



THE SHALOM NEWSLINE

*"Mercy, peace and love be
yours in abundance."*

JUDE 1:2



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Mark's Minute

Tucked into the middle of 1 Thessalonians chapter 5 is a set of 3 very short (but extremely impactful) verses—they are 1 Thessalonians 5:16, 17, and 18. In verse 16, Paul highlights “joy”, in verse 17, he highlights “prayer” and in verse 18, he highlights “thankfulness”. When we have joy-filled attitudes, prayer-ful attitudes, and thankful attitudes...(AND we have aligned ourselves with God’s Holy Spirit’s power, presence and leading)—THAT will result in patience and kindness (from the verses right BEFORE these three-- 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15)

Here’s what’s interesting about joy (in verse 16), prayer (in verse 17) and thankfulness (in verse 18): As spiritual concepts, they are not to fluctuate with the ups and downs of our earthly circumstances or situations. Furthermore, they are not to be dependent upon the ups and downs of our feelings. Instead, Scripture shows us that there is a constancy to joy, prayer and thankfulness. Take note that Scripture says, “be joyful ALWAYS”; “pray CONTINUALLY”; and “give thanks IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES”.

To do these things constantly goes against our “human nature” (“How do I do that?” you may ask). but that is why it takes an intentional and continual reliance upon God (by way of His Holy Spirit IN you) to do this. In addition, as we desire to do God’s will more and more, these 3 will come more naturally to us.

In verse 16, when it comes to JOY, people are naturally happy in some situations, but a Christian’s joy is not dependent on our situations and circumstances. Spiritual joy is rooted in what Christ has done (and what blessings await), and THAT should make our joy constant.

In verse 17, when Paul says to pray “continuously”, he doesn’t mean, walk around with your eyes closed—or be on your knees 24 x 7. Instead, he is pointing to a continual conversation with God throughout your day. One author refers to this as simply going through our day with “a prayerful attitude”. This comes from an awareness (throughout the day) that you and I are dependent on God.

Then, in verse 18, Paul highlights “thankfulness”. This isn’t necessarily about thanking God FOR every thing that happens to us, but rather thanking Him IN THE MIDST OF everything that happens to us. Obviously, if something evil is behind what is happening to us, we wouldn’t thank God for that evil thing—but thanking Him in the midst of what is happening to us can be a powerful witness!

So...be joyful always, pray continually, and be thankful in every circumstance.

In Him,
Pastor Mark

“Be joyful always, pray continually, and be thankful in every circumstance.”

1 Thess.
5:16-18





Shut-In of the Month:
Jack Nelson

7416 Burnett Field Drive
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

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

Meet our Deacon for the month of February:

Ken Hein



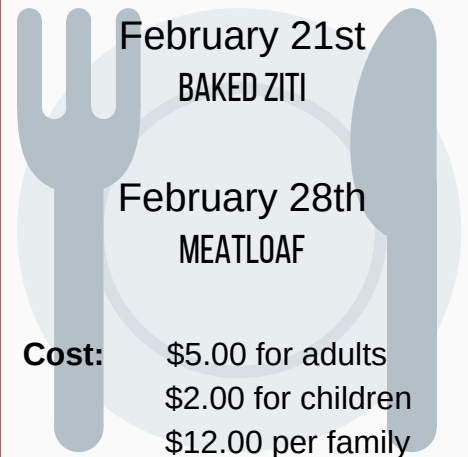
From the Office

- Church Council will meet Tuesday, February 6th at 7pm in the Co-Ed classroom.
- Entries for the March newsletter are due Wednesday, February 21st.
- If you have rotated off from serving on a committee, ministry team/coordinator, or leadership role please return your key FOB and/or any keys that you have checked out to the church office.
- In the event of inclement weather, our schedule will follow the Hanover County School System. If schools are cancelled or close early, our church activities for that day will be cancelled. The church leadership will make a decision regarding Sunday services. Notices will be broadcast through our Call-Em-All system, Constant Contact, Shalom's website and Facebook page and the local news channel.



February 7th
TACO BAR

February 14th
ALFREDO CHICKEN & SPINACH PASTA



February 21st
BAKED ZITI

February 28th
MEATLOAF

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.



The youth are excited to continue their fundraising for events and activities this year. Please be sure to support them this Sunday, February 4th and Wednesday, February 7th in the last week of our fundraiser for trips and events this year.

This month on February 24th, the youth will be traveling to Greensboro, NC to attend WinterJam 2024. We are looking forward to this trip and other upcoming events in the spring. More information will be coming soon about camps and conferences taking place this summer!



- **Sisters in Service Circle** meets on **Monday, February 12th** at **10:00 am** in the Co-Ed classroom.
- **Beloved Circle** meets on **Tuesday, February 20th** at **6:30 pm** in the Believer's classroom.

Souper Bowl Sunday-February 11th. Sunday School classes will be collecting cans of soup from January 21st-February 11th. Sunday School classes are vying for the world renowned "**Golden Soup Can Trophy**"! Collected soup will be sent to Moments of Hope.

**Upcoming Events: Sunday, May 5th-Rise Against Hunger
Food Packing Event.
More information to follow.**





KIDS CORNER

Winter Fest

FEBRUARY 17, 2024

Inflatables | Hotdogs | Fun | Fellowship

10 am-1 pm



We are collecting small syrup bottles like the ones at Cracker Barrel. Please drop them off at the church office .



SAVE THE DATE: Easter Event

March 23rd 10 am-1 pm





DID YOU KNOW?

- Regular business meetings are held quarterly on the third Sunday of the months of January, April, July, and October. These meetings are held immediately following the 11:00 am worship service with a potluck luncheon.
- Church Council Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. All church leaders (committee chairs, ministry coordinators and team leaders) are invited to be a part of these meetings where we discuss and plan our church's calendar.
- Church Bus-Shalom has a church bus that seats 15 (plus driver) persons. If you would like to reserve the bus for a church sponsored activity, please contact the church office.
- Facility Usage Requests-we have church members and non-members who request to use the church facility on a fairly regular basis for both church events and non-church events. You must fill out a form and get approval before using the church facility.
- Benevolence Offering- The word benevolence is defined as **the quality of being well meaning; kindness.** Every 5th Sunday, Shalom takes up a benevolence offering that is used for folks who are in financial need.
- Children's Church is available during both 8:30 am and 11:00 am worship service. School-age children will attend worship service for a short period and then be dismissed for Children's Church where they will remain until their parent/guardian checks them out. Children's Church does not meet on the 1st or 5th Sundays.

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We're looking forward to March! Our focus will be on collecting underwear for men and boys! (Long or short sleeve t-shirts without logo, and boxer type shorts -size large for men and any size for boys) All donations are appreciated.

MCEF also supports SENIOR RIDES. If you or someone you know needs ride assistance, consider referring them to Hanover Senior Rides. Call 804-357-9360 or e-mail DirSrRides@4mcef.com. Volunteers are always welcome to help in various programs!

There's a lot of information on their website: <https://www.4mcef.com>.

Blessings,
Linda



Strength in the Journey

Strength in the Journey is a ministry for those who have lost their spouse and are seeking the support of others navigating a different path in this life's journey. You are welcome to join our next meeting on

Monday, February 19th at 2:00 pm at Shalom.

Just Breathe is a group of caregivers who are experiencing some of the same concerns, frustrations & prayers. Join us for an hour and "Just Breathe". For details, please contact the church office at 804-746-7737.

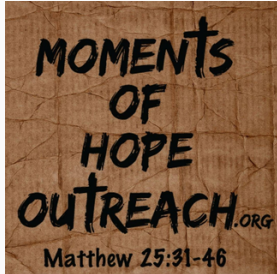
Next Meeting
Monday, February 26th
7:00 pm



The Cancer Support Group is changing their meeting time. We will now be meeting every **4th TUESDAY** of the month at **11:00 am**.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, February 27th
11:00 am





The monetary gift that Shalom sent to Moments of Hope's Room at the Inn ministry helped give 57 people a room at Christmas for two nights. A hot shower, a warm bed, food and gifts for children were also provided. Thank you Shalom for being God's hands for some of our less fortunate friends.

MoHope's True Stories from Motel Stays

A man who suffered from Substance Use Disorder spent a couple of nights in a hotel because he wanted to get away from the bad influences on the streets. He used the time to clear his head and then decided to enter rehab. Clean for 18 months at the time.

A mother and daughter had been living alone in the woods, following the daughter's incarceration, the mother was left behind and MoHope was able to provide her a hotel stay for safety.

Michael received a hotel stay and befriended the manager, who gave him a job. He has worked his way to becoming the manager of another location.

Sunday School News

Happy New Year Shalom!

We have exciting things coming in February!

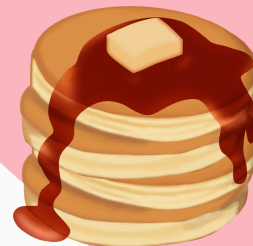
Our very own Pastor Mark will be leading a group for new members. This is not an exclusive group. If you are considering joining or are a new member and would like more information, this group is for you. The class begins on Sunday, February 4th and runs for 3 weeks. Topics covered will be:

- 1) What is the church? What it means to be a part of the body of Christ.
- 2) What are Baptists? Why we believe what we believe and what exactly is that.

What is Shalom? What we are as a family of faith.

The class will be during the Sunday School time, 9:45 am.

There will be a Valentine Breakfast on Saturday, February 10th at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited for pancakes and fellowship. We will celebrate our love for Jesus Christ and for our brothers and sisters.



"We love because He first loved us."

1 John 4:19



During the month of February the Men's Ministry will be preparing two church wide meals.

The first meal will be the Valentine Breakfast, as we started last year, open to all church members that RSVP. The breakfast is scheduled

on **Saturday, February 10th**, beginning at 9:00 am. Please make sure you RSVP by filling out the card inserts in the bulletin or by calling the church office. Meal preparation will begin at 6:00 am and we invite your help as we prepare to serve our members.

Additionally, we will prepare the church wide Wednesday night dinner on **February 28th**. We will be serving meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and gravy. We again welcome your assistance in meal preparation, serving and/or clean up.

Starting on **Tuesday, February 13th** is the Men's Choir first rehearsal at 9:45 am (following the Men's Bible study). We will continue to meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. All men are welcome to join us.

We will have a Men's **Dinner on March 12th**. We have several options for this dinner. We can prepare a meal at Shalom, go to a local Mechanicsville restaurant, or go to Bottom's Up Pizza in Shockoe Bottom. Please let Ken Hein know which of these options you would prefer.

Special Events Committee Meeting

The Special Events committee will meet Monday, February 5th at 11:00 am for a 2024 planning session. Existing members on the committee and anyone interested in serving on the committee are encouraged to attend. We will be meeting in the Friendship classroom.

Laundry Detergent for Christian Village

Next time you're at the grocery store, pick up a bottle of laundry detergent and place in the blue cart in the church lobby for Christian Village. Thank you!





MISSIONS MOMENT

Lizzie Blake has been selected as an Abigail Girl for 2024. She will represent Shalom Baptist Church at missions events across Virginia this year. Congratulations Lizzie!

Abigail Girls is the WMUV (Women’s Missionary Union of Virginia) leadership program for outstanding Girls in Action (GA’s). Young ladies begin their year as a WMUV Abigail Girl with an overnight leadership retreat at Camp Crossroads in February. The girls will have the opportunity to represent WMUV at Mom & Me in April, at the Women’s Get Away in November, be a part of a summer missions experience, and attend summer camp at CrossRoads.

Abigail Girls must be active in the children’s missions program (GAs or CAs) of their church and in the 4th, 5th or 6th grade. Shalom offers CAs on alternate Wednesday evenings during the school year.



February Anniversaries

- 14th Bobby & Virginia Ryan
Wallace & Darlene Taylor
- 20th Paul & Bonnie Fleming
- 25th Jason & Tracy Nolan
Bo & Daniela Robins
- 27th Roy & Katherine Taylor



February Birthday's

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| 1st Ken Hein | 15th Gwen Russell |
| 2nd Lou Bourne | 16th Gerry Ford |
| | 17th Darlene Grubbs |
| 3rd Madison Dickason | Bob Major |
| 4th Becky Johnson | Gail Stowers |
| 5th Kimber Applewhite | 18th Jim Glass |
| Donna Gammon | Kathy Seebeck |
| 6th Donna Seay | 20th Ken Cliborne |
| Tim Stanley | 21st Bob Wilkinson |
| Darlene Taylor | 22nd Mica Clayton |
| 7th Chip England | Dante DeFeo |
| Janet Smith | 23rd Courtland Lambert |
| 8th Easton Kelly | Maggie Miller |
| 10th Parker Byrd | 25th Bert Childress |
| 12th Janice Booth | Maddy Johnson |
| Jim Harris | 26th Tiffany Agee |
| Pam Schools | Jane Nelson |
| 13th Christy Lane | 28th Cathy Childress |
| Tracy Nolan | |
| Terry Woodson | |

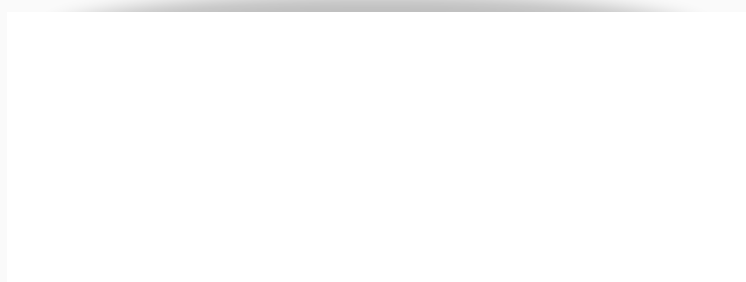
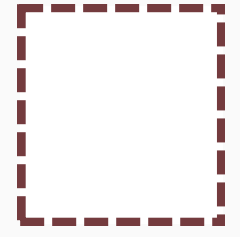
February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:20am He Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Easter Cantata Rehearsal 4:00pm Girl Scout Meeting</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00am WMU Lap Blanket Making 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Small Group Bible Study 6:30pm Strategic Ministry Team Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30am Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5:30pm Supper 6:00pm The Haven (Youth) 6:15pm Bible Study 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Fellowship Hall Reserved (Hudson)</p>
<p>4</p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:20am He Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Easter Cantata Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:00am Special Events Committee Meeting 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Small Group Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30pm Supper 6:00pm The Haven (Youth) 6:15pm Bible Study 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Fellowship Hall Reserved (Decorating)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00am Valentine's Breakfast</p>
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<p>18</p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:20am He Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Easter Cantata Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:00am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Strength in the Journey (Widows & Widowers Group) 6:30pm Small Group Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm WMU Meeting (Beloved Circle)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:30pm Supper 6:00pm The Haven (Youth) 6:15pm Bible Study 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00pm Marriage Enrichment Small Group</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
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