



THE SHALOM NEWSLINE



"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:16

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MARK'S MINUTE

There's a big difference between "heartburn" and "a burning heart".

Several years ago, I was with some other pastors and, during a prayer time together, one of them prayed that we, as spiritual leaders, would experience "burning hearts" rather than "heartburn". I was immediately struck by that metaphor. What an incredible thought! It got me thinking: How many churches today are dealing with "heartburn"? (anxiety, discomfort, and the "acid reflux" that comes from bitterness, unforgiveness and disunity).

I've searched my mind and I am hard-pressed to think of ANYTHING good that comes from "heartburn" (spiritual or physical). When our hearts get burned by others, we feel the heat, we experience the tightness in our chests, and we taste the acid of wrongdoing. In fact, "Heartburn" inside churches is often what causes people to drift away from church...Tragic...

But "a burning heart" is vastly different than "heartburn". A spiritually burning heart is a heart that is on fire for God. It is the deep burn of passion-filled prayer, it is the inner drive to share God's glorious Good News with others, and it is a love, joy, and hope that is ignited within us by God's Holy Spirit. And this fire of God in us awakens our spirits. The result is that it cannot be contained. It MUST come out. Jeremiah talks about this very thing when he says: "But if I say, 'I will not mention [the Lord] or speak any more in His name,' His word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed I cannot." (Jeremiah 20:9).

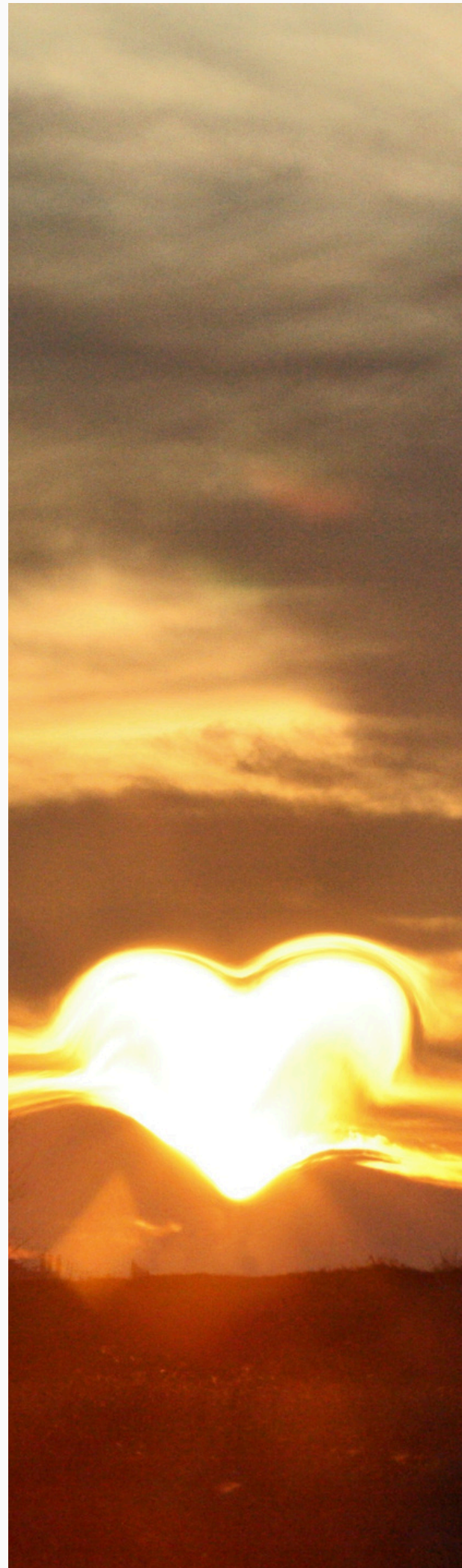
Burning hearts overflow into every aspect and avenue of our lives. But it's sad to think that so many Christian churches are filled with heartburn rather than burning hearts.

Heartburn churns and bubbles, boils, and stews. Heartburn is focused "within" and it damages its surroundings. Burning hearts, on the other hand, are just the opposite--they cannot be contained. They are set free. They are positively infectious. They are not inwardly focused...they spread the power and passion and presence of God wherever they go.

Do you think Mechanicsville would be any different if EVERY church in this area was characterized by "burning hearts" instead of "heartburn"? Do you think the commonwealth of Virginia would be any different if EVERY church within its borders was characterized by "burning hearts" instead of "heartburn". Would America be different? How about the world...? Just something to ponder.

May our hearts continue to burn brightly for the Lord Jesus Christ, Shalom...and for the advancing of His Kingdom on earth.

In Him,
Pastor Mark

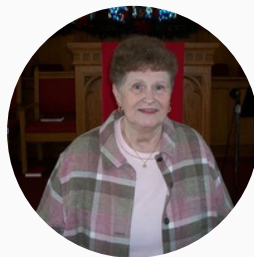


Deacon of the Month ROY SOUTHARD



Shut-in of the Month:

June Cross



6600 Grizzard Ct.
Chesterfield, VA 23823

Marie Edwards



7090 Covenant Woods
Drive A111
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Please remember June & Marie 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:

- The church office will be closed Monday, July 6th in observance of Independence Day.
- Church Council will meet Tuesday, July 7th at 7:00 pm in the Co-Ed classroom.
- August Newsletter entries are due Wednesday, July 22nd.
- Please join us immediately following the 11:00 am worship service on **Sunday, July 19th** for our **Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck Luncheon**. Please remember to bring a side dish to share. If you have any agenda items for this meeting, contact Jane Snead at 804-347-8971 or jasnead@aol.com.



MCEF is collecting strawberry preserves. Please place items in the blue grocery cart outside of the fellowship hall.



The Properties Committee monthly meeting has now changed. They will now meet every 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:00 am. Their next meeting will be July 16th.



KIDS CORNER

Vacation Bible School

July 13th-17th

6:00 pm-8:30 pm

Register online at
www.shalombaptist.net



Voyagers



Every Tuesday
8:45 am-2:15 pm

- 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



Join us for *Sunday Night Light*

2nd Sunday of Each Month

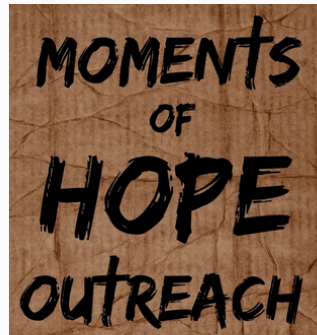
July 12th

6:00 pm-7:00 pm

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



Youth End of the
Summer Cook-Out
Saturday, August 1st
5:00 pm



We are preparing to serve 200 of our unhoused neighbors through the Moments of Hope outreach ministry. To help provide care, encouragement, and nourishment, we will be assembling 200 snack bags for distribution.

Please scan the QR code below to review the available snack donation slots. You can then click the sign-up button to select the items you would like to contribute.

Donation Deadline: Please bring your donated snacks to the church office by Sunday, August 23rd.

Packing Day: Volunteers will assemble the snack bags on Wednesday, August 26th.

Thank you for helping us share hope and kindness with our neighbors in need. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in our community.

If you cannot find the exact package size listed, please purchase enough smaller packages to equal the total quantity requested. For example, a request for a 40-count box of fruit snacks can be fulfilled with four 10-count boxes. Thank you for helping us ensure we have enough snacks for all 200 bags.

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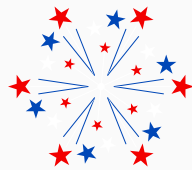




We will not meet in July or August. See everyone in September!



The Cancer Support Group will resume their monthly meetings in September.



Strength in the Journey

Monday, July 21st

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 July 20th.** We will meet at the **Mechanicsville Cracker Barrel at 11:30 am.**

Just Breathe



Cookout at the Chuck & Leisa George's Home
Monday, July 27th
6:00 pm

RSVP:

leisag76@gmail.com

Join us for a time of fellowship & relaxation!

The Men's Tuesday morning Bible Study has just begun an 11-week study of the Book of Daniel. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 am in the church conference room. We'd welcome your participation as we **grow** in our relationship with Christ.

On Saturday July 25th we will join the American Legion Post 175 for their monthly community breakfast that goes from 7:30 am – 10:00 am. They are located at 8700 Bell Creek Rd., Mechanicsville, VA. Join us as we meet with others in our community.

On August 11th starting at 6:00 pm will be Shalom Men's "Smash Burger Night" in our Pavillion. Come and join us as we gather and break bread together.

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





Central Virginia Raceway Ministries

Sponsored by Dover, Middle District & River City Network



This outreach ministry opportunity allows us to put into practice the God-given gifts Pastor Mark taught us last year. Please pray about how you can take advantage of this amazing ministry by loving others and making a positive difference in their lives.

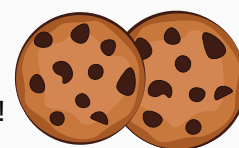
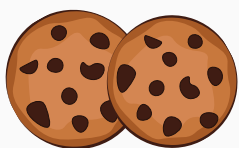
There are numerous ways you can serve in this ministry. Those interested can attend an orientation covering track information, responsibilities, and weekend activity plans. Volunteers can sign up for specific shifts. Lunch and dinner are provided. The dates and shift times are listed below.

- Thursday, August 13th-Load trailer at Dover Baptist Association and set up at the racetrack. 10:00 am-12:00 pm.
- Friday, August 14th-Kids Corner and main tent set-up for truck race:

<u>Shift 1</u>	<u>Shift 2</u>	<u>Set up & Tear Down Team</u>	<u>Lost & Lonely</u>
11am-3:30 pm	3-7:30 pm	10:00 am	After the race (Golf cart drivers)

- Saturday, August 15th-Kids Corner & Hospitality for Nascar Cup race:

<u>Shift 1</u>	<u>Shift 2</u>	<u>Set up & Tear Down Team</u>	<u>Lost & Lonely</u>
11 am-3:30 pm	3-7:30 pm	7:00 pm	After the race (Golf cart drivers)



THOUSANDS OF HOMEMADE COOKIES NEEDED!!!

Thousands of cookies are needed. Cookies must be homemade (NO STORE-BOUGHT OR BAKERY COOKIES WILL BE ACCEPTED) and bagged in small, clear zip-lock plastic bags, with 2-3 medium-sized cookies per bag. A label reading "Compliments of Shalom Baptist Church" may be placed on the outside of the bag. Please label each bag to indicate whether "nuts" are included in the cookies to protect those with allergies.

We do have restrictions on what we can and can't do at the track. Please do not include any Christian tracts. Cookies can be placed in the designated box in the church lobby on 8/9/26 for WMU delivery. Or, cookies can be dropped off at the church by 1:00 pm on August 13 for Kari to deliver.

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY AFTER THE 8:30 SERVICE AND BEFORE THE 11:00 SERVICE.

If interested, please get in touch with Kari Smith, kari@faithfit.net.

RON'S STORY

Hope changes everything.

For years, Ron lived in survival mode—addicted, homeless, and forgotten. But because MoHope showed up and never gave up on him, everything changed.

1 THIS WAS HIS REALITY.

Cold. Alone. Forgotten.



Addiction since age 27
Bipolar
Drug of choice: Crack Cocaine
Lived around Azalea Mall
laundromat for 2 years

2 THIS USED TO BE HOME.

Two years. Outside. Alone.



He lived with the trash and rats.
He had no self esteem.
He felt like nothing mattered.

THEY KNEW MY NAME.

That changed everything.

3 HOPE FOUND HIM.

MoHope was present.
Always consistent.

They never treated him
as less than.

They knew his name.

All these things
gave him hope.



MoHope

Every Person.
Every Day.
Every Name.



YOU BE THE REASON SOMEONE DOESN'T GIVE UP.

*Thank you for bringing hope
to people like Ron.*

GIVE HOPE. CHANGE LIVES.



Gingerbread Cottage preschool is seeking a part-time Preschool Music Teacher beginning Fall 2026. If you would like more information about this opportunity to support students of Gingerbread Cottage Preschool, please contact Michael Jarvis mjarvis.gbcpreschool@gmail.com or 804-339-2679.

July Anniversaries

- 18th Carl & Carolyn Boshier
- 22nd Michael & Donna Robertson
- 23rd Adam & Jamie Crigger
- 25th Russ & Diane Hoffman



July Birthday's

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| 1 st | Trish Eary | 16 th | Erika Seay |
| | Michele Nelson | | Robert Stokes |
| 2 nd | Abbi Nolan | 18 th | Terry Sweeney |
| | Bo Robins | | Alex Butler |
| 3 rd | Amy Neal | 19 th | Allison Butler |
| 5 th | Stuart Point | 20 th | Kim Butler |
| 8 th | Christine Norman | | Bill Fowler |
| 9 th | Liam Crigger | 21 st | Lily Taylor |
| 10 th | Ann McFaden | | Ethel Johnson |
| 12 th | Toni Lane | 22 nd | Ethel Metzger |
| | John Wilson | | Suzie Johnston |
| | Kathy Wingfield | 24 th | Pete Logan |
| 13 th | David Hosfeld | 25 th | Bobby Norman |
| | Larry Seward | | Bob Grubbs |
| 14 th | Lisa Aldrich | 26 th | Janet Jarrell |
| | Myra Bentley | 27 th | Steve Merritt |
| 15 th | Isabel Ferrer | 28 th | Maggie Alexander |
| | Barbara Lecarpentier | 29 th | Brian Friedel |
| | John Poindexter | 30 th | David Beish |
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| | | | Gary Whitt |



July 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Young Adult Sunday School	29 11:00am Staff Meeting	30 8:30am Men's Bible Study 8:45am Voyagers 9:00am Walking in the Gym 5:30pm Open Gym Basketball	1 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	2 5:30pm Adult Pickleball	3	4
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26 8:30am Worship 9:20am He'Brews Cafe 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Young Adult Sunday School	27 Shut-In/Hospital Visitation Day 9:00am Feedmore Truck 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group 6:30pm EMT Meeting	28 8:30am Men's Bible Study 8:45am Voyagers 9:00am Walking in the Gym 5:30pm Open Gym Basketball 6:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting	29 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	30	31	1 5:00pm Youth End of Summer Cook-Out

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The Kroger Community Rewards program is an ideal way to support your favorite non-profit or charity organization. The program allocates funds to participating organizations based on purchase that registered members, family and friends of the organization have made at Kroger using their Kroger Plus card. You can support Shalom just by shopping at Kroger! If you need assistance registering your Kroger Plus card please call the church office.