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Shalom Baptist Church Newsletter

October 2021



# THE SHALOM NEWSLINE

October is

*Pastor Appreciation*

Month

"...press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:14 ESV

Thank you Pastor Mark!

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# MARK'S MINUTE

As you know, we, as a church, are preparing for an upcoming time of Sabbatical from May 1, 2022 – August 15, 2022 and we are calling it, “Shalom on Sabbatical”. Also as you know I have been using these past several month’s worth of articles in our church newsletter to address some common congregational concerns that Robert Saler highlights in his book, Planning Sabbaticals. The first common concern I talked about was: “I work hard, too! Why don’t I get a Sabbatical?” The second common concern I addressed was: “Is this just a long vacation?” And then, last month, I tackled a third common concern, and that was, “Will the church survive without the Pastor?” (to which, if you recall, I answered a resounding “YES!”).

Well, this month, we address the final concern in Saler’s book, and that is: “Will the pastor leave if they go on Sabbatical?” Some people fear that if a pastor steps away from the congregation, that individual might discern a call to leave.

But, let’s not forget that Sabbatical leaves are really designed for healthy pastors in healthy congregations. Knowing that, everybody can rest a little bit easier. The pastor should be doing this in order to be refreshed for continued ministry in that particular congregation. Therefore, the congregation, can view this Sabbatical experience as an investment in their own future as a future shared with that pastor. Pastors “moving on” to other churches should be viewed as an exception and not the rule.

That’s also why, it is not abnormal for congregations and their pastors (who are embarking together on Sabbatical journeys) to sign some sort of agreement that specifies that the pastor will remain with that church at least a year (or more) after the Sabbatical is completed. As Saler states in his book, “Pastors agreeing to remain in the congregation after the sabbatical leave are demonstrating that they understand the sabbatical to be a part of the total congregational endeavor, meant to strengthen the relationship between the pastor and the congregation for the long haul.”

Fact is, Shalom, I love being the pastor of Shalom. Period. I love what I get to do each day. I love our community of faith and I can honestly say that if I weren’t the pastor here, my family and I would probably attend this church. Furthermore, I pray that this Sabbatical renewal will set all of us (as pastor AND congregation) on a trajectory for continued health, growth, hope and vision.

In Him,  
*Pastor Mark*

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PASTOR  
MARK





Shut-in of the Month:

*Myrtle Shockley*

8198 Greenview Road  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111



Please remember Myrtle 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 September:

*Dee Miller*



October 6th  
SOUP & GRILLED CHEESE

October 13th  
BAKED POTATO BAR

October 20th  
CHICKEN BACON RANCH CASSEROLE

October 27th  
BARBECUE

**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.





## Stewardship Snippet

### Control the Flow

Ok, in the last couple of articles we deviated from the book by Ron Blue on his plan for financial contentment. Instead, you got to read devotions from Billy Graham that touched on the topic of giving. We as a church were entering into our budget process and it was timely that we should address our practice of giving our tithes and offerings. Now let's get back to our personal financial growth.

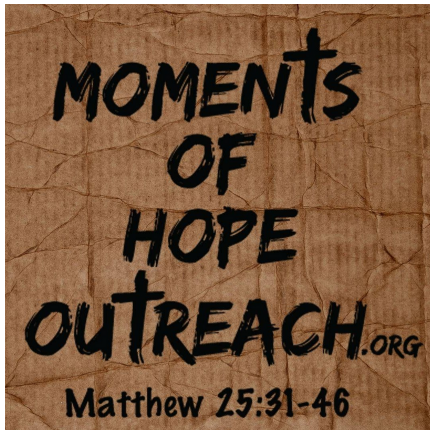
We have discussed Biblical Principles to Money Management, Financial Planning, Dangers of Debt, Setting Goals, and Designing a Financial Plan. Now we need to discuss Cashflow. What do we do with the money that comes in? In the old days, it was the cookie jar. All the money that was earned it went in the jar. When the jar was empty, you stopped spending. Then the envelope system was used. You allocated money for certain things and when the envelope was empty, you spent all for that category. With both these methods, three principles were applied to cashflow. First, money is always allocated. Second, spending stopped when empty. Lastly, people knew their current financial situation. These principles must be in place in any cash-flow process.

There is a five-step process to putting in place a cashflow process. It may take as much as two years to get it up and running properly. One key is to be flexible. Remember it's a process, not a law. Changes can be made. The process is as follows: First, estimate your living expenses. Second, record what actually happens; this helps you increase your awareness of where your money is going. Third, establish a budget. After a period of time, two or three months, you now have an idea of your expenses and can create a budget. Fourth, control the budget. This is done by either the envelope system or using a sheet of paper listing each category. If not using cash, go to Mint.com and set up an online system. This allows you to track it. Within this step there are a number of questions that arise, the key is patience and flexibility. The fifth and final step, is to evaluate and review. This should be done on an annual basis and make changes where necessary.

Be amazed at how God opens doors simply through the exercise of self-control and wisdom. It will tell how you are doing as a steward of God's resources.

"Fools can make money. It takes a wise man to know how to spend it"  
English Proverb





*Thank you!*

### Pantry Report as of September 25th

- Two new families joined the other 75 families (143 people) drive through this morning.
- Apples and peaches were among the other pantry items given to each family. A few cars even received watermelons. Some cars received a jar of homemade fig preserves donated by a lady who lost her son a few years ago. It's her way of giving to others.
- Betty Jo is looking for biscuits! She has a good idea of something our guests could make with biscuits and applesauce. Canned biscuits are fine...want to help with this food item?

“WHERE YOU STARE, YOU STEER.” So where are you staring?



The KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM is an ideal way to support your favorite non-profit or charity organization. The program allocates funds to participating organizations based on the purchases that registered members, family and friends of the organization have made at Kroger using their Kroger Plus card. You can support Shalom just by shopping at Kroger! Call the church office for instructions on how to sign up.

June 1, 2021-August 31, 2021  
91 Households  
\$387.68 Total Donations



### Upcoming Opportunities:

- Bible Study every Tuesday at 8:30 am
- October 9th: Men's Breakfast at Shalom at 8:00 am
- October 27th: Prepare BBQ dinner for Wednesday night meal.
  - Need men to set tables and make tea, lemonade and coffee at 3:30 pm.
  - Need two men to help in kitchen at 4:00 pm.
  - Need three men to help serve and clean up after dinner.
- October 30th: Prepare chili to be served during Trunk or Treat.
  - Need two men to help prepare and serve chili.



# UPDATE

MCEF will be giving their clients an extra bag during the month of November to use for Thanksgiving dinner. I know you're probably thinking "Thanksgiving, already??" So, for the months of October, November and December I'll be collecting:

- Gravy
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Brownie mix.

PLEASE bring regular sizes only. Should you choose to bring any canned goods, no green beans or corn are needed at this time. I will need as many as you can donate by **OCTOBER 17th**. If the children want to decorate the brown bags with handles, that is a fun yet meaningful project for them. If any of the Sunday School classes want a full list of items, please call me (804-516-8329) or email ([crewscollies@msn.com](mailto:crewscollies@msn.com)) and I'll be glad to get it to you.

MCEF is also starting something new for their clients who walk to the One Stop Shop from The Pines and Harbour Square on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. A shuttle will now be taking them home along with their items.

The "Back to School" shopping times were a great success! Clothing and school supplies for 33 children was provided. Thank you to all who so generously donated to this event.

Speaking of clothes, MCEF is currently taking fall and winter clothing. No more summer clothing. Winter coats, especially the shorter jacket type, are needed.

Linens needed are towels and washcloths, new or lightly used and clean. New and lightly used clean queen and king sheets. Please mark sizes.

Many thanks,  
Vicki Crew





## Prayer Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Years ago, our eldest son attended a small high school in Vicksburg, Michigan, he was in both band and orchestra, and excelled in percussion. The year he was a junior, Michigan composed an orchestra of students from all over the state, and he was chosen as a percussionist. Several times each month these students would meet together and practice. After several grueling hours of molding and practice, they became a beautiful orchestra. Their goal and reward was to travel to Germany and Switzerland to share their composed concert.

As I think of the many different instruments, I'm reminded of a tiny little instrument called the ocarina and the scripture. Isaiah 64:8 states, "We are the clay and you are the potter. We are the work of your hands."

The ocarina doesn't look like much of a musical instrument, however when it is played it produces a strikingly serene and hauntingly beautiful sound.

The ocarina maker took a lump of clay, applied pressure and heat to it. It was then transformed into an amazingly musical instrument. I see a picture of God and us here. If each of us see ourselves as that lump of clay and we allow God to make us and mold us, we too become a beautiful instrument for Him. Together we can become an orchestra for His kingdom.

I encourage each of us to go forth this month, and become music to a lost and dying world.

'Til next time be blessed for I am,

*Dee Miller*



**ATHLETICS & REC.**  
*Put on your walking shoes!*  
**Tuesdays @ 9 am-11am**



The gym is now open to all who would like to get some exercise by walking around the gym. Come fellowship with us & get healthy! Walk a little or the full 2 hours. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to make sure everyone has a waiver contact Kevin Kelly at 804-543-1641.



# KIDS CORNER

## School Supplies Drive

Children: 652 items  
Adults: 471  
Total: 1,123 school  
supply items were  
collected for the Bland  
Ministry Center and  
Battlefield Park  
Elementary School



Children in Action (CA) is a coed group designed for boys and girls to come to faith in Christ as Savior while making missions an important part of their daily lives. They learn what it means to live a missional lifestyle while they participate in Bible studies, missions projects and engaging activities. They also have a lot of fun as they "travel" to various places around the world when they learn about and pray for the work of missionaries. Children in Action will start at Shalom on Wednesday October 6th at 6:15 PM. We need a few more leaders to help with this ministry one Wednesday night each month. If you are interested, please contact Mitzi Hubble at 804-937-4515 or Ann McFaden at 804-513-0052.

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Saturday, October 30th  
5:00 PM

If you would like to participate in the Trunk or Treat by decorating your vehicle trunk and giving out candy, please call the church office at 804-746-7737.







Morning group meets, Monday, October 11th, 10:00 a.m., at church. For more information contact Ann McFaden, 804-513-0052.

Evening group - NO THURSDAY EVENING MEETING in October, as we are sponsoring two events October 6th.

Wednesday, October 6th, CHILDREN IN ACTION meets during Bible Study, 6:15-7:15. Please keep this program in your prayers. For more information contact Mitiz Hubble, 804-937-4515.

Wednesday, October 6th - WMU sponsored dinner for Global Hunger. All proceeds to benefit Moments of Hope. To volunteer to help contact Ann McFaden-804-513-0052 or Virginia Ryan - 804-370-0583.

Upcoming Event: World Day of Prayer - November 1st, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Mechanicsville Baptist Church.



### Just Breathe Caregivers Support Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for  
**Monday, October 25th**  
at 7:00 pm.

We will have a guest speaker from Senior Connections speaking on Medicare. This information session is open to everyone.

For more details, contact Chuck and Leisa George 427.6016 or leisag76@gmail.com

### Christmas Cantata Rehearsal Every Sunday at 3pm





# Celebrate!

## October Anniversaries

1st	Paul & Deborah Michalosky
2nd	Dick & Toni Liskie Billy & Renee Norman
5th	Ken & Sheila Hein
7th	Kenny & Debbie Taylor
8th	Bob & Darlene Grubbs
9th	Stuart & Betty Point
10th	Allen & Rose Broaddus Randy & Vicki Crew
11th	Jason & Lynn Crew Gary & Judy Kirby
16th	Dante & Gail DeFeo Bill & Mary Frost
17th	Ron & Joan Bowles
18th	Chip & Kerry McGhee
24th	Alan & Sherrie Balsley
26th	Bill & Kim Butler

## October Birthday's

2nd	Rylon Wilson	14th	Marshal Brooks
	Braylon Wilson	17th	Anna Duke
3rd	Christine Dillard		Frances Johnson
	Judy Kirby		Katherine Taylor
	Jason Nolan	18th	Mary Frost
	James Strickland		Kay Strickland
4th	Stephanie Hudson	19th	Tim Herbert
5th	B.W. Alexander	20th	Jesiah Gayles
	Linda Seay	21st	Brad Crew
	Ryan Vasconi	22nd	Kyle Bowles
7th	Donroy Ober		Beverly Waller
8th	Mac Coiner	23rd	Vicki Trice-Romano
	Beth Thompson	24th	Lauren Baker
9th	Beau Kelly		Barbara Pinson
	Kameron Stanley	26th	Caroline Mayhew
	Linda Williams	27th	Dallas Clayton
	Tyson Wilson	30th	Val Pinkney
10th	Wanda Alspaugh	31st	Maelyn Clear
	Ray Gifford		
11th	Shea Neal		
12th	Vicki Crew		
	Lewis Jackson		
	Jordan Wood		

## FROM THE OFFICE

- Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 5th at 7:00 PM
- November Newsletter entries due Wednesday, October 20th







# OCTOBER 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 9:00 AM Feedmore Truck 5:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group	<b>28</b> 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Walking 7:00 PM Personnel Committee Meeting	<b>29</b> 5:30 PM Dinner 6:15 PM Bible Study 6:15 PM Praise Team 6:15 PM Youth 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice	<b>30</b> 7:00 PM Overcomers Outreach	<b>1</b> Bootsie Thomas Memorial Golf Tournament	<b>2</b>
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