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Shalom Baptist Church Newsletter

November 2026

THE SHALOM NEWSLINE



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Mark's Minute

In Romans 1:8, the apostle Paul writes to the church in Rome: “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.”

In Philippians 1:3, Paul writes to the Christians in Philippi: “I thank my God every time I remember you. “

In Colossians 1:3-4, we read “We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints”

In 2 Timothy 1:3: “I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.”

And in Philemon 1:4, we read these words: “I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers.”

Paul makes it a point to thank the Christians that he knows…the Christians that he has worked alongside…the Christians that have remained firm in the midst of persecution. And so, in conjunction with this “thanksgiving month” and in the example of Paul, let me just say:

Shalom,
* Thank you for encouraging me…for building me up in the Lord. You have no idea how meaningful that is to me.
* Thank you for loving me and my family…through your words and your actions (like your “Pastor Appreciation” cards and gifts).
* Thank you for praying for me. I desperately need your continued prayers for wisdom, strength, protection, integrity, gentleness, and fresh vision. Your prayers carry me along.
* Thank you for your graciousness. I’ve certainly made my share of mistakes in this position, but you have offered me grace to grow and develop in my ministry.
* Thank you for your generosity. You have always made sure to take care of me and my family.
* Thank you for recognizing my boundaries. Thank you for holding my feet to the fire when it comes to “family time” and even “me time”.
* Thank you for catching God’s vision, for being excited about what God is doing in and through us, for being committed to growing Christ’s Kingdom, and for jumping in with both feet.
*Thank you for your servant hearts.
* Thank you for your friendly hospitality. People in our community are really taking notice!
* And thanks for your hugs! (I love getting them on Wednesdays and Sundays!) They get me through the week!

I love you and consider it an honor to serve as your shepherd under THE Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

In Him,
Pastor Mark







Dallas Clayton



Gloria Basham



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







November 4th
POTLUCK

November 11th
SHEPHERD'S PIE

November 18th
CHICKEN CORDON BLEU CASSEROLE

November 25th
NO DINNER-THANKSGIVING WEEK

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 & put it in the offering plate or call the church office with your reservation by 3:00pm Monday & leave a message.





From the Office



- Daylight Saving Time Ends! It's TIME to FALL back 1 hour on November 1st.
- Church Council-Tuesday, November 3rd at 7 PM.
- Called Business Meeting on Wednesday, November 11th at 6:15 pm.
- December Newsletter entries are due Tue. November 18th.
- The church office will be closed Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th in observance of Thanksgiving.
- There will be no supper on Wedneday, November 25th or evening activities.



Shalom is hosting the

Community Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November 23rd at 7:00 PM

This year, we have the opportunity to host the Community Thanksgiving Service. Each year, our churches—including Broadus, Hanover Evangelical Friends, New Bethesda, and Walnut Grove—come together to celebrate Thanksgiving and give thanks for God's blessings. The service will include communion, and we will also take up a love offering that will be donated to MCEF here in Mechanicsville to help support their ministry in our community.

MCEF

Below is a list of items that MCEF is collecting for the Thanksgiving Bags that will be given to their clients. From this list, MCEF will give clients a choice of 8 items for their bag. Please place donations in the blue grocery cart outside of the Fellowship Hall by **Nov. 16th!**

- Green Beans
- Collard Greens/Mixed Greens
- Carrots
- Boxed Mashed Potatos
- Stuffing
- Gravy
- Pumpkin
- Cranberry Sauce
- Brownie Mix
- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Hand Soap
- Toothpaste

We are also collecting canned meats and canned pastas.





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Sisters in Service Meeting: Monday, November 9th at 10:00 am in the Co-ed classroom.

See below for more information about the Annual Dover Lottie Moon Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 5th, from 2:00–4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Registration is now open, and you must register to attend! Bring your daughters, granddaughters, and friends for a special afternoon together. Space is limited to just 100 guests, so be sure to reserve your spot!



MEN'S MINISTRY

The second Shalom's Men's Conference, which took place on Saturday, October 17th was a success. We had four speakers discuss the importance of community and had 64 men in attendance.

The Men's Tuesday morning Bible Study is continuing our study of the Gospel of John. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 in the church conference room. We'd welcome your participation as we Grow in our relationship with Christ.

The monthly Veteran's Coffee Chat Group meets on the second Thursday during November and December. Those dates are November 12th and December 10th starting at 8:30. At our October meeting we had 14 Veterans with 170 years of military service participate. Regardless of if you served on active duty or in the reserves, you are invited to join us.

Tuesday, November 10th, is the date for our next Men's Ministry dinner which will be held at Anna's starting at 6:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for our annual trip to Nanny's on Saturday, December 12th, leaving Shalom at 5:00 p.m. We should return to Shalom by 7:45.

The 2027 dates for the men's ministry's trip to the Bland Ministry Center are May 2-5 and September 26-29. Mark these on your calendar and join us as we go and serve others.



Just Breathe

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Just Breathe is a group of caregivers who are experiencing some of the same concerns, frustrations and prayer needs.

Due to the holiday season we will not have a November meeting and our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 7th at 7:00 pm.**

Strength in the Journey



Strength in the Journey in a ministry for those who have lost a spouse and are seeking support to navigate this path in their life's journey.

Our next meeting is on **Monday, November 16th at 11:30 am at Outback Steakhouse in Mechanicsville.**

SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group at Shalom meets every 4th Tuesday of the month at 11:00 am. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 25th. If you have questions please contact Dee Ober.

Year-End Giving
Qualified Charitable Distributions – A Tax-Smart Way to Support Your Church or Endowment Fund After Age 70 ½

Make A Difference And Save On Taxes: Upon reaching age 70 ½, you can make a tax-free Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) of up to $110,000 from your IRA to Shalom Baptist Church or Shalom Baptist Church Endowment Fund. In 2027 the QCD allowance increases to $114,000.

Make A Maximum Impact With Your Minimum Distribution: Your gift will count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) at age 73.

You Pay No Income Tax On A QCD: QCD's offset income tax liability on your RMD: you get the. benefit of a charitable tax deduction even if you don't itemize.

Plan For the Future Now: By including Shalom Baptist Church on Shalom Baptist Church Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of your IRA, you eliminate income and estate taxation on the amount the church or endowment fund receives. You can then strategically leave your individual beneficiaries more tax-efficient assets.

Contact your IRA administrator to initiate a tax-free QCD transfer from your IRA to either the church or endowment fund.





Autumn is definitely upon us, and the holiday season is just ahead: Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, the New Year. Holiday sales have been going on for what seems like months! Can you believe that Christmas decorations have appeared already? Down with Halloween and up with Christmas décor!

Let's step back from all of this and ponder what's going on. I have to remind myself—more than once!—what all these preps are about. Sure, we pay attention to all these things at the church, especially on Sundays, but what about the rest of the week? What about our food buying for family gatherings? What about the shopping for those "must-have" gifts? Are we really focusing on what are the reasons we celebrate those holidays?

Every meal we prepare should remind us that Jesus was born into a hard-working peasant family. Every gift we purchase should remind us of the gifts the magi brought. So, as we enter this very busy time of the year, let's focus on the reasons behind all these holidays. His name is Jesus.



We are collecting shoeboxes filled with items for children around the world. Pre-printed shoeboxes and labels are available in the Welcome Center, or you can build a box online by scanning the QR code below. We are collecting the shoeboxes on **Sunday, November 16th**.





GOAL:
250 TRADITIONAL BOXES
50 ONLINE BOXES

It's that time of year again! During the Christmas Season you will have the opportunity to honor or remember loved ones by purchasing poinsettias. Order forms will be in the bulletin. Make checks payable to "Shalom Baptist Church" and put "Poinsettia" in the memo of your check. Orders will not be placed if they have not been paid for in advance. Poinsettias cost $17.50 each. This year you can choose between a red or white poinsettia.

Orders are due Sunday, November 29th.



KIDS CORNER



- Children's Paint Day- Saturday, November 21st at 2:00 pm. Painting a Christmas project. Sign-up sheet will be at the welcome desk and you can register online.
- **<u>NO Children's Activities</u> on Wednesday, November 26th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.**



- Mark your calendars for this year's, Santa Breakfast on Saturday, December 12th at 9:00 am. You can register at the Welcome Desk or online.



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with Trunk-or-Treat!



Holiday Season Schedule Update

Basketball and pickleball will be taking a break for the holiday season!

- Pickleball: Last day will be Thursday, November 19th.
- Basketball: Last day will be Tuesday, November 24th.

Both activities will resume in the new year. Thank you for being part of our church community, and we wish everyone a blessed and joyful holiday season!



Happy Thanksgiving

What a blessing our Sunday School picnic was! Thank you to every committee and volunteer who helped make it a success, rain or shine. We enjoyed honoring our veterans, good food, fellowship, and music. God is so good to us!

Coming soon, our Acteens will host the Lottie Moon Post Office in the front foyer on Sundays, November 29th–December 20th. Bring your cards, share your last name with the ladies, and consider a suggested donation of 50¢ per card. A separate basket will be available for cards to our homebound members. Cards may also be picked up December 27th. All proceeds support the 2026 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and our missionaries.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."
1 Chronicles 16:34

Celebrate!

November Anniversaries

7th	Richard & Connie Simmons
9th	Steve & Barbara Merritt
13th	Ron & Joan Anderson
14th	Robbie & Shannon Brooks
	John & Melinda Wilson
17th	Chuck & Mitzi Hubble
19th	Terry & Trish Woodson

November ***Birthday's***

1st	Phoebe Romine
2nd	Karen Friedel
	Olivia Norman
5th	Chris Agee
	Steve Garbett
	James Shockley
7th	Gloria Blackwell
8th	Vickie Shearin
	Maci West
9th	Victoria Byrd
	Lita Fischer
12th	Donald Felts
13th	Dawn Luginbuhl
15th	Eileen Cosby
	Richard Simmons
16th	Liz Crew
17th	Shannon Brooks
20th	Taylor Friedel
	Shelley Porter
21st	Neil Applewhite
	Virginia Ryan
22nd	Hayden Miller
23rd	Renee Norman
24th	Cody Grubbs
27th	Robbie Brooks
	Marshal Brown
	Emma Lane
	Landyn Miller
28th	Roy Carswell
29th	Lydia Baldwin
	Jim Bost
30th	Billy Norman
	Al Scott



SHALOM
YOUTH

The youth will be doing a Krispy Kreme fundraiser starting November 8th-29th !

Krispy Kreme
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Shalom

Join us for

Sunday Night Light

2nd Sunday of Each Month

NOVEMBER 8TH

6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Come as you are!
Youth led for families with children, youth and young adults.

"I will give thanks to You, Lord, with all of my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."
Psalm 9:1



NOVEMBER 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Young Adult Sunday School 3:00pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal 4:30pm Financial Peace	2 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Small Group Bible Study (Bowles)	3 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 5:30pm Open Gym Basketball 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	4 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Bible Study (Zachariah) 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 4:30pm Children & Youth Pickleball 5:30pm Adult Pickleball	6	7
8 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 3:00pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal 4:30pm Financial Peace 6:00pm Sunday Night Lights	9	10 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 9:45am Men's Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Open Gym Basketball 6:00pm Men's MInistry Dinner 7:00pm Stewardship Meeting	11 Raisin' Canes (Riverside Theatre) 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Bible Study (Zachariah) 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12 8:30am Veterans Coffee Club 4:30pm Children & Youth Pickleball 5:30pm Adult Pickleball	13	14
15 OCC Shoebox In-Gathering 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Young Adult Sunday School 3:00pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal 4:30pm Financial Peace	16 11:00am Staff Meeting 12:30pm Strength in the Journey 6:00pm Small Group Bible Study (Bowles)	17 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 5:30pm Open Gym Basketball 6:30pm Beloved Circle Meeting	18 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Bible Study (Zachariah) 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	19 9:00am Properties Committee Meeting 4:30pm Children & Youth Pickleball 5:30pm Adult Pickleball	20 6:00pm Cross Connections Dinner	21 11:00am Fellowship Hall Reserved (Taylor) 2:00pm Children's Paint Day
22 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Young Adult Sunday School 3:00pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal 4:30pm Financial Peace	23 Shut-In/Hospital Visitation Day 9:00am Feedmore Truck 11:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service	24 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Walking in the Gym 9:45am Men's Choir Rehearsal 11:00am Cancer Support Group 5:30pm Open Gym Basketball 6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting	25	26 Fellowship Hall Reserved (Stokes)	27 Fellowship Hall Reserved (Ryan-Decorating)	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Young Adult Sunday School 3:00pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal 7:00pm Hanging of the Green Service	30 10:00am Kitchen Reserved (Wingfield) 11:00am Staff Meeting	1 8:30am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	2 5:30pm Supper 6:15pm Bible Study (Zachariah) 6:15pm Children's Ministry Program 6:15pm Praise Team 6:15pm Youth 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	3 Fellowship Hall Reserved (WMU-McFaden)	4 Fellowship Hall Reserved (WMU-McFaden)	5 Fellowship Hall & Church Reserved (WMU-McFaden) Lottie Moon Women's Tea





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Use your smartphone to scan the QR code to access our church calendar.

