



# THE SHALOM NEWSLINE

*“Go, therefore, and make disciples  
of all nations, baptizing them in the  
name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit...”*

MATTHEW 28:19

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# Mark's Minute

The apostle Paul wrote these words at the beginning of his letter to the church in Philippi: "I thank my God every time I remember you." I have recently learned that the words "think" and "thank" come from the same root word. That tells me that giving thanks should stem out of you and me thinking about our blessings.

And we, Shalom, are truly blessed! With that said, I wanted to use my newsletter article to say a huge and heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all who made Easter week what it was!

Thank you to ALL of you who volunteered your time, effort and energy in making our Children's Easter event a success. Kathy, our children's committee, parents, grandparents and volunteers—those who set up, those who welcomed guests into our lobby, those who worked the various stations, and those who helped tear down afterwards...THANK YOU!

Thank you to Jean, our choir, our A/V folks, Jeff, Ron and Vicki, for making our Cantata a wonderful success! It was incredibly moving and most definitely, memorable. For hours of practices...to a Saturday rehearsal... to the Canata itself, THANK YOU! Thank you to those who worked A/V – from adjusting levels to adjusting microphone heights. From running power points to navigating cameras, Facebook and YouTube...THANK YOU!

Thank you to ALL who made our Seder meal so meaningful...From Kenny and Roy hanging curtains (while hanging off scaffolding) to those who moved tables to our Special events committee (and other volunteers) who helped decorate those tables! For all who worked in the kitchen –peeling countless apples to cooking chicken. From arranging parsley to horseradish on plates. To those who "gathered up" all of the "extra special touches"—(like Jane, roasting lamb and providing a horseradish root.) To Tiffany, Joan, Tracey, Kathy, Vicki and Dan selling and collecting tickets and to those who supplied all the décor—THANK YOU!

Thank you to Jean, Kathy and the other volunteers who prepared a wing of our church for the "stations of the cross" on Good Friday. Thank you for giving your time and your attention to detail to bless those of us who went through those stations with a deeper reflection for Good Friday. THANK YOU.

Thank you for the guys who came up to church on Saturday morning to make sure that all of the pollen in the pavilion got cleaned off...AND that all of the benches got arranged before Sunday morning—THANK YOU!

Thank you to John, Darrell, Roy, Janice (and their truck) for helping us get things out to the pavilion on Easter Sunday morning at 6 am. And thank you to Bonnie and Paul for picking up A TON of "Country Style Donuts" for Sunday morning...and for those who helped with Hebrews café that day, too.

Thank you to those who set up the Easter lilies in the sanctuary...and for those who set up the "flowering cross" at our entrance. It was absolutely beautiful! Thank you to all who were part of making our services a blessing on Easter Sunday morning...and for our Sunday school teachers and children's church workers being so faithful each week. Thank you...THANK YOU!

"I thank my God every time I remember you."

In Him,

*Pastor Mark*



May 7th  
**POTLUCK**

May 14th  
**CHICKEN ALFREDO**

May 21st  
**WALKING TACOS**

May 28th  
**HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS**

**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.



**Shut-in of the Month:**  
*Marie Edwards*

7090 Covenant Woods Drive  
# A111  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111



*Joyce Brown*

7600 Autumn Park Way  
Room 507  
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Please remember both Marie and Joyce this month by sending them a card. It means so much to our Shut-Ins, that they are remembered and that we still care.

Meet our Deacon for the  
month of May:

*Glen Daniel*





# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

*"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue."*

*Proverbs 31:25-26*



## Calling All 2025 Graduates!

### Graduate Recognition & Banquet Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>



If you're graduating from high school or college this year, please fill out the graduate recognition form located in the church lobby at the welcome desk. **Please return it to the church office by Sunday, May 11th.** We are recognizing our graduates at both the 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services.

Graduates and their families are also invited to attend a **Graduate Banquet** immediately following the 11:00 am service on **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall. If you plan on attending, please RSVP by marking 'Yes' on the graduate recognition form with the total number of persons who will be attending with you.

## Leslie & Hazel Watson Missions Offering & Month of Prayer



Dover Baptists observe a Month of Prayer for Association Missions in May each year. The Leslie and Hazel Watson Missions Offering supports the ministries of local and international organizations. The Leslie and Hazel Watson Offering is named in memory of an amazing couple who were strongly dedicated to God and His Missions. The Watsons were long-time Dover Baptists as well as missionaries serving in Japan and other places. Prayer guides and offering envelopes are located in the church lobby.



# 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 path in their life's journey. You are welcome to join our next meeting on **Monday, May 19, 2025**. We will be meeting at the church's new pavilion at 1:00 pm. Please bring a bag lunch and drink. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Nelson.

## Nursery

One of our nursery workers, Ayrielle will be on maternity leave for approximately 6 Sundays. Currently we are planning for the following Sunday's:

B	May 18th	B
A	May 25th	A
B	June 1st	B
y	June 8th	y
	June 15th	
	June 22nd	

We will need one person each week for the 8:30 am service, Sunday School, and the 11:00 am worship service. Please contact Jamie Crigger to sign up.

The schedule may need to be readjusted in case Baby Felix comes early.

Gerald and I would like to say THANK YOU to our Shalom family for all the many prayers, cards, calls, visits and food during his surgery and recovery. It means so very much to have a loving and caring church family.

Blessings,  
Debbie & Gerald Cousins

To our Shalom family,  
Thank you so much for the kindness shown to our mother, Mary Revere, over the last few years. She really appreciated your cards, visits, and especially your prayers. Our family also appreciates your prayers and words of comfort since her passing on April 3. We find peace in knowing that she is with our Heavenly Father.

The Revere Family

Dear Shalom Family,  
Thank you all so much for your kind words and prayers in the passing of my mother, Betty Robertson. Your love and support have meant so much to me and my family.

Kathy Seay and Family



# KIDS CORNER



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, May 17th, 2 pm-Painting Workshop
- Every Tuesday during the summer **starting on June 10th-VOYAGERS 8:45 am-2:15 pm**
- Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 am-Touch-A-Truck & Resource Fair
- **SAVE THE DATE for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL August 5th-9th**



## MEN'S MINISTRY

The Mission Trip to Bland Ministry Center will depart Shalom at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 4th. We will return the evening of Wednesday, May 7th. It is not too late to join us on the trip. Please contact Ken Hein if you are able to participate.

On Saturday, May 17th, we will have our third annual day of Fun, Fellowship, Fishing and Food at Dr. Jeff Wilson's lake in King William.

This year we are opening the event up to all men and their families. Fishing will start at 11:00 and food will be served around 12:30. Bring your families, some chairs and fishing gear and join us for this event.

The Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group will begin a new 22 week study of the Book of Revelation on April 29th. We meet at 8:30 in the conference room and invite you to join us.



Sisters in Service Circle will meet Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at Riverbound for lunch at 11:30 am. This is our last meeting until September.

Beloved Circle will meet Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the home of Lori Glass. This is our last meeting until September.

**The total amount raised for the Annie Armstrong Easter offering was \$3,435.00.**

THANK YOU!



WMU will kick off their **Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the East End Pregnancy Center** starting on Mother's Day, May 11<sup>th</sup> through Father's Day, June 15<sup>th</sup>.



**Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group**  
**Monday, June 3rd**  
**7:00 pm**

We will not meet in May due to Memorial Day. We will have a potluck dinner at Chuck & Leisa George's home on June 3rd.



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

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 27th**  
**10:30 am**

## RAISIN' CANES

The Senior Adult group here at Shalom has re-branded. They are now called the "Raisin' Canes". They meet every 4th Thursday of the month. Their next meeting is Thursday, May 22nd at 1:00 pm at the home of Chuck & Leisa George for a picnic.

### *Parent-Child Dedication*

Celebrating the gift of a new life is a special time in our church. On Sunday, May 11th, during both worship services, you will have the opportunity to dedicate your child to the Lord. If you would like to be a part of this upcoming dedication service, please contact the church office at 804-746-7737.



### **FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:**

- Church Council will meet at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 6th in the Co-Ed Classroom.
- June Newsletter entries are due, Wednesday, May 21st.
- The church office will be closed Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.
- Kelly will be out of the office **August 4-7**. If you would be interested in volunteering to man the office during that time for a few hours in the morning, please call the church office at 804-746-7737.





**Encouragement Ministry  
Team (EMT)**

The EMT typically meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday falling on Memorial Day, we will not be meeting.

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

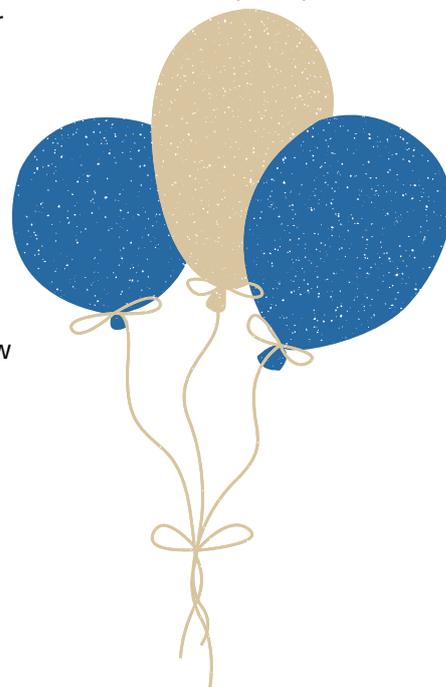


**May Anniversaries**

- 3rd Wayne & Carolyn Hufner
- 4th Ric & Jen Ritz  
Larry & Tracey Seward
- 6th Mary Lee & John Wilberger
- 17th Brad & Liz Crew
- 20th Jean & Michael Dart
- 24th Brian & Karen Friedel  
Lewis & Dehlia Jackson
- 28th Jeff & Angela Farrier
- 29th Chuck & Mary Hunter Townsend

**May Birthday's**

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|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 2nd Nolan Baker               | 27th Sheila Hein |
| Madeline Miller               | Glenda Snowa     |
| Opal Pope                     | 28th Sam Miller  |
| 3rd Roy Southard              | Deborah Thomas   |
| 4th Austin Gammon             | 29th Bill Trice  |
| 5th Carol Loving              | 31st Cindy Kelly |
| Darrel Poindexter             |                  |
| 7th Marie Edwards             |                  |
| Gary Kirby                    |                  |
| 10th Ray Durvin               |                  |
| Alvin Thomas                  |                  |
| 11th Diane Hoffman            |                  |
| Laura Morris                  |                  |
| Zach Neal                     |                  |
| Joan Scott                    |                  |
| 13th Charlotte Mayhew         |                  |
| 14th Dylan Ryan               |                  |
| 17th Laura Kelly              |                  |
| 18th Vickie Gidley            |                  |
| 19th Dan Thompson             |                  |
| 20th Jason Crew               |                  |
| Susan Lewis                   |                  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Amy Mangum   |                  |
| 23rd Vernon Beasley           |                  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Spencer Dean |                  |





# MAY 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Quarterly Business Meeting & Luncheon (Tentatively) 12:15pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 3:00pm Girl Scout Meeting	<b>28</b> Lifeline Screening 9:00am Feedmore Truck 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm EMT Meeting 7:00pm Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group	<b>29</b> (GBC-Car Wash) 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 6:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting	<b>30</b> 6:15pm Bible Study (Heaven) 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 12:00pm WMU Mother's Day Tea
<b>4</b> Bland Ministry Mission Trip (Men's Ministry) 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Staff Appreciation Luncheon 3:00pm Girl Scout Meeting	<b>5</b> Bland Ministry Mission Trip (Men's Ministry) 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Small Group Bible Study	<b>6</b> Bland Ministry Mission Trip (Men's Ministry) 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>7</b> Bland Ministry Mission Trip (Men's Ministry) 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	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Moments of Hope-Saturday Serving
<b>11</b> Mother's Day Parent/Child Dedication 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>12</b> 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Deacon's Meeting	<b>13</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 9:45am Men's Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Stewardship Meeting	<b>14</b> 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	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:00pm Men's Ministry Kitchen Reserved	<b>17</b> 7:00am Men's Ministry Kitchen Reserved 10:00am Men's Ministry: Fishing, Fun, Fellowship and Food Day 2:00pm Children's Painting Workshop
<b>18</b> Graduate Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Graduate Banquet 3:00pm Girl Scout Meeting	<b>19</b> 11:00am Staff Meeting 11:30am Sisters in Service Circle Meeting 1:00pm Strength in the Journey 6:00pm Small Group Bible Study	<b>20</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 9:45am Properties Committee Meeting 6:30pm Beloved Circle Meeting 6:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting	<b>21</b> 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	<b>22</b> 1:00pm Raisin' Canes (Senior Adult Group)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>26</b> Church Office Closed 9:00am Feedmore Truck	<b>27</b> 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 9:45am Men's Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Cancer Support Group	<b>28</b> 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	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



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