



*Gather. Glorify. Grow. Go.*

Shalom Baptist Church Newsletter

November 2025



# THE SHALOM NEWSLINE

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

*"Enter his gates with  
thanksgiving and his courts  
with praise. Give thanks to  
him and bless his name."*

*Psalm 100:4*



## Church Staff

Rev. Mark Miller.....Senior Pastor  
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### Church Office Hours

Monday: 8:30am-5pm, Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30am-4:30pm,

Thursday: 8:30am-2pm

# Mark's Minute

Whatever is TRUE  
Whatever is NOBLE  
Whatever is RIGHT  
Whatever is PURE  
Whatever is LOVELY  
Whatever is ADMIRABLE  
If anything is EXCELLENT  
If anything is PRAISEWORTHY

...think about such things. (Philippians 4:8)

One of the first plays I ever acted in was Peter Pan. Your pastor played the part of Captain Hook (can you picture a 5<sup>th</sup> grade version of Captain Hook? —I'm sure I was quite menacing). Anyway, I'll never forget one of the scenes from that play (it is one of those enchanting scenes that makes every little child's eyes light up). Peter is in the children's bedroom; they have seen him fly; and they desire to fly too. They have tried it from the floor, and they have tried it from the beds, and the result was failure. "How do you do it?" John asked. And Peter answered: "You just think lovely, wonderful thoughts and they lift you up in the air."

Psalm 34 teaches us to speak praises and remember the promises. One of the first things we learn is that "you are what you dwell on". The things that you think about...the things that you talk about and the ways you allow others to shape your perception of yourself can lead to living life less than how God desires for you to live it. Some of us live life trapped in negativity, trapped in a bad attitude, trapped in low self-esteem, trapped in despair, perhaps it's time to free yourself from those things! Stop listening to those tapes in your mind—stop playing them over and over again—and start training your mind to do that which the apostle Paul (and Peter Pan) encourage us to do...**THINK IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION**. Purposefully steer your thoughts toward the things that are true, noble, and right. Purposefully turn your thoughts to the things that are pure, lovely, and admirable. Your mind can be your meanest enemy or your strongest ally. It can tear you down or it can propel you forward. It can stifle you and limit you or it can set you free and release you to do more than you ever would have thought possible. Ultimately, you alone, are the master of what you think. Allow God, through His Holy Spirit, to help you "set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." (Colossians 3:2)

Peter Pan was right. The children were defeating themselves before they even started. They were thinking "failure" before they even began. The only way to defeat evil thoughts is to begin to think of something else. And so, finally, when those children steered those thoughts away from defeat... and failure...they took off and they SOARED. It's time for us at Shalom to soar!

In Him,

*Pastor Mark*

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Meet our Deacon for the month of  
November:

*Courtland Lambert*



**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT  
DINNERS**

November 5th

**GLAZED HAM**

November 12th

**SHEPHERD'S PIE**

November 19th

**CHICKEN, CHEESE & BACON PASTA**

November 26th

**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.

Shut-In of the Month:

*Myrtle Shockley*



8198 Greenview Road  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

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



Please donate a container of  
laundry detergent for  
Christian Village.





## From the Office



- Daylight Saving Time Ends! It's TIME to FALL back 1 hour on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Church Council-Tuesday, November 4th at 7 PM.
- Called Business Meeting on Wednesday, November 12th at 6:15 pm.
- December Newsletter entries are due Tue. November 19th.
- The church office will be closed Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving.
- Grace Christian School will be using Shalom's gym for basketball practices during the upcoming season. We're glad to support their program and welcome students and coaches as they train and prepare for their games.



MCEF is collecting the following items for Thanksgiving Bags. Please place donations in the blue shopping cart outside of the Fellowship Hall. We are collecting the following:

- Corn
- Green Beans
- Collard Greens/Mixed Greens
- Carrots
- Sweet Potatoes/Yams
- Gravy
- Pumpkin
- Cranberry Sauce
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Corn Muffin Mix
- Brownie Mix
- shampoo
- Body Wash
- Hand Soap
- Toothpaste.

## **Shut-In/Visitation Ministry Update**

The Shut-In/Visitation Ministry team continues to make monthly visits on the 4th Monday of each month. If you're interested in being part of this ministry, please reach out to Kathy Wingfield.

As a special way to bless our shut-ins and their families, the team is hosting a Soup, Singin', & Santa event at the end of November. This will be a time of fellowship, joy, and encouragement during the holiday season.

Please keep this event in your prayers — that each of our shut-ins and their family will be able to attend and experience the love and warmth of Christ through this time together.





### Upcoming Meetings

- **Sisters in Service Circle** meets Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Co-Ed classroom.
- **Beloved Circle** is now meeting quarterly, next meeting is Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Important Information:

- Lottie Moon Christmas Post Office opens Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.



### Upcoming Events:

- **Ladies Annual Lottie Moon Tea**
  - Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Living Hope/Grace Baptist Church in Manakin-Sabot. Reservations required. See sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk in the church lobby. Transportation will be available.
- **Lottie Moon Christmas Shop**
  - Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please bring gently used items for the children to purchase gifts for their parents.



The deacons would like to acknowledge and thank all who were involved in the beautification of our church. The borders surrounding the building and lining the road are simply beautiful and reflect the glory of God! Many thanks again... blessings abound!



The Tuesday Men's Bible Study has just begun a 26-week study of the Book of Genesis. Join us at 8:30 am or this study and fellowship.

The Men's choir meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 9:45 am to 10:30 am, following Bible study, for practice. Bring your heart and join us as we sing praises to the Lord.

On November 11<sup>th</sup> we will meet at Marty's for Burger night at 6:30 pm. Join us for food and fellowship.

### Looking ahead, we have the following events scheduled:

- Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, breakfast at Riverbound Cafe at 8:30 am.
- Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, our annual trip to Nanny's for BBQ. Meet at Shalom at 5:00 pm to travel down to Petersburg.
- Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, we'll be preparing the church wide annual Valentine breakfast. Preparation begins at 6:00 a.m. for this 9:00 a.m. breakfast.
- Spring trip to Bland Ministry Center will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>. We'll leave Shalom at 2:00 pm on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and return the evening of May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Fall trip to Bland Ministry Center will be September 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Again, we'll leave at 2:00 pm on the 27<sup>th</sup> and return the evening of the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Ken Hein if you have any questions or would like to become involved in the Men's Ministry.



## Just Breathe



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

Our next meeting is Monday, November 24th 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 17<sup>th</sup>**. We will be eating lunch at Mission BBQ on Glenside Drive. **We will meet at church and leave at 11:00 am.**

SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH



**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

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

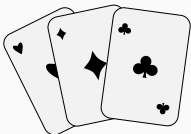


EMT meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.

However, due to the Community Thanksgiving Service our next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

EMT is hosting a Ladies Game Night on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Bring a friend & a game!**



Raisin' Canes is our Senior Adult group here at Shalom. We meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

The next 2 months the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday falls on Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will obviously not meet on those days. Keep your eyes open for information on upcoming events!







## Community Thanksgiving Service

is being hosted by  
New Bethesda Baptist Church  
9019 New Bethesda Road  
Mechanicsville, VA 23116



**Monday, November 24th at 7:00 PM**

*Communion will be served.*



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. Mark your calendar. We are collecting the shoeboxes on **Sunday, November 16th.**



**GOAL:**  
**200 TRADITIONAL BOXES**  
**25 ONLINE BOXES**

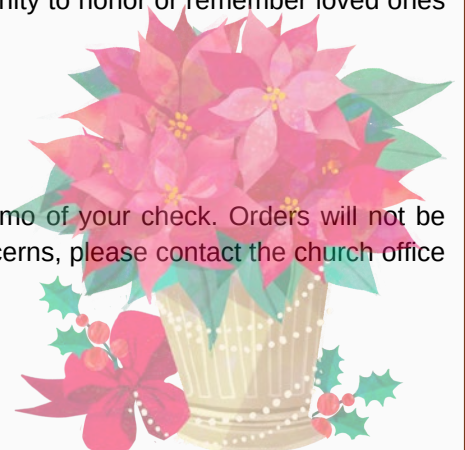
It's that time of year again! During the Christmas Season you will have the opportunity to honor or remember loved ones by purchasing poinsettias. You can place your order one of two ways:

1. You can fill out the order form enclosed in the church bulletin.
2. Call the church office and place your order directly through Kelly.

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. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office at 804-746-7737.

Poinsettias cost \$17.50 each.

**Orders are due Sunday, November 30th.**





## KIDS CORNER

- The Children's Ministry is hosting a church-wide Friendsgiving on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. Bring your favorite snack to share while we play games.



- **NO Children's Activities on Wednesday, November 26th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.**



- Mark your calendars for this year's, Santa Breakfast on Saturday, December 13th at 9:00 am.
- Mark your calendars for the Children's Lock-In on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## Hanging of the Green Service

Sun., November 30<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm

Please join us for the Hanging of the Green service. Let us enjoy the beautiful music of Christmas and the timeless message of Jesus' birth as we decorate our church and prepare for the Advent season. If you would like to participate in the Hanging of the Green service, there will be a sign-up sheet at the welcome desk in the church lobby. We will also be collecting monies for Moments of Hope: Room at the Inn.

Tiffany and I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for all the gifts and blessings that you provided us during Pastor Appreciation month. We most definitely feel very appreciated here at Shalom!



Love,  
Pastor Mark & Tiffany







Our Sunday school is growing, and each class has had new members added, some almost each week! This is partly due to your inviting friends and neighbors to come. Keep up the good work! We love our new friends.

The young adult class has stepped out of the box. They meet on Sundays at 12:15PM, after the 11:00 service. If you are interested, we would love to have you join us! God is moving in so many ways and this is one of them.

The youth dressed up as the Peanuts gang at Trunk or Treat. Who was Pig Pen? This activity was so much fun and such an outreach tool to our community.

The Holy Spirit is really moving at Shalom, and you want to be a part of this. Whatever part you have in the body of Christ is important. Remember, the foot is just as important as the ear, etc. Consider yourself useful as a tool in God's hand. He can use you in His kingdom work as long as you are willing. Plug into a ministry and have fun with it.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

# Celebrate!

## November Anniversaries

7th	Richard & Connie Simmons
13th	Ron & Joan Anderson
14th	Robbie & Shannon Brooks
	John & Melinda Wilson
17th	Chuck & Mitzi Hubble
19th	Terry & Trish Woodson
20th	Dick & Toni Liskie
25th	Burt & Tammy Olsen



## November Birthday's

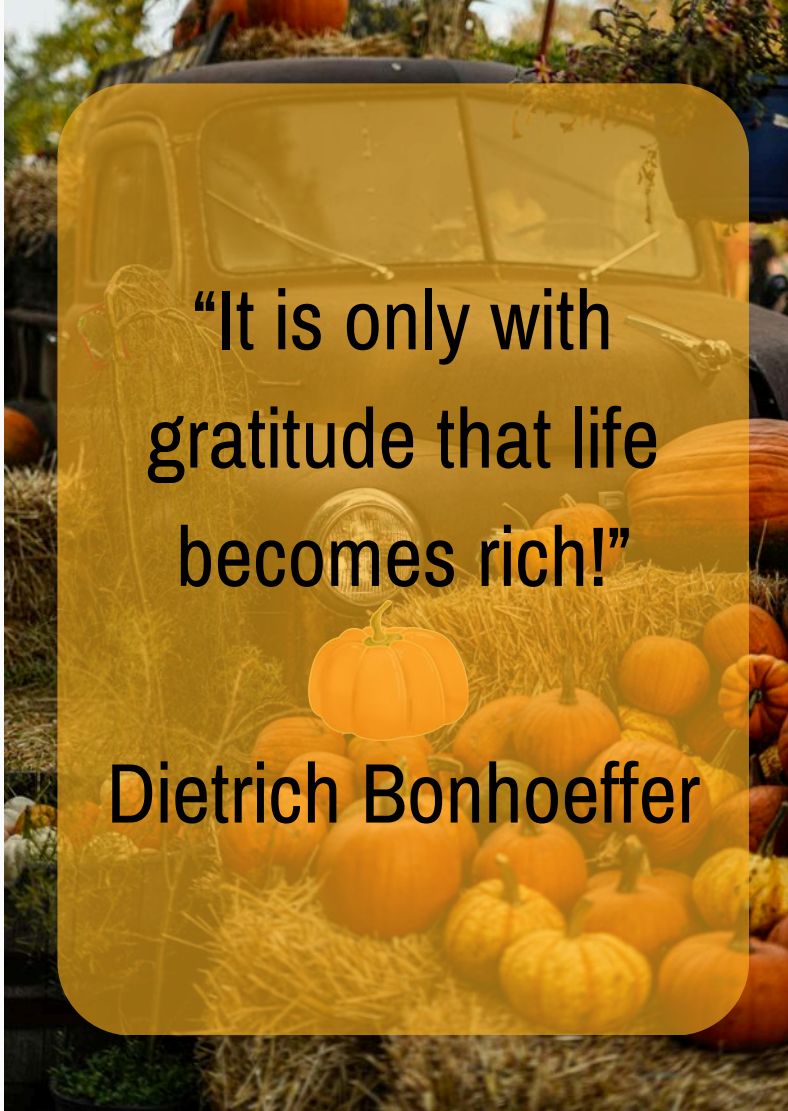
1st	Mary Beth Brown	21st	Neil Applewhite
	Robin Summers		Virginia Ryan
2nd	Karen Friedel	22nd	Hayden Miller
	Olivia Norman	23rd	Renee Norman
5th	Chris Agee	24th	Cody Grubbs
	Steve Garbett	27th	Robbie Brooks
7th	Gloria Blackwell		Marshal Brown
9th	Victoria Byrd		Emma Lane
	Lita Fischer		Landyn Miller
12th	Donald Felts	28th	Roy Carswell
13th	Jeff Farrier		Brandon Pullen
	Dawn Luginbuhl	29th	Lydia Baldwin
15th	Richard Simmons		Jim Bost
16th	Liz Crew	30th	Billy Norman
17th	Shannon Brooks		Albert Scott
20th	Taylor Friedel		
	Shelley Porter		






Let us come before Him  
with thanksgiving and  
extol Him with music  
and song. For the Lord  
is the great God, the  
great King above all  
gods.

**PSALM 93:2-3**



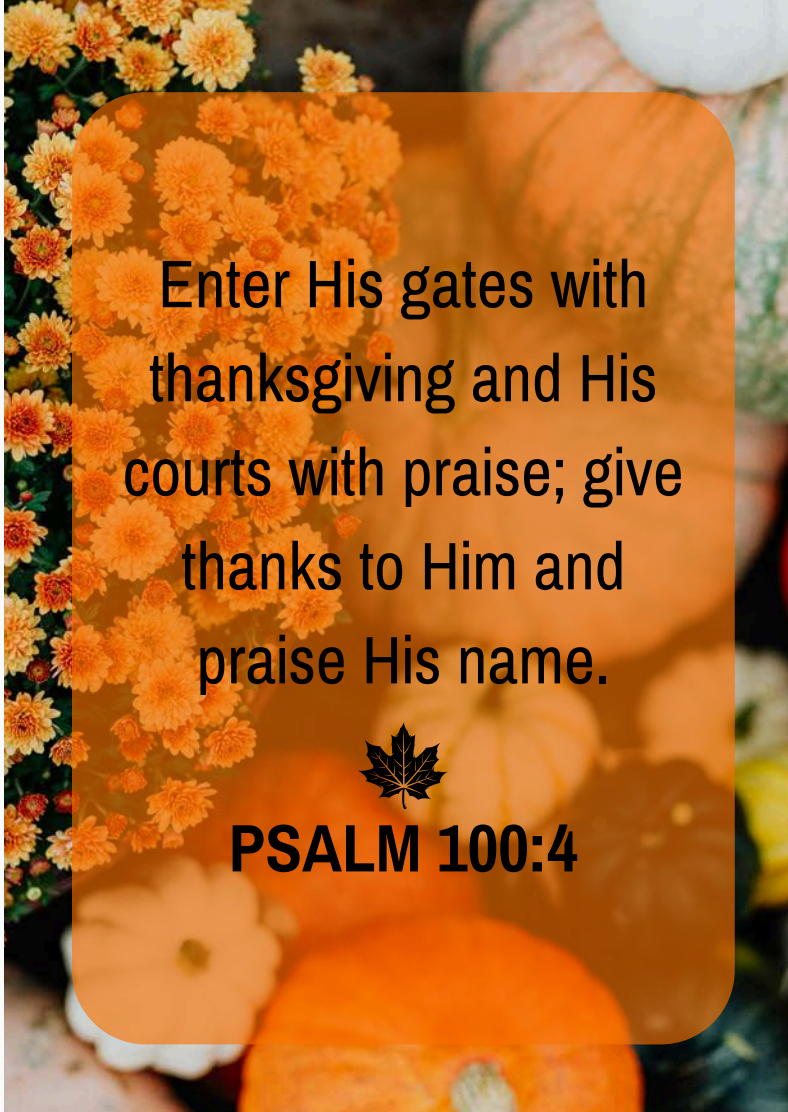
“It is only with  
gratitude that life  
becomes rich!”

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer**



A SHORT PRAYER BEFORE THE MEAL

GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE  
BLESSING AND JOY OF FAMILY. THANK  
YOU FOR THOSE WHO ARE GATHERED  
WITH US TODAY AND THOSE WHO ARE  
FAR AWAY. MAY WE ALL SEE THE MANY  
WAYS YOU PROVIDE FOR US, COMFORT  
US AND PROTECT US. BLESS THIS  
FOOD TO MAKE US HEALTH AND  
STRONG.  
AMEN.



Enter His gates with  
thanksgiving and His  
courts with praise; give  
thanks to Him and  
praise His name.

  
**PSALM 100:4**





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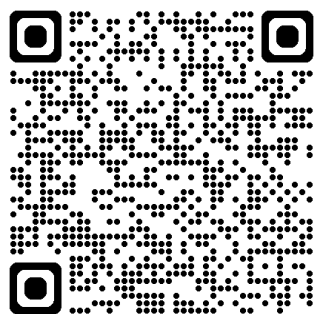


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