



# THE SHALOM NEWSLINE



“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



## Church Staff

- Rev. Mark Miller.....Senior Pastor
- Rev. Dan McFaden.....Associate Pastor
- Jean Dart.....Minister of Music & Worship
- Adam Crigger..... Interim Youth Director
- Kathy Seay.....Children's Ministry Director
- Jeff Farrier..... Church Musician
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 Monday: 8:30am-5pm, Tuesday: 8:30am-4:30pm,  
 Wednesday: 8:30am-4:30pm Thursday: 8:30am-2pm

# Mark's Minute

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Recently, I rediscovered something that I had read several years ago. I don't take credit for this. It was anonymously written and is entitled, "The Diary of a Bible." It reads as follows:

- Jan. 15—Been resting for a week. A few nights after the first of the year, my owner opened me, but no more. Another New Year's resolution gone astray.
- Feb. 3—Owner picked me up and rushed off to Sunday School.
- Feb. 23—Cleaning day. I was dusted and put back in my place.
- April 2—Busy day. Owner had to present a devotion at a church meeting. Quickly looked up a few references.
- May 5—Grandma visiting. Sitting in Grandma's lap again. A comfortable place.
- May 6—Grandma let a tear fall on John 14:1-3.
- May 7—Grandma gone. Back in my old place again.
- May 20—Baby born. They wrote his name in one of my opening pages.
- July 1—Packed in a suitcase—headed on vacation.
- July 3—Still in suitcase. Almost everything else taken out.
- July 25—Home again. Quite a journey, though I don't see why I went.
- Aug. 16—Cleaned again and put in a prominent place, I think it's because the pastor came for a visit.
- Aug. 20—Owner wrote grandma's death in my family record. He left his extra pair of glasses between my pages.
- Dec. 31—Owner just found his glasses. I wonder if he will make any resolutions about me for the next year.

How do you treat your Bible? Is it just another book that is picked up on Sundays OR do you treat it as God's Holy Word, a lamp and a light, shining clearly the right path/ the right direction, the sword that wards off Satan's deadly arrows? 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." If your Bible kept a diary...what would it say?

In Him,

*Pastor Mark*

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-PASTOR MARK

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Meet our Deacon for the month of June:

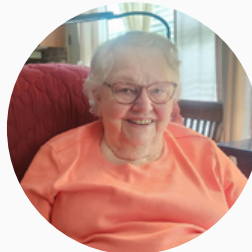


*Gerald Cousins*

### Shut-in of the Month:

*Sherleen Payne*

*Doc Wright*



6441 Midday Lane  
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7380 Lexington Drive  
Mechanicsville, VA  
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Please remember Sherleen & Doc this month by sending a card. It means so much to our Shut-Ins, that they are remembered and that we still care.

### FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

- Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Co-Ed SS classroom.
- July Newsletter entries are due, Wednesday, June 24th.
- If you are interested in reserving the Fellowship Hall, pavilion or other parts of the church for an event, please contact the church office. Our calendar fills up quickly!



Would you and your family consider the opportunity to “adopt” one of our shut-ins? By adopting a shut-in, you commit to encouraging them throughout the rest of the year through simple acts of kindness such as: sending cards, making phone calls and visiting when appropriate. Our goal is to help every shut-in feel loved, remembered, and connected to our church family. If you would like to participate, please fill out the card insert that is in Sunday’s bulletins. For more information, please contact Pastor Dan.



As summer begins and schedules shift, our Wednesday Night Dinner Teams will be taking a well-deserved sabbatical until September. Before we pause for the season, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the many faithful volunteers who make these evenings such a special part of our church family.

Week after week, you create more than just a meal — you create fellowship, laughter, and a welcoming place for our church family to gather together. Thank you to everyone who sets tables, prepares meals, serves, washes dishes, and cleans up after Bible Study. Your servant hearts do not go unnoticed.

A special thank you goes to our incredible team leads who coordinate menus, purchase food, organize volunteers, and serve as lead chefs each week. We are also grateful to our wonderful dessert teams for always providing something sweet to end the evening.

I would especially like to thank Sandy Webb, who has gone above and beyond this year. Sandy has faithfully kept the pantry stocked, organized the kitchen and fellowship hall spaces, and been an incredible blessing through her hard work and servant spirit. I truly cannot thank her enough.

To every volunteer who has served this year: thank you for your love, generosity, and faithfulness. We look forward to gathering around the tables again in September.

When we return, we will also be welcoming additional volunteers to join our Wednesday Night Dinner Teams. There is always room for more helping hands and joyful hearts. Please note that all volunteers are asked to attend one volunteer meeting following the 11:00 service on either August 16 or August 23. A light lunch will be provided, along with kitchen refresh training and fellowship time for all teams. RSVP cards will be available in the bulletin starting in July.

**THANK YOU** does not fully express my gratitude for each of you and the countless ways you bless our church family through your service.

With a thankful heart,  
Rhonda Neal



Raisin' Canes will not meet during the months of June, July & August. We will see you in September!

Just Breathe



**Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group**

Our next meeting is Monday, June 23rd at 7:00 pm



Shalom packed 100 meals for Moments of Hope and prepared 14,256 meals for Rise Against Hunger.



*Strength in the Journey*

A support group for widows and widowers.

The next meeting for Strength in the Journey is **Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite lunch and drink. We will discuss "tools for coping with life, what we do when we feel overwhelmed."



**SHALOM**  
— Y O U T H —



Please be in prayer for our Centrifuge campers. We will be at camp June 15<sup>th</sup>-19th. Our campers are: Adam, Hannah, Zoe, Aaron, Jackson, Mason, Erika, Caroline, Lizzie, Charlotte, Emma, Taylor, Easton & Peyton



**Join us for**  
*Sunday Night Light*

2nd Sunday of Each Month  
Starting June 14th  
6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Come As You Are  
Youth led for families with children, youth and young adults.



**Shalom collected 394  
pairs of socks!**



**Thank you Shalom  
Family!**

In June we will collect  
the following hygiene  
items:

- Shampoo
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Mouth Wash
- Washcloth
- Hair Comb

We appreciate any and  
all donations! Please  
place items in the blue  
grocery cart outside of  
the Fellowship Hall.  
Reach out to me if you  
have any questions.

-Linda Wade

## FATHER'S DAY SLIDESHOW



In honor of Father's Day, we would like to  
have recent photos of dad's with their  
children/families. Please send photographs (a  
limit of 2 photos) to [jmdart612@gmail.com](mailto:jmdart612@gmail.com). In  
order to get your photo in the slide show  
please have them emailed by  
Sunday, June 14th.



WMU Circles will resume monthly meetings in September.

Attention Ladies: We are planning a trip to Bland to assist  
with their clothes closet ministry. We will leave the church on  
Sunday, August 16th, at 2:00 pm and return Tuesday, August  
18, in the late afternoon. If interested, please contact Ann  
McFaden.

On Wednesday, September 2, our guest speaker will be Jean  
Jones from Samaritan's Purse, sharing about Operation  
Christmas Child and the impact of those special shoebox  
gifts. Make plans to attend!

All ladies are invited to the Dover WMU Annual Lottie Moon  
Christmas Tea on December 5 from 2:00–4:00 pm. Each table  
will feature a new missionary preparing to serve on the  
mission field. More details to come.



# Pastoral Ponderings from *Pastor Dan*

David wrote in Psalm 143:10, "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground."

I'm so very glad to be back as your Associate Pastor after an almost two-year hiatus. It's amazing how God works His will in our lives as David wrote. I was supposed to be at my former interim pastorate for 3 weeks. Well, those three weeks turned into almost two years! I had not intended to continue any pastoral ministry when I decided to leave the former position, but evidently God had something else in mind. So, here I am!

How do you know what is the will of God? Be open to what God wants you to do. How do you know what He wants us to do? **Pray** for His leadership as David reminds us. He will lead you where He wants you to go; He will guide you to be what He wants you to be; He will teach you what He wants you to know. BUT you have to ask Him.

David reminds us that there will be ups and downs in our lives, but God will lead us to level our lives. Pray right now that God will put you on solid ground, on Christ, the "solid Rock."

## KIDS CORNER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Voyagers

Every Tuesday starting June 9th

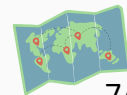
8:45 am-2:15 pm

6/9: Getting to Know YOU

6/16: Tye Dye & Field Day Games

6/23: Rescue Squad

6/30: TBD



7/7: Cooking with "Miss Sam"

7/14: No Voyagers (VBS Week)

7/21: TBD



7/28: VA State Police Aviation

8/4: VA Museum of History & Culture

8/11: Twin Hickory Park & Picnic

### Touch-A-Truck & Resource Fair

Saturday June 6th

10:00 am



*In case of inclement weather -  
a rain date*

*has been scheduled for June 28th.*

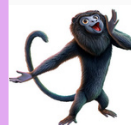


June 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm-8:30 pm



Register NOW by visiting Shalom's website at [www.shalombaptist.net](http://www.shalombaptist.net).



# Athletics & Recreation



Every Tuesday at  
5:30 pm



**SHALOM**  
PICKLEBALL

Every Thursday  
Adults  
5:30 pm

Children & Youth  
will resume in the  
fall.

The Men's Tuesday morning Bible Study will begin a discussion on "Dogma" vs. "Doctrine," on June 2nd. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 am in the Co-Ed classroom. We'd welcome your participation as we grow in our relationship with Christ.

Our Men's night at the new CarMax Park will be on Tuesday, June 9th. Game time is 7:05 p.m. We will take the church bus and van to limit parking expense and will depart Shalom at 5:45 pm. We have acquired 50 free tickets, so please see Ken Hein if you are interested in attending.

On Saturday July 11th we will have a men's breakfast at a location to be determined. Please mark your calendar with this date.

Our next trip to Bland Ministry Center is scheduled for September 27 – 30. We encourage you to join us on this trip as we serve God by serving others.



# Thank You

Dear Church Family,

I want to express my deepest and most heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for the love, support, and kindness you have shown me and my family during one of the most difficult seasons of our lives.

Throughout Carol's journey with cancer, you surrounded us with prayers, encouragement, meals, visits, and countless acts of compassion. Those gestures, both big and small, carried us through days when we felt overwhelmed and reminded us that we were never walking this path alone.

Carol held tightly to her favorite scripture, Exodus 14:14, "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." That promise brought her peace and strength, and it continues to comfort our family. Your prayers and faith helped us rest in that truth.

After her passing, your continued support has meant more than words can fully express. Your presence, your comforting words, and your unwavering faith have been a source of strength and peace in a time of deep sorrow. You have truly been the hands and feet of God to our family.

While our hearts still carry the weight of loss, we are also filled with gratitude—for a church family that loves so deeply and gives so generously. Thank you for standing beside us, lifting us up, and helping us hold onto hope.

We are forever thankful and blessed to be part of this church family.

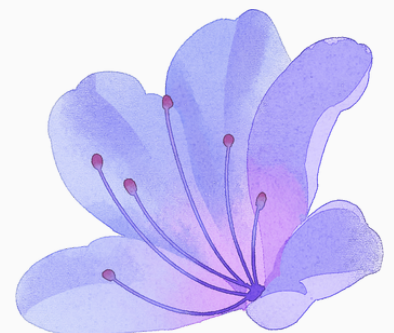
With sincere appreciation and love,  
Vonnie Loving

To All of the Members at  
Shalom Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your gift to the music fund at Second Presbyterian Church. Bob got such joy from music both at church and playing bassoon in many music groups.

Thank you for coming to his funeral. What a a trip! Thank you also for all the cards and prayers. Your thoughtfulness and kindness shown to our family and me are very much appreciated.

Blessings,  
Janet Miller & Family





# Congrats!



## CLASS OF 2026



"Trust in the Lord with all of your heart..."  
**Proverbs 3:5**

### June Anniversaries

- 1st Scott & Annette Shaw
- 3rd Neil & Brandy Applewhite
- 7th David & Brenda Beish
- 9th Courtland & Peggy Lambert
- 10th John & Betty Edgell
- 11th Craig & Margene Secor
- 20th Bill & Anne Fowler
- 22nd Ed & Vicky Kidder
- 23rd Vernon & Mary Beasley
- Charles & Kathy Wingfield
- 26th Lin & Kathy Diacont
- 29th Harold & Virginia Clark

### June Birthday's

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|------|------------------|------|-------------------|
| 2nd  | Wayne Hufner     | 23rd | Roy Taylor        |
| 5th  | Logan Lane       | 24th | Wyatt Byrd        |
| 6th  | Kathy Diacont    | 25th | Robert Compton    |
| 7th  | Bobby Ryan       | 26th | Charlie Blackwell |
|      | Virginia Seymour |      | Russ Hoffman      |
|      | Rebekah Taylor   | 27th | Gail Hosfeld      |
| 8th  | Bonnie Blake     | 28th | Glen Daniel       |
|      | Dottie Layne     |      | Daniel Taylor     |
| 11th | Juliana Dean     | 29th | Dan McFaden       |
|      | Bill Frost       |      |                   |
| 12th | Jean Dart        |      |                   |
|      | David Nelson     |      |                   |
| 14th | Harold Clark     |      |                   |
|      | Leilani Tucker   |      |                   |
|      | Linda Tomlin     |      |                   |
| 17th | Angela Farrier   |      |                   |
| 18th | Chuck Hubble     |      |                   |
|      | Dee Ober         |      |                   |
|      | Drew Revere      |      |                   |
|      | Max Romine       |      |                   |
|      | Craig Secor      |      |                   |





# June 2026



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>31</b>	Graduate Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Young Adult Sunday School 1:00pm Pavilion Reserved (Tucker)	<b>1</b> 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Small Group Bible Study (Bowles)	<b>2</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 5:30pm Open Gym Basketball 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>3</b> 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Living Waters Bible Study 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm QUA 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 5:30pm Adult Pickleball	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Touch-A-Truck & Resource Fair	
<b>7</b>	Baptisms 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Young Adult Sunday School 12:30pm Church Incorporation Committee Meeting 3:30pm Girl Scout Meeting	<b>8</b> 11:00am Staff Meeting	<b>9</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 8:45am Voyagers 9:00am Walking in the Gym 9:45am Men's Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Open Gym Basketball 5:45pm Men's Ministry-Flying Squirrels Baseball Game 7:00pm Stewardship Meeting	<b>10</b> 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Living Waters Bible Study 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm QUA 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 5:30pm Adult Pickleball	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:00am Men's Ministry Breakfast 2:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved (K. Seay)	
<b>14</b>	8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Young Adult Sunday School 1:30pm Deacon's Meeting 6:00pm Sunday Night Lights	<b>15</b> Centrifuge Camp 11:00am Staff Meeting 11:30am Strength in the Journey 6:00pm Small Group Bible Study (Bowles)	<b>16</b> Centrifuge Camp 8:30am Men's Bible Study 8:45am Voyagers 9:00am Walking in the Gym 9:45am Properties Committee Meeting 5:30pm Open Gym Basketball	<b>17</b> Centrifuge Camp 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Living Waters Bible Study 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm QUA 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> Centrifuge Camp 11:30am Fellowship Hall Reserved (Co-Ed SS Class) 11:30am Fellowship Hall Reserved (Co-Ed SS Class) 5:30pm Adult Pickleball	<b>19</b> Centrifuge Camp	<b>20</b> Fellowship Hall Reserved (Dunn/Beasley)	
<b>21</b>	Father's Day 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Young Adult Sunday School	<b>22</b> Centrifuge Camp Shut-In/Hospital Visitation Day 9:00am Feedmore Truck 11:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group	<b>23</b> Centrifuge Camp 8:30am Men's Bible Study 8:45am Voyagers 9:00am Walking in the Gym 9:45am Men's Choir Rehearsal 11:00am Cancer Support Group 5:30pm Open Gym Basketball 6:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting	<b>24</b> Centrifuge Camp 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Living Waters Bible Study 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm QUA 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b> Centrifuge Camp Raisin' Canes 5:30pm Adult Pickleball	<b>26</b> Centrifuge Camp	<b>27</b> Properties Committee Work Day Touch-A-Truck & Resource Fair- RAIN DATE	
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