



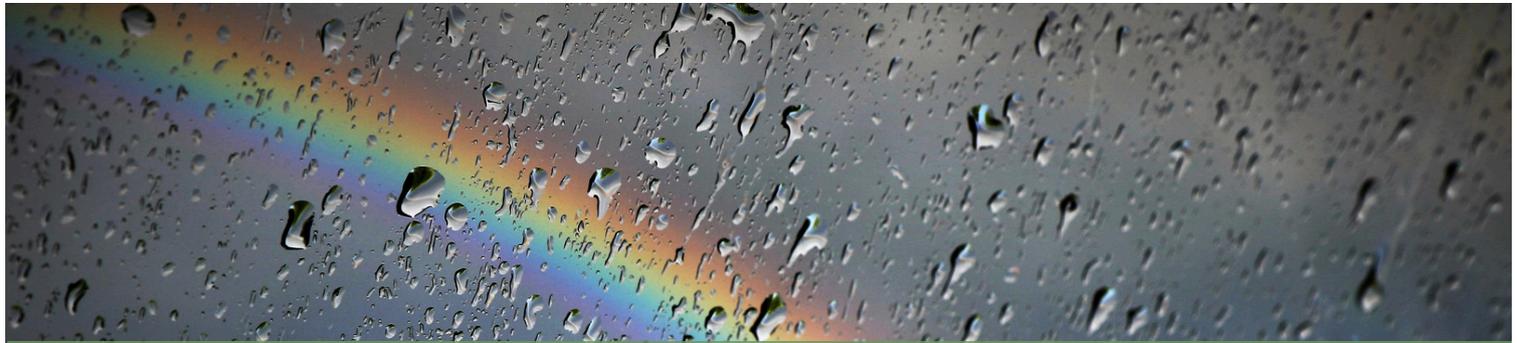
*Gather. Glorify. Grow. Go.*

Shalom Baptist Church Newsletter

March 2025



# THE SHALOM NEWSLINE



*"The bow will be in the clouds, and I will look at it and remember the permanent covenant between God and all the living creatures on earth."  
Genesis 9:16*



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Thursday: 8am-2pm



# Mark's Minute

Most of us have at one time or another had to have put something together “step by step”. Maybe it was a new piece of furniture (that you purchased in a box), or a children’s gift at Christmas time (a dollhouse or a soccer goal for the backyard). We get what it means to “do something, step by step”.

As you know by now, Shalom has been in a discovering and discerning process over these last several weeks as we have been learning about spiritual gifts (Special abilities given by God through His Holy Spirit at the moment of conversion). These Biblical spiritual gifts are given to us (believers in Christ) in order to glorify God, build up the Body of Christ (the Church) and bring unity into the church. We find lists of spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28; Romans 12:6-8; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Peter 4:9-10; Exodus 31:3; 1 Tim. 2:1-2; and Psalm 150:3-5. But...what do these lists of spiritual gifts have to do with us...and what do they have to do with a “step by step” process? Well...let me show you:

- STEP 1: (Discovery): Pick up a spiritual gifts assessment/questionnaire at Shalom (on the welcome table, in your Sunday school class or in the Music Room).
- STEP 2: Put your name on the top of the assessment before filling it out.
- STEP 3: Take it home and fill it out (follow the directions on the assessment).
- STEP 4: Determine your spiritual gifts. Transfer the numbers from each question to the master sheet AND THEN add the columns up and put a total number at the bottom of each of those columns.
- STEP 5: What are your 3 highest “column totals”? Those are your top 3 spiritual gifts. Write those 3 gifts in the blanks provided
- STEP 6: Bring your spiritual gift (all filled out with your name on it) back to someone at the welcome center in the lobby of Shalom.
- STEP 7: Attend the “What’s Next” luncheon on March 16 at 12:15 to meet around tables with others (and a spiritual gifts coach) to help you bridge your spiritual gifts to actual ministries in our church.

**KEY POINT! KEY POINT! KEY POINT!** -- Don’t simply sign up for the lunch if you haven’t filled out your spiritual gift assessment. This is not just a “FREE LUNCH” –we will be using a copy of YOUR spiritual gift assessment at that lunch. Then we will return it back to you.

So...there’s the “step by step” approach to spiritual gifts...discerning, discovering, bridging to ministry...and then using!

In Him,  
*Pastor Mark*



March 5th  
**SLOPPY JOES**

March 12th  
**BEEF GOULASH**

March 19th  
**BUTTER CHICKEN**

March 26th  
**CORN BEEF & CABBAGE**

**Cost:** \$5.00 for adults  
\$2.00 for children  
\$15.00 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.

Shut-In of the Month:

*June Cross*

**602 Elmfield Drive  
Richmond, VA 23227**

Please remember June 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 March:

*Lori Glass*





The Sisters in Service Circle meets on Monday, March 10th at 10:00 am in the Co-Ed classroom. The Beloved Circle meets Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30 pm at the home of Lori Glass.

**SOUPER BOWL-** The WINNER of the “Golden Soup Can Trophy” goes to the Friendship class! We collected 1,288 cans of soup going to MCEF and Moments of Hope food pantries and 88 cans going to the New Song Backpack Ministry. They pack 123 backpacks each week for our local schools.

The Casserole Ministry is ready to go! This ministry will support those who are grieving, those coming home from the hospital or anyone who needs a meal. Contact Ann McFaden for further information.

Cookbooks are still available for \$15.00.



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Save the date for the Mother’s Day Tea on May 3rd.

## Week of Prayer & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Churches observe the Week of Prayer for North American Missions by praying for missionaries, their families, and their ministries. These missionaries need you to step into their stories through your prayers as they often face opposition, discouragement and battle loneliness. **The week of prayer is March 2nd-9th.** The offering for North American missions was named after Annie Armstrong, whose devotion to Christ led her to a life of service and leadership. She organized women to pray, to give and to meet the needs around them. Offering envelopes are available in your offering box and in the church lobby. Our church goal is \$3,500.00. We will be collecting through the month of March.





## Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group

**Monday, March 24th  
7:00 pm**

Just Breathe is a group of caregivers who are experiencing some of the same tears, joys, concerns, frustrations & prayers. Join us for an hour to let go and “Just Breathe”



First, we'd like to thank all who attended the Valentine breakfast on February 15th and to the men that came early and prepared the food. We look forward to doing it again next year.

This is a list of the events scheduled between now and the end of May.

- March 11th – Men's dinner at Anna's starting at 6:00 p.m.
- April 19th – Men's breakfast at Shalom beginning at 8:00 a.m. (Note this is the third Saturday, in lieu of the usual second Saturday, due to a scheduling conflict.)
- May 4th – 7th – Trip to Bland Ministry Center leaving from Shalom at 2:00 p.m. on the 4th and returning Wednesday evening the 7th.
- May 17th – A day of Fun, Fellowship, Fishing and Food at Dr. Wilson's Lake in King William.

Please contact Ken Hein if you have any questions about these events.

**The Cancer Support Group**  
meets every **4th TUESDAY** of the month.

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 25th**  
**11:00 am**



## 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 who are navigating this difficult path. You are welcome to join our next meeting on **Monday, March 17th**. We will be going to Anna's for lunch at 12:00 pm.





### From the Office:



- Church Council Meeting-Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm.
- **Daylight Saving Time Begins on Sunday, March 9th. Spring forward!**
- April Newsletter entries are due Wednesday, March 19th.
- Did you know Shalom has **TWO** AED machines. One is located on the wall next to the office door in the church lobby and the second is located in the back hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall. An AED, or Automated External Defibrillator, is a portable device that can help restart a heart that has stopped beating. AEDs are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest, a condition that occurs when the heart stops beating unexpectedly. Type this link into your browser to watch a video on how to use the AED machines. An e-mail will also be sent out with the link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2k4cHni8lWo>



438 items were collected for the Tree of Warmth. These items will be sent to the Bland Ministry Center.



# The Harvesters

Saturday, April 5th  
6:00 pm





# KIDS CORNER

SAVE THE DATE

## CHILDREN'S EASTER EVENT



SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

10:00 AM-1:00 PM



Egg Hunt, Petting Zoo, Easter Display,  
Cake Walk & other fun events!



Children & Youth lead worship on

### Sunday, March 30th



SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 23RD-27TH

# & Youth



Children & Youth  
sponsored

## TALENT SHOW

*& Spaghetti Dinner  
Fundraiser*

*Saturday, March 1, 2025*

# Lock-in

MARCH 7TH-8TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT ADAM CRIGGER



## Message from our **Sunday School** Director

Coming on Saturday, March 29th, will be our first CPR class! We will notify you if you are in the first class. If you have an interest in obtaining CPR certification, good news, there will be more classes to come! The classes will be led by our own Shannon Brooks.

We had approximately 150 people who attended the Valentine breakfast. Shout outs to the Special Events committee who decorated and made the fellowship hall beautiful. Also, the Men's Ministry who prepared the food. It's amazing the things that can be accomplished when we work as a team, the body of Christ.

Thank you, Lord, for your deep and complete love. For loving us even when we are unlovable. You are such a good God! We are humbled, honored and happy to be called your children.

Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for His mercies never end. They are new every morning great is your faithfulness! Lamentations 3:22-23

Thanks,  
Debbie Taylor

### Fun Facts about Saint Patrick

- Saint Patrick's birth name was Maewyn Succat. He was not Irish. He was born in Britain in the late 4th century.
- When he was 16 years old, Irish raiders attacked Patrick's family estate & took him prisoner. He was transported to Ireland where he was held captive for 6 years.
- During his captivity, he began to have dreams & visions telling him to convert Irish people to Christianity.
- Patrick used the shamrock to preach about the Holy Trinity.
- Patrick's color is blue, not green. There are several artworks depicting the saint in blue robes.





# Easter Lilies



It's that time of year to place your order for lilies to decorate the Sanctuary for the Easter services. You may purchase a lily to honor or remember loved ones. Forms are provided in the bulletin. Cost is \$20.00 each. **Orders must be received no later than Sunday, March 30th.**

# Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, calls & text messages, visits and all the ways that you showed support to our mom when she was in the hospital and have shown to our family since her passing. Our mom loved going to church and loved speaking to everyone as they entered and left church. Thank you for all the love and kindness you have shown to us.

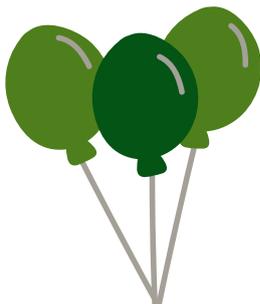
Agnes Seay's Family-Linda, Donna & Mike

## March Anniversaries

- 1st Jim & Dawn Luginbuhl
- 19th Kevin & Christy Lane
- 20th Glen & Millie Daniel
- 23rd Leif & Gretchen West
- 26th Roy & Janice Carswell
- 28th Gary & Liz Whitt
- 29th Brian & Kathy Seebeck

## March Birthday's

- |      |                  |      |                    |
|------|------------------|------|--------------------|
| 4th  | Ronnie Hardy     | 19th | Judy Coiner        |
| 5th  | Deborah Wright   |      | Bob Vaughan        |
| 7th  | Judy Dorazio     |      | Mary Lee Wilberger |
|      | Betty Leadbetter | 20th | Randy Crew         |
| 9th  | Sheila Curtis    | 22nd | Peggy Lambert      |
|      | Millie Daniel    | 23rd | Leyna Duval        |
|      | Margaret Higgins | 24th | Virginia Clark     |
| 10th | Brenda Beish     | 25th | Bonnie Custalow    |
|      | Joan Durvin      | 26th | Sonya Blommel      |
| 12th | Charity Baker    |      | Bill Mick          |
| 15th | Carson Brooks    | 28th | Allen Layne        |
|      | Robyn Chewning   | 29th | Trish Woodson      |
| 16th | June Cross       | 30th | Byron Blake        |
|      | Brecken Garrison | 31st | Chuck Rush         |
|      | Mitzi Hubble     |      |                    |
| 17th | Sheryl Snellings |      |                    |
| 18th | Diana Peppler    |      |                    |



And then he told them,  
"Go into all the world  
and preach the Good  
News to everyone."  
Mark 16:15

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The Lord bless you  
and keep you; the Lord  
make his face shine on  
you and be gracious to  
you; the Lord turn his  
face toward you and  
give you peace.  
Numbers 6:24-26



# MARCH 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>23</p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:20am He Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 3:00pm Easter Cantata Rehearsal 3:00pm Girl Scout Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00am Feedmore Truck 9:30am Shut-In/Visitation Team Meeting 11:00am Homeschool Co-Op 6:30pm EMT Meeting 7:00pm Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 9:45am Men's Choir Rehearsal 11:00am Cancer Support Group 6:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1:00pm Savnet Meeting 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Bible Study (Heaven) 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00am Senior Adult: Coffee &amp; Donuts Gathering</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:00pm Talent Show &amp; Spaghetti Dinner (Children &amp; Youth Sponsored)</p>
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