

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

Shalom Baptist Church Newsletter

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"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." Ecclesiastes 3:1

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Mark's Minute

One of the most difficult emotions that many of us have faced during these 5 months of Covid...is loneliness. In fact, just this morning, one of our church members texted me and asked, "How can I be praying for you?" And my response was, "pray for me...as I am missing the chance to see everyone as often as I used to...that grieves a pastor's heart."

I am blessed, however, to get to worship in person with some of you each week...and to continue to enjoy porch/back deck visits. And I am certainly blessed to have family with me at home.

But...for some in our church...there are no family members in their homes. And for others (who live in assisted living facilities) visitation is still not allowed. Loneliness is hard for all of us, but it's especially hard for these folks.

That's why a phone call...or a hand written note to the most lonely among us...is SO important. These "touches" not only remind them that others are out there, thinking of them...but also, they can include Scripture that reminds them that God is with them in their lonely places.

Starting in August, Shalom, once again, began sending out (via email) the names and addresses of 3 shut ins each week to connect with -via a "card ministry". If you don't have email, call the church office and Kelly can get you those names and addresses each week.

When you write a card to someone who is lonely...or make a phone call.. why not include some of these Scriptures:

"I will not leave you as orphans: I will come to you" (says Jesus is John 14:18)

"Then you will call and the Lord will answer; you will cry out for help and He will say, 'Here am I'". (Isaiah 58:9)

"I will be a Father to you and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty" (2 Corinthians 6:18, from 2 Samuel 7:14, 8)

"I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go..." (Genesis 28:15)

These last two verses specifically remind me of something I read not long ago. A particular Native American Tribe had a unique practice for training young braves. On the night of a boy's thirteenth birthday, he was blindfolded and taken miles away. When he took off the blindfold he was in the midst of thick woods. He had to stay there all night by himself. Every time a twig snapped, he probably visualized a wild animal, ready to pounce. Every time an animal howled, he imagined a wolf leaping out of the darkness. Every time the wind blew, he wondered what more sinister sound it masked.

After what seemed like an eternity, the first rays of sunlight lightened the interior of the forest. Looking around, the boy saw flowers, trees, and the outline of the path. Then, to his utter astonishment, he saw the figure of a man standing just a few feet away, armed with a bow and arrow. It was the boy's father, who had been there all night long!

When you feel times of loneliness creep in (especially in THESE times), remember that God is always present with us in our trials. His presence may be unseen, but it is more real then life itself.

Did you need to be reminded of that today?

Now ... who else do you know ... who ALSO needs to be reminded of that today?

In Him, Pastor Mark



Meet our Deacon for the month of September:





Shut-in of the Month:

Wilma Jeffcoat

Please remember Wilma 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.

Symphony Manor Assisted Living 12411 Gayton Road, Room 311 Richmond, VA 23238

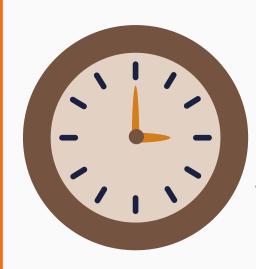


Please remember that visitation is not permitted at most nursing homes and assisted living locations due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus. Please check in with all of our shut-ins, to make them feel loved, and connected to our church family!

REMINDER

Committee Chair & Team Leaders, Please remember to respond to the e-mail sent by Allen Broaddus regarding the budget requests. Please respond by Friday, September 4th. Thank you!





Office Hours Changing

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 31ST

Monday: 8am-5pm Tuesday & Wednesday: 8am-3pm Thursday: 8am-2pm



I would like to thank Pastor Mark and my church family for the prayers, calls & cards during my recent heart procedure. They were much appreciated!

칱 Charles Blackwell 🧲







Exciting news!! Our discipleship groups will resume with Bible Study! Some have already started to meet, continued to meet and will begin to meeting SOON!

Shalom desires that ALL members have access to a discipleship group. Below you will find a schedule of what group meets on what day of the week and at what time. You are invited to join in with any of these groups.

We are making space at Shalom for all groups to meet while social distancing and wearing masks. The schedule ensures that we are NOT too many in number using the same space at the same time.

The CoEd class, taught by Ray Gifford, is meeting on Sundays at 9:45 AM. This class is scheduled to resume in October .

The Friendship class, led by Vicki Trice-Romano, will begin meeting on August 23rd at 10 AM.

The Canfield class will begin meeting at 9:45 AM on September 6th.

It Is Written is meeting on Sundays, outside, immediately following the 8:30 AM service. They are covering Bible stories from childhood with an adult perspective. This class will begin meeting on August 23rd at 9:30 AM.

The Believers class, taught by Virginia Ryan, will begin meeting on Thursday, September 3rd at 6 PM.

TNT will begin meeting on September 13th at 9:45 AM. They are studying the Prodigal Son.

At this time, the Youth have decided to wait until after the start of school. This will help determine students' schedules and their availability to meet.

If you need more information, please contact the church office or one of the group leaders. We would be happy to have you join and be discipled in Bible study.

How appropriate that we should be discipling and encouraging others during this time. Let's be like Barnabas.

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Stewardship Snippet

As we continue to work through Master Your Money, A Plan to Find Financial Contentment, let's look at the four Biblical Principles of Money Management. Look at Matthew 25:14-30, it mainly talks about Christ's return, however, you can also apply the four principles regarding money and money management. First, God owns it all. In Matthew 25:14, He entrusted His property to His servants. The first implication is, the owner has the rights, the servants have responsibilities. Second, if God owns your money, then giving and spending become spiritual decisions. The third truth of this principle is that you can't fake stewardship. Your checkbook reflects what you believe about stewardship as it pertains to your finances. Also, we are in a growth process. Matthew 25:21, if you are faithful with a few things you will be in charge of more things. Money and material possessions are used as a tool to test us and our testimony. Read Luke 16:11-12, if you aren't trustworthy with worldly wealth, how will you handle true riches? Third, the amount is not important. Matthew 25:23, are the same words as vs. 21. He told the one that had 5 talents the same as He told the one that had 2. So the conclusion is, it doesn't matter how much you have, but how you handle it. It's not about how much you have but rather your attitude on how you handle it. The final Biblical Principle on Money Management is that faith requires action. Again, look at Matthew 25:24-30, the lazy servant with the one talent mishandled what he was responsible for. We may have emotional or intellectual faith, but not active faith. Do we live by feelings or truth? John 14:6, Jesus said, "I am the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." The truth is, He gets to choose what and how much we each get, my only job is to be faithful with whatever He gives me.

In upcoming lessons you will be getting principles, guidance, and tools to help work out a faith financial plan that God has for you. But let's remember the definition of stewardship, the use of God given resources (time, talent, treasure, truth, relationship, etc.) for the accomplishment of God given goals.

"If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area of his life." Billy Graham



Celebrate!

September Anniversaries

11th	David & Gail Hosfeld	
	Albert & Joan Scott	
	Bob & Dawn Stoneman	
12th	Steven & Christine Dillard	
14th 🦯	Slip & R <mark>honda Neal</mark>	
17th	Chad & Sam Mayhew	
19th	Matt & Krystal Johnston	
27th	Drew & Gayle Revere	
29th	Byron & Bonnie Blake	
	Donald & Dana Hess	
30th	Charles & Vicki Trice-Romano	
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September Birthday's

1st	Jo Harris	20th	Karen Adam
	Sam Mayhew		Sherry Dillard
2nd	Dee Miller		Reid Glass
3rd	Gil Williams		Diane Huds <mark>on</mark>
5th	Sherleen Payne		Shelly Wilson
6th	Mark Miller	21st	Gordon Eary
8th	Mason Butler	22nd	Bill Stanley
	Madi Butler		Roxanne Young
10th	Donald Hess	23rd	Patricia Harding
	Jerry Kelly		Deborah Mic <mark>halo</mark> sky
	Megan Seay		Joyce Shage <mark>na</mark>
14th	Elizabeth Hudson	24th	Daniela Robins
15th	Gloria Basham		Kenny Taylor
	Sandy Webb	26th	Jerry Johnson
16th	Terri Felts		Zach Norman
	Bobby Norman Jr.	29th	Mike Dart
18th	Frances Shumaker	30th	Mary Beasley
19th	Margaret Garner		Bonny Miragliotta



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"The grass withers, the flower fades. But the word of our God stands forever."

ISAIAH 40:8