitzi Hubble at 804-937-4515.

**Morning Group:** November 8th at 10:00 AM at church. For more information contact Ann McFaden at 804-513-0053.

**Global World Hunger Emphasis Wednesday Night Dinner raised \$522.00 to Moments of Hope! PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!**

**Children in Action-**Every Wednesday-6:15 PM-7:15 PM. For more information contact Desiree Pippin at 804-651-6062. CAs will be exploring and learning about Baptist churches in Hawaii on Wednesday evenings during the month of November.

**Upcoming Events**

Nov. 1st-World Day of Prayer-Mechanicsville Baptist Church- 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Nov. 5th-WMUV Annual Meeting-Zoom Meeting-For more information contact Ann McFaden.

Nov. 28th-Lottie Moon Christmas mailbox available in front of the Fellowship Hall. Suggestion donation per card \$0.50 instead of postage. More details to follow.

From the Office

- Church Directory Update-Myrtle Shockley's new number: 804-296-5087
- Church Council-Tuesday, November 2nd at 7 PM
- The church office will be closed Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th in observance of Thanksgiving.
- December Newsletter entries are due Wed. December 22nd.



- Wednesday, November 3rd- team leaves at 8:00 AM and travel to install replacement windows in Tommy Owen's sister's house.
- Saturday, November 13th-Dinner at Nanny's
- Saturday, December 11th-Men's Breakfast at Shalom at 8:00 AM.

**Contact Ken Hen to register for any of these events 804-357-7200**



## UPDATE

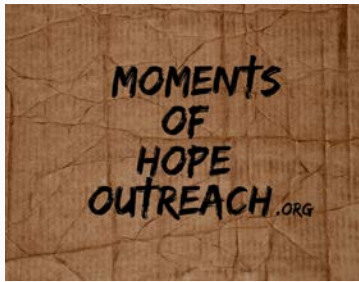
This Thanksgiving MCEF will celebrate 45 years of helping friends and neighbors in Mechanicsville. As an all-volunteer organization, God has truly blessed this ministry. Many thanks to all here at Shalom who so generously donated the Thanksgiving goods to MCEF. I had quite a haul last Sunday! During October and November please continue to bring **Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Gravy or Brownie Mix. Regular sizes please.**

Clothing needs are still for fall and winter. Children's and adults, all sizes, casual jackets and shorter coats and washable are most useful. Hooded sweatshirts are always popular. Another current need is men's medium, boxer-style underwear.

Linen needs are towels and washcloths, new or lightly used and clean. Also, new or lightly used clean queen and king sheets. Please mark sizes.

### Fundraising Opportunities:

- Richmond Raceway hosts several concerts a year. They have asked MCEF if we would like to provide volunteers to work at these events from 5 PM-9 PM. MCEF would receive \$10.00 an hour for each volunteer. If you have questions about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Karen Tucker at [karen@broadusmcb.org](mailto:karen@broadusmcb.org) for dates and needs.
- No Room at the Inn will be held December 3, 4 and 5. If you have a nativity you would like to display, please contact Susan Darling at [noroomnativity@gmail.com](mailto:noroomnativity@gmail.com). This is one of Church of the Redeemer's major displays and fundraisers. If you would like to volunteer a few hours helping to get this event set up, please contact Diane Atkins at [datkins@churchredeemer.org](mailto:datkins@churchredeemer.org). A flyer is posted on the bulletin board outside of the Fellowship Hall.
- Broadus Memorial Baptist will host their Living Nativity on December 3, 4, 5 and 10, 11, 12. This is a walk through event with live animals, music and much more. Limited golf carts are available for those with mobility issues. This event is free, but you need to call Broadus at 804-779-2700 to reserve a ticket.



### Room in the Inn 2021

Christmas is quickly approaching and so is our annual Room in the Inn program! With the belief that no one should have to spend Christmas Eve and Christmas night outside, our goal is to provide a Room in the inn packages to at least 100 unsheltered households. Packages will include the following:

- One private motel room per household for Christmas Eve and Christmas night  
100 rooms (2 nights) @ \$90/night=\$18,000
- One fast food gift card per family member  
150 cards @ \$20/card=\$3,000
- Four microwavable meals per family member  
600 meals @ \$2/meal=\$1,200
- A warm Mo Hope hoodie for each family member  
150 hoodies @ \$20/hoodie=\$2,000
- Two pairs of new socks for each family member  
Donated by Bombas sock company.

The total cost of this program will be \$24,200. We truly need your support this year. Please specify Room in the Inn when you give. Thank you!



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 14th.

**GOAL:  
200 BOXES**



## Bland Ministry Center

FOOD PANTRY • CLOTHES CLOSET • DENTAL CLINIC • HOME REPAIR

We will be collecting money again this year for Christmas for the Bland Ministry Center. The center will then be able to purchase gifts for the children. This was very successful last year. Many wants and needs were met because of Shalom's generosity.





# Stewardship Snippet

Please read this message from Billy Graham Devotional about our real purpose of our stewardship.

"And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world . . ."—Matthew 24:14 (TLB)

We are stewards of the Gospel. The power to proclaim the greatest news in heaven or on earth was not given to the angels. It was given to redeemed men. This was addressed to humble laymen. Some think that only ministers are to preach, but that is wrong. Every Christian is to be a witness; every follower of Christ is to preach the Gospel.

We can preach by sharing our experience with others. We can preach by exalting Christ in our daily lives. Sermons which are seen are often more effective than those which are heard. The truth is: the best sermons are both heard and seen. They are a sort of audiovisual testimony. We can also preach by giving to others, so they may preach. Missionary gifts, church offerings, and charitable contributions all speak eloquently of your unselfishness and Christian generosity.

In all these things, we are partners with God. We are helping by His grace to redeem the world. God needs our time, our talents, our witnessing, and our money, today more than at any other time in history. Become a full, working partner with God.

## **Prayer for the day:**

Wherever I go today, make me conscious of the people I meet. They need Your love. So whether I can speak of You to them, say a kind word or minister in any way, I would be like You, Lord—ever loving, ever giving.



# Prayer Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the blink of an eye another month has come and gone.

As I gaze out my window and look to the sky, a rainbow appears as the leaves gently fly!

The trees are about to show us just how lovely it is to let old things go and begin anew.

Isaiah 42:9 reads, "Behold the former things have come to past, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them."

I recently I met Janet Smith and she and I have been collaborating on what we would like to do as a church leading up to this Holy holiday season.

The explanation is as follows.

Be blessed for I am,  
Dee

Dear Shalom Family,

As we enter the seasons of Thanksgiving and Advent, we are inviting the church to join us in a "Praise and Promise" prayer focus. We find chaos surrounding our community, our nation, and our world. Christians must use the best weapon available against "...this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:12. Our weapon is "...the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with prayer and supplication." Ephesians 6:17-18.

Please prepare your heart for a season of repentance, prayer and fasting November 15-28. Meditate on Psalm 139:22-24: "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there is any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

When our prayers come directly from God's word, we allow for God's will, now our own agenda. As we multiply this power in united prayer, God can do mighty things by softening hearts, mending broken relationships, and revealing Truth.

More information will follow in our early November worship times.

Love in Christ,  
Janet Smith & Dee Miller



Children's Church is in need of leaders for the 4th Sunday for the 11 AM service.

Children are having a campfire Saturday, November 13th 5 PM-7 PM in the back parking lot. We will have hotdogs, chips, hot cocoa and s'mores. Please sign up by filling out the card insert in the bulletin on October 31st and November 7th or call the church office at 804-746-7737.

Children's Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 4th at 9 AM. Sign up required. More information coming soon!



**Upcoming Youth Events**

Saturday, Nov. 6th-  
Decorate Youth Room-  
10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Sunday, Nov. 7th-Decorating & Basketball  
3:00 PM-5:00 PM

Sunday, Nov. 21st-Bake & Deliver Pumpkin  
Pies-3:00 PM-5:00 PM

Shalom is hosting the annual

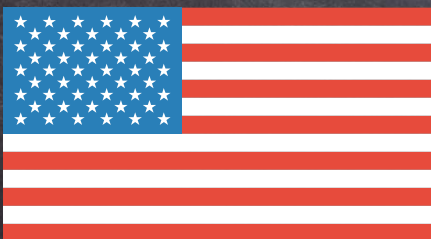
*Community Thanksgiving Service*

Monday, November 22nd at 7:00 PM

Communion will be served and there will be an offering taken up for MCEF as well as a food drive for canned peas and canned corn.



*Happy Veteran's Day*



Honoring all who served!

**THANKYOU**

I'm so very thankful to my church family for the help and assistance I received in moving. I'm so grateful for all you. Thank you so much!



Love,  
Peggy Hedgepeth





# Celebrate!

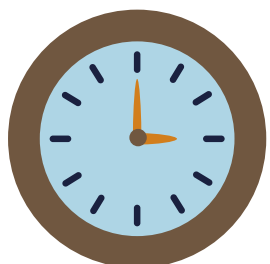
## November Anniversaries

- 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



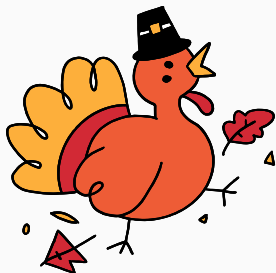
## November Birthday's

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



Daylight Saving Time Ends!  
It's TIME to FALL back 1 hour on  
November 7th.





# November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal 5:30 PM Warriors (Youth)	<b>1</b> 10:00 AM World Day of Prayer 5:00 PM Staff Meeting	<b>2</b> 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Walking 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	<b>3</b> 5:30 PM Dinner 6:15 PM Bible Study 6:15 PM Children in Action 6:15 PM Praise Team 6:15 PM Youth 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM Overcomers Outreach 7:00 PM WMU Meeting	<b>5</b> WMUV Annual Meeting	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM Warriors (Youth)
<b>7</b> 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal 3:00 PM Warriors (Youth)	<b>8</b> 10:00 AM WMU Meeting 5:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>9</b> BGAV Annual Meeting 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Walking 7:00 PM Stewardship Meeting	<b>10</b> BGAV Annual Meeting 5:30 PM Dinner 6:15 PM Bible Study 6:15 PM Children in Action 6:15 PM Praise Team 6:15 PM Youth 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM Overcomers Outreach	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 4:30 PM Men's Ministry Dinner 5:00 PM Children's Campfire
<b>14</b> 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 1:30 PM Deacon's Meeting 3:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal 3:00 PM Children's Drama Workshops 6:00 PM Night of Thanks & Praise	<b>15</b> 5:00 PM Staff Meeting	<b>16</b> 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Walking	<b>17</b> 5:30 PM Dinner 6:15 PM Bible Study 6:15 PM Children in Action 6:15 PM Praise Team 6:15 PM Youth 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice	<b>18</b> 7:00 PM Overcomers Outreach	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal 3:00 PM Warriors (Youth)	<b>22</b> 9:00 AM Feedmore Truck 5:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00 PM Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group	<b>23</b> 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Walking	<b>24</b> 5:30 PM Dinner 6:15 PM Bible Study 6:15 PM Children in Action 6:15 PM Praise Team 6:15 PM Youth 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice	<b>25</b> 6:00 PM Cancer Support Group 7:00 PM Overcomers Outreach	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Lottie Moon Christmas Mailbox opens 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 5:00 PM Staff Meeting	<b>30</b> 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Walking 7:00 PM Personnel Committee Meeting	<b>1</b> 5:30 PM Dinner 6:15 PM Bible Study 6:15 PM Children in Action 6:15 PM Praise Team 6:15 PM Youth 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM Overcomers Outreach 7:00 PM WMU Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM Children's Christmas Party

