



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

Shalom Baptist Church Newsletter

September 2021



THE SHALOM NEWSLINE

“Those who know your
name trust in you,
for you, Lord, have
never forsaken those
who seek you.”
Psalm 9:10



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MARK'S MINUTE

As you might remember, I have been using my “Mark Minute” to talk about church and pastoral sabbaticals. And, as you also might remember, we, as a church are referring to the upcoming sabbatical time (May 1, 2022 – August 15, 2022) as “Shalom on Sabbatical”. A couple of months ago, I began 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?” and the second common concern I addressed (last month) was: “Is this just a long vacation?” This month, we will examine a third common concern, and that is: “Will the church survive without the Pastor?” (I’m almost embarrassed typing those words...) Of course, the answer is “YES”!

It’s true that some might be concerned that their congregation will somehow falter without their pastor present during a three and half month sabbatical. They might think, “Will attendance drop? Will giving? Who will handle the tasks that our pastor does during the week?” In order to speak directly into this concern, let me assure you that your Shalom church leadership is already aware of these concerns and has asked a retired pastor in our congregation, Rev. Dan McFaden, to serve as pastor here during this Sabbatical timeframe.

Furthermore, our staff, deacons, teachers, committees, teams, and ministry coordinators are a pretty well oiled machine! We have some INCREDIBLE leaders here at Shalom that have an idea of the things that will be needed during this time. In fact, Robert Saler has observed that “renewal leaves are...excellent times for the congregation to find out what its people can do.” He continues with these words, “Time after time when, we hear from congregations about how things went while their pastor was on sabbatical, we hear stories of congregation members stepping up and taking on tasks that had previously been the purview of the pastor.”

Sabbaticals often give congregations both the courage to step out into new endeavors and the joy of discovering their latent spiritual gifts. Sometimes, even those who had never served in a church step into areas of ministry. Perhaps you’ve heard the old adage, “20 percent of the congregation does 80 percent of the work.” Well, sabbaticals often provide opportunities for the 80 percent discover leadership and service gifts that might not have realized they had.

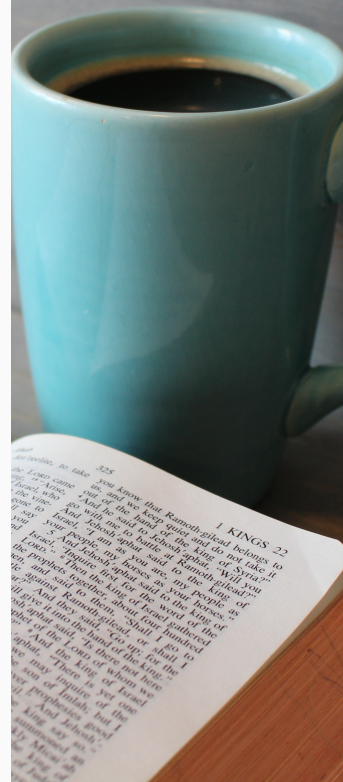
Robert Saler also references “the dependance” trap. He writes, “it is better for pastors and for congregations if congregations love their pastor, but are not dependent upon the pastor to keep the congregation’s life together intact.” It is a good thing when congregations come away from a sabbatical time with increased confidence in their own people and in their own congregation’s ability to pursue mission. And the irony is...that often this results in the congregation appreciating their pastor more! As Saler observes, “healthy, self-reliant congregations and healthy refreshed pastors are a winning combination for ministry.” And as Melissa Bane Sevier observes, “Sabbatical can give the distance to restore healthy relationship (between pastor and congregation).”

The question shouldn’t be, “Will the congregation survive?” but rather, “What can Shalom do in this renewal time/Sabbatical timeframe to help our congregation thrive?”

In Him,
Pastor Mark



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Shut-in of the Month:

Wilma Jeffcoat

**Blueridge Senior Living
12411 Gayton Road Room 311
Richmond, VA 23238**



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.

Meet our Deacon for the month of September:

Ken Oliborne



MENU

September 8th
HAMBURGER STEAK WITH GRAVY

September 15th
CHICKEN BROCCOLI CASSEROLE

September 22nd
HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS

September 29th
BAKED ZITA WITH ITALIAN SAUSAGE

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.



HOPE

IS HERE!

JOIN US FOR BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 12TH

*If your child was in first grade last year or is a rising first grader this year, please let the church office know at 804-746-7737. We want to gift your child with a Bible on Back to Church Sunday.

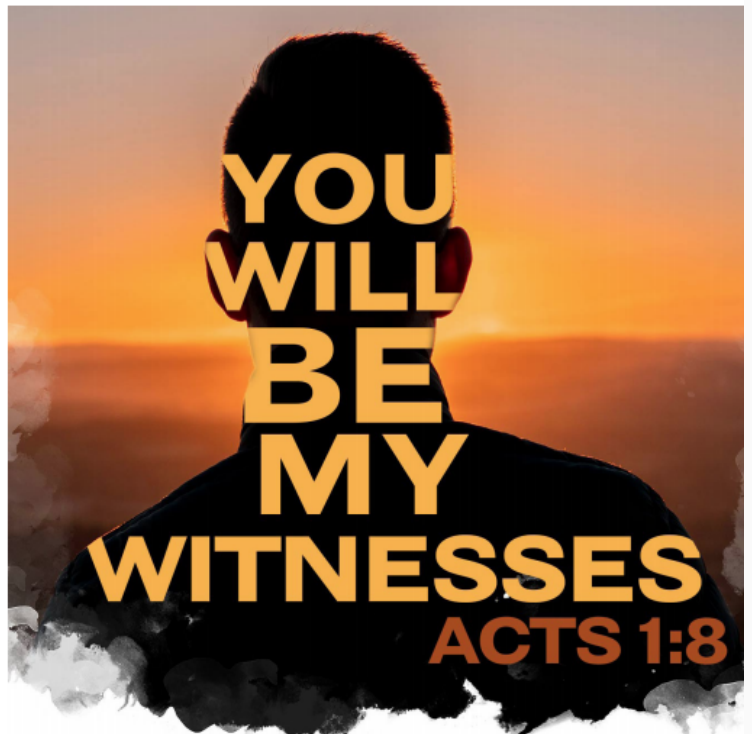


Evening group meets September 2nd
- 7:00 p.m. - at church - for
information contact Virginia Ryan
804-370-0583 or Mitzi Hubble 804-
937-4515

Morning group meets September
13th- 10:30 a.m. - at church - for for
information contact Ann McFaden-
804-513-0052

September 12 - 19 is our Alma Hunt
offering for Virginia Missions.
Envelopes and Week of Prayer
leaflets available at welcome desk.

Upcoming event: October 6
Wednesday Night Dinner - World
Hunger "SOUP'S ON" proceeds for
Moments of Hope ministry.



ALMA HUNT OFFERING
for Virginia Missions
SEPTEMBER 12-19, 2021 | ALMAHUNT.ORG



Stewardship Snippet

You cannot serve two masters: God and money.
—Matthew 6:24 (TLB)

Tell me what you think about money, and I will tell you what you think about God, for these two are closely related. A man's heart is closer to his wallet than anything else. It is a staggering fact that for the past few years people have spent ten times as much for luxuries and non-essentials as they have for all charitable and religious purposes. This is a commentary on our shallow and superficial religious faith.

While the Bible warns us against greed and selfishness, it does encourage frugality and thrift. Even Jesus said to His disciples after He fed the multitude, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." Although our Lord had the power to create, He Himself lived frugally and without luxury. John Wesley had a threefold philosophy about money. He said, "Make all you can; keep all you can; and give all you can." Most of us get all we can, spend all we can; borrow all we can; and give meagerly to God.

Prayer for the day

Lord, give me a generous heart so that others may know Your love and compassion.



MEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER:

- Oil Change Ministry-Saturday, September 11th at 8am-Billy Norman's house 8191 Little Florida Rd. Mechanicsville, VA 23111
- Men's Fellowship Dinner- Tuesday, September 14th at 6pm-Anna's
- Christian Men's Fellowship Bible Study-Tuesday mornings at 8:30 am-Shalom



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.



2nd Annual
BOOTSIE THOMAS MEMORIAL
GOLF
TOURNAMENT
- FRIDAY OCTOBER 1ST -

Contact Us At
804-339-4254

1PM | PRIZES & AWARDS | \$70

The Crossings Golf Club

PROCEEDS BENEFIT SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH
IN MEMORY OF BOOTSIE



COME JOIN US!
HYMN SING RETURNS

WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

WHERE: HILLCREST BAPTIST CHURCH
11342 HILLCREST ROAD
HANOVER, VA 23069

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

Questions

Call Jean Sharp at 804-402-3842 or
Martha Adams at 804-336-3708



Sunday School

Just like the school calendar, September starts a new Sunday School year. It's the perfect time to commit yourself to weekly Bible study with brothers and sisters in Christ. Our Bible teachers study and prepare the Bible lesson each week. We have many classes that will welcome you. Join us at 9:40 and check it out for yourself.

The children's classes plan to resume meeting by grade levels. Their classes are on the hallway closest to the playground. Our first graders will receive student Bibles Sunday, September 12, during worship service.

Welcome back to Sunday school!!

Determine in your mind and heart to seek the Lord your God.
I Chronicles 22:19

Debbie

PATRIOT DAY CONCERT

MCEF invites you to enjoy an evening of big-band music at Walnut Grove Baptist Church 7046 Cold Harbor Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.



The concert will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm. This is a 'Food & Fund Raiser' concert for the MCEF Pantry and the admission is \$2 plus one nonperishable (canned or boxed) food item per person. Come and enjoy the popular and patriotic music by the John Marshall Alumni Band and support our local ministries.

September will be our last month to collect individual packaged snack crackers and granola bars.

Children now is the time to start decorating brown paper bags for Thanksgiving that MCEF will distribute. Please try to use the ones with handles. This would be great for Sunday School classes!





Dear Brothers & Sisters,

"September", where has this year gone?

As I ease into this season where days are shorter and God gets His paintbrush out to color our landscape it causes me to reminisce.

For some of you it has been a good season. For others it's been tough as nails.

Each end of the spectrum should cause us to fall on our knees and talk to our ever loving, always waiting Heavenly Father!

I sometimes think we get so busy we forget how easy it is to access Him. While driving down the highway, rushing through the aisle of the grocery store, our lying in bed waiting for sleep to come. There is no one accessible to us 24/7 other than Him.

Smart phones may fail, Wi-Fi has glitches, and we can lose power, but our Heavenly Father is but a whisper away!

Matthew 7:7 teaches us to "ask, seek and knock" and this is what I am asking each of you do to do this month.

It has been a very "difficult season" for students and teachers. Going back to much needed classroom will be a challenge and it will be a major adjustment. Please be in prayer for safety, strength and guidance for each teacher.

For our elementary students, pray that they will understand and follow the rules of mask wearing. Pray that these little ones remember to sanitize their hands.

For our teens, prepare them to understand that some of their friends and classmates may opt out and do school from home. Prepare them for any bullying of any kind and not be afraid to report it.

For our college students, pray that they adjust to new roommates and remain safe from Covid as they socialize once again.

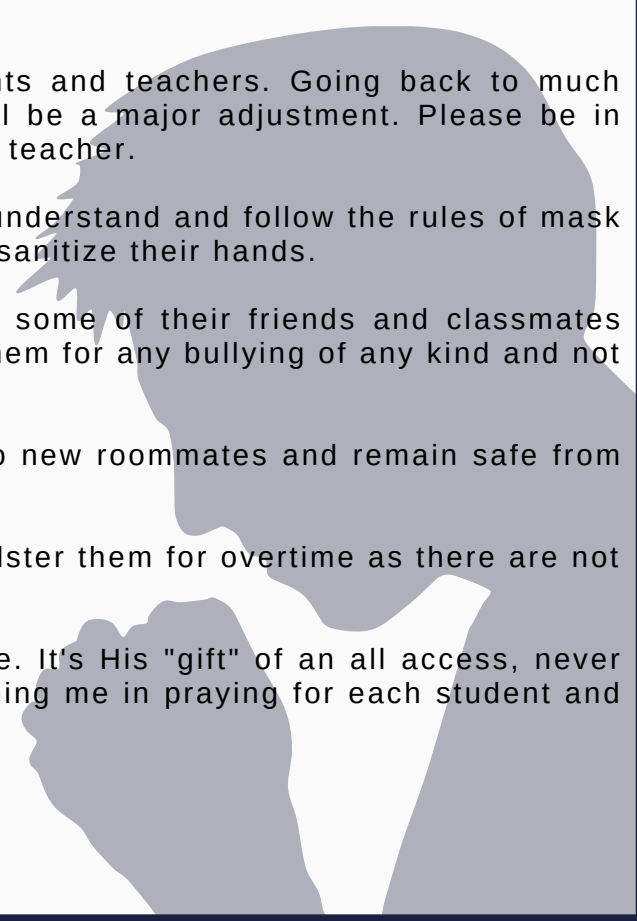
For our bus drivers, pray for travel safety and bolster them for overtime as there are not enough drivers to fill the positions.

God created us and loves us with an infinite love. It's His "gift" of an all access, never closed "gateway" to His heart. Thank you for joining me in praying for each student and teacher.

Be blessed for I am.

'Til next month,

Dee Miller





KIDS CORNER

Mark your calendars for a Family Movie Night Saturday, September 11th at 7:00pm. Bring your lawn chairs. Pizza and bagged popcorn will be available.



Children's Church is resuming Sunday, September 12th. There will be a children's church volunteer meeting, Sunday, September 5th at 12:15pm. Pizza and childcare will be provided.



Children's Committee Meeting Sunday, September 5th at 1:15pm

THANK YOU

Dear Shalom,
 Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards and visits. God bless you, love you and see you soon!
 -John Poindexter

Dear Shalom,
 Thank you to my Shalom family for the cards, flowers, food, calls and hugs recently at the death of my son Tim Burnette. We know he is in a better place, he is without pain and suffering. Pastor Mark was so comforting to him and the family through the last day of his life and his memorial service. Thanks Shalom!
 -Phyllis Isbell

Dear Members of Shalom,
 Thank you so much for your many expressions of sympathy for the passing of our dear mother, Frances Shumaker. She loved her church family, and you were a blessing to her and us. Words cannot begin to express our gratitude to you, Mark, for all you did for our mother. She loved your visits and your friendship. Serving her Lord was a priority for our mother, and the Celebration of Life Service and your eulogy reflected her love for God, family, friends, and those in need. God bless you.

Love,
 Jean, Mike, Patty, Larry, Kathy, Kenny, and Family



SHALOM YOUTH



School has begun and so has the 'fun'?!! (for me, it's one more day closer to Autumn!

To assist you in the spiritual growth of our youth and for your scheduling, the Youth Committee has attached in this bulletin, some activities for September and October. Also, beginning September 12th in Sunday school, John Pippin will be presenting the video series 'The Chosen'. This series is about Jesus' choosing his disciples developing and then, beginning to see and experience what is being asked of them to do as Christ followers in the world. 30 min. will be shown with discussion to follow. 6th-12th will be together.

I hope to have a meeting with parents/guardians of their child/children after our first Wednesday dinner night in September for additional information and Q&A time.

The time God gives to us each day, week, month and year, are a gift and priceless. Let's use this gift with the opportunities we have to minister wisely.

God's blessings and love to all of you.

In His Love and Service,
Craig Secor, Gayle Revere, Madeline Miller,
John Pippin, Shelly Wilson, and Lori Glass
(Youth Committee).

- Sunday, Sept. 19th:
Bonfire & Corn Hole at
the Pippins 5pm-7pm
- Sunday, October. 3rd:
Game Night 3pm-5pm
- Sunday, October 10th:
Youth Committee
Meeting 11am
- Sunday, October 17th:
Movie Night & Pizza
5pm-7pm
- Sunday, October 31st:
Hand out youth & kid
bulletins.



September Anniversaries

- 11th David & Gail Hosfeld
Albert & Joan Scott
Bob & Dawn Stoneman
- 12th Steven & Christine Dillard
- 14th Slip & Rhonda Neal
- 17th Chad & Sam Mayhew
- 19th Matt & Krystal Johnston
- 27th Drew & Gayle Revere
- 29th Byron & Bonnie Blake
Donald & Dana Hess
- 30th Charles & Vicki Trice-Romano



September Birthday's

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| 1st | Jo Harris | 20th | Karen Adam |
| | Sam Mayhew | | Sherry Dillard |
| 2nd | Dee Miller | | Reid Glass |
| 3rd | Gil Williams | | Diane Hudson |
| 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 Michalosky |
| | Megan Seay | | Joyce Shagena |
| 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 |
| 19th | Margaret Garner | 30th | Mary Beasley |
| | | | Bonny Miragliotta |

Celebrate!



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September 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1 Bland Mission Trip 6:15pm Bible Study Praise Team 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	2 Bland Mission Trip 7pm Overcomers WMU	3 Bland Mission Trip	4
5 8:30 am Worship 9:45am Sunday Sc. 11am Worship 12:15pm Children's Church Volunteer Mtg. 1:15pm Children's Committee Mtg.	6 Labor Day Church Office Closed	7 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9am Walking 7pm Church Council	8 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Bible Study Praise Team 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	9 6:15pm GBC Orientation 7pm Overcomers	10 9am GBC Orientation	11 8am Oil Change 11am Memorial Service 7pm Movie Night
12 8:30 am Worship 9:45am Sunday Sc. 11am Worship 1:30 pm Deacon's 3pm Drama Workshop	13 5pm Staff Mtg. 6:30pm Bible Study	14 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9am GBC 1st Day Walking 7pm Stewardship	15 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Bible Study Praise Team 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	16 7pm Overcomers	17	18 6pm The Harvesters
19 8:30 am Worship 9:45am Sunday Sc. 11am Worship 5pm Warriors (Youth)	20 5pm Staff Mtg.	21 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9am Walking	22 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Bible Study Praise Team 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	23 6pm Cancer Support 7pm Overcomers	24	25
26 8:30 am Worship 9:45am Sunday Sc. 11am Worship	27 5pm Staff Mtg. 6:30pm Bible Study	28 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9am Walking 7pm Personnel	29 5:30pm Dinner 6:15pm Bible Study Praise Team 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	30 7pm Overcomers	1	2