

Today in the fellowship hall join us as we begin our sermon series, "The Gospel According to Dogs: *What We Can Learn from Our Furry Friends.*" Today's sermon is "Learning Obedience."

Romans 7:15-25 from the Common English Bible (CEB):

¹⁵ *I don't know what I'm doing, because I don't do what I want to do. Instead, I do the thing that I hate.*
¹⁶ *But if I'm doing the thing that I don't want to do, I'm agreeing that the Law is right.* ¹⁷ *But now I'm not the one doing it anymore. Instead, it's sin that lives in me.* ¹⁸ *I know that good doesn't live in me—that is, in my body. The desire to do good is inside of me, but I can't do it.* ¹⁹ *I don't do the good that I want to do, but I do the evil that I don't want to do.* ²⁰ *But if I do the very thing that I don't want to do, then I'm not the one doing it anymore. Instead, it is sin that lives in me that is doing it.*
²¹ *So I find that, as a rule, when I want to do what is good, evil is right there with me.* ²² *I gladly agree with the Law on the inside,* ²³ *but I see a different law at work in my body. It wages a war against the law of my mind and takes me prisoner with the law of sin that is in my body.* ²⁴ *I'm a miserable human being. Who will deliver me from this dead corpse?* ²⁵ *Thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then I'm a slave to God's Law in my mind, but I'm a slave to sin's law in my body.*

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You will find the words and responses on the screens during the Contemporary worship service. The general order we follow each Sunday is:

- Gathering:** Praise Songs and Greeting
- Gratitude:** Offering and Prayer
- God's Word:** Scripture and Sermon
- Going:** Praise Song and Sending



Songs in Today's Service:

You Are Good by Brian Johnson and Jeremy Riddle
I Will Follow by Chris Tomlin
First by Lauren Daigle
 OFFERING: *Trust and Obey* Traditional
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) by Matt Redman

These and other praise songs can be found on PER 90.5 FM. Listening will improve your week.

Sunday 11/20

- Regular Worship Schedule
- Praise Team (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- 3rd Sunday Youth Worship/Lunch (Off Campus) 12:00 noon
- Christmas Hang-Ups* FULL Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 3:30-5:00 pm
- Blessing of the Animals (FH) 5:00-6:00 pm
- G-3 (FH) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Girl Scout Troop 3007 (EB 202) 5:00-6:30 pm
- At Last, Noel* Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00-8:00 pm
- Middle School Large Group (DOG House) 6:00-7:00 pm
- High School Large Group (DOG House) 7:30-8:30 pm

Monday 11/21

- Girl Scout Troop 5366 (EB 201) 4:00-5:30 pm
- Finance Committee Meeting (Library) 6:30-8:00 pm
- Music and Arts Meeting (EB 210) 7:00-8:30 pm

Tuesday 11/22

- Newsletter Folding Team (Church Office) 9:00-10:00 am
- Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
- Richmond Babywearers Meeting (EB 111/112) 4:30-6:00 pm
- Ruritans Meeting (FH) 6:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday 11/23

- OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
- Praise Team Rehearsal (FH) 7:15-8:15 pm

Thursday 11/24

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday 11/25

- OFFICE CLOSED
- Girl Scout Troop 408 (EB 106) 2:40-4:00 pm
- Relay Foods (Front Parking Lot) 3:00-6:30 pm

Sunday 11/27

- Regular Worship Schedule
- Praise Team (FH) 10:00-10:30 am
- Christmas Hang-Ups* FULL DRESS Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 3:30-5:00 pm
- Under Wraps* Dinner (FH) 5:15-5:45 pm
- Under Wraps* Children Study (EB 105/106) 5:45-6:30 pm
- Under Wraps* Youth Large Group Study (FH/DOG House) 5:45-6:30 pm
- Under Wraps* Adult Study (FH) 5:45-6:30 pm



Sunday, November 20, 2016

**THIS WEEK
AT SHADY GROVE**

**Shady Grove
United Methodist Church**

Short Pump

4825 Pouncey Tract Road

Glen Allen, VA 23059

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www.shadygroveumc.net

Regular Sunday Schedule

- 8:15 am
Traditional Worship Sanctuary
- 9:00-11:00 am
HeBrews Coffee Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 am
Informal Traditional Worship Sanctuary
Nursery Faith Care (infants-age 2) *Education Building*
3 Years-5th Grade Sunday School *Education Building*
Youth Sunday School Chapel Building
Adult Sunday School Chapel Building
- 11:00 am
Informal Traditional Worship Sanctuary
Contemporary Worship Fellowship Hall
Nursery Faith Care (infants-age 2) *Education Building*
Children's Own Worship Chapel

**Last Sunday's Stewardship Report on 11/13/2016
(33 weeks)**

2016 Fiscal Year is April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017

Will you be loyal to Shady Grove United Methodist Church and uphold your church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

ATTENDANCE

8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS	COW
29	209	177	69	484	132	20

OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Amount received to date in 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 562,530
Expenses to date for 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 597,192
Pledge amount for 2016-17 Fiscal Year Operating Fund	\$ 807,587
Pledge cards received	237

BUILDING FUND – (Mortgage Payments)

Amount received to date in 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 57,037
Principal & Interest paid in 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 87,576
Pledge amount for 2016-17 Fiscal Year Building Fund	\$ 87,405
Pledge cards received	104

The Building Fund is used to serve our \$ 844,799 debt obligation from 2002-2004 construction of the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and education building, as well as the 2007 acquisition of the adjacent properties on Shady Grove Road. This loan is currently being paid down at a 20-year amortization rate.

GROUNDING IN FAITH, GROWING TO SERVE CAMPAIGN

Amount received to date	\$ 279,712
Pledge amount for 3 years Capital Campaign	\$1,576,545
Pledge cards received	130



SERMON NOTES

Romans 7:15-25

1. Now if you ever try to train a dog you will find out that even more enticing than treats is _____ that they are _____ their master.
2. The word obedience means _____ to another's authority.
3. From the biblical perspective, the healthy life begins by acknowledging that sin, making mistakes, is part of our _____.
4. It's a _____ thing to be vulnerable enough to say I need help but Paul did, and he gave Christ all the credit for making the difference.



Announcements for November 20, 2016

We are glad you are here. It is our hope that you will find our worship meaningful and life-giving. If you are searching for a church home or are interested in learning more about Shady Grove UMC, we invite you to attend our next "Lunch with the Pastors" on Sunday, January 22, at 12:00 noon. To RSVP for lunch, please call the church office at 360-2600 or email plugin@shadygroveumc.net.

TODAY

Our sermon series is The Gospel According to Dogs: What We Can Learn from Our Furry Friends – Dogs have a lot to teach us — love, joy, loyalty, and obedience. Whether you're a dog lover or not, join us for important lessons from scripture, demonstrated by man's best friend.

Blessing of the Animals – Rev. Beanie Kelly will offer a Blessing of the Animals service on **Sunday, November 20**, at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. All well-behaved animals are welcome, but must be on a leash or in a carrier. The event will include a blessing and certificate for each family's pet, crafts, and songs. G-3 will participate in this event.

Advent 2016 starts on Sunday, November 27, and we are excited to offer a new church-wide Advent study, **Under Wraps: The Gift We Never Expected**. *Under Wraps* will include sermons in Sunday morning worship, as well as dinner and study groups for adults, youth, and children on Sunday nights from 5:15 to 6:30 pm. To RSVP for dinners, sign up to help out, or for additional information go to www.shadygroveumc.net/underwraps. For questions regarding this amazing program contact Lauren Adkins, ladkins@shadygroveumc.net.

Calling youth and adults – Nonspeaking drama ministry opportunity in our annual Christmas cantata, *At Last, Noel*, to be presented Saturday, December 10 (7:00 pm) and Sunday, December 11 (9:30 and 11:00 am services). Each participant will choose one presentation. Drama characters are the Holy Family, three wise men, and two shepherds. If you would like to be a part of *At Last, Noel*, contact Sylvia Cooper at scooper@shadygroveumc.net.

Holiday Gift Card Blitz – SGUMC youth can take orders from your family, neighbors, and other friends for holiday gifts, teacher gifts, and more and help support youth missions. Many gift cards are available to purchase for many of the restaurants and retailers you already are likely to frequent. Orders placed by December 11 should arrive in time for pickup on December 18. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net.

Dinners for Eight is designed to help us get to know one another a little bit better outside of Sunday morning. It doesn't matter if you are young or young at heart, couple or single, new to SGUMC or seasoned veteran. Consider joining together this winter with other SGUMC friendly faces to enjoy some good food and fellowship. After the kick-off on Saturday, January 21, with dinner in the fellowship hall, participants are placed in rotating groups of eight and gather once a month in homes from February to April. **Sign-up at the welcome center** in either the narthex (foyer) of the sanctuary or the fellowship hall entry of the Contemporary Service. Questions? Contact Pam Thompson at jeffmthomp@gmail.com or 360-3162 (home).

"Chat at Chew" with Bishop Sharma Lewis – All members of our congregation are invited to a "Chat and Chew" event at Woodlake UMC to meet Bishop Sharma Lewis on **Sunday, December 11**. Dinner is served from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. The laity session will take place from 6:15 to 8:15 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet and hear from the new bishop of our Virginia Conference. SGUMC will cover the cost of the \$10 dinner for any interested members. Please **RSVP by Wednesday, November 30** to Gregg Butler at gbutler@shadygroveumc.net or 360-2600 if you wish to attend the dinner.

Very large boxes (appliance size) needed for children's musical. Please email Kate Bishop at kbishop@shadygroveumc.net if you can help.

THIS WEEK

Children's Ministry Food Drive supports Feedmore! We ask that children bring a non-perishable food item, canned or boxed, holiday related or basic use to all programming events — Sunday School, COW, Little Hands, Sprouts, Choir, and G-3, **through Wednesday, November 30**. This is an important outreach mission for our Children's Ministry and we encourage your family to participate. Questions? Contact Beanie Kelly at bkelly@shadygroveumc.net.

Registration is open for **The Elves Workshops at The Center for Creative Arts – December 3, 10, 17, and December 19-23**. Children ages 6+ enjoy mornings filled with the Christmas spirit as they create unique gifts for their family. Winter Wonderland Art Workshops for children ages 5-12 inspire young artists during the week between Christmas and New Year's. See the details at www.center4creativearts.org. The Center offers a broad array of classes for children and teens including art, chess, and private music instruction for all ages. Learn about our programs at www.center4creativearts.org or email center4creativearts@comcast.net to register.

If you are interested in providing a warm coat for the Caring Clothes Closet to give to residents at United Methodist Family Services, please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/hj8h9un>. Coats (new or used in great condition) should be labeled and dropped off at the CCC **by Friday, December 16**. Questions? Contact Jamie Bittner at jamie.lynn.bittner@gmail.com.

COMING UP

HeBrews will be closed Sunday, November 27.

Join us in worship for the Children's Christmas Musical, Christmas Hang-Ups, presented Saturday, December 3, at 4:00 pm and Sunday, December 4, at our 9:30 and 11:00 sanctuary worship services. Forty children ages 3 years old through fifth grade have been meeting twice a week for rehearsals since September to prepare for our annual Christmas musical. Directing and choreographing the musical is Sylvia Cooper, with Beanie Kelly as drama director, Kate Bishop assisting drama and creating the set and scenery, and Sally Ritchie as drama coach.

Knitting & Crochet Ministry is a group working together as part of our church to stitch shawls, scarves, hats, and prayer squares given where needed as led by God. We help each other in learning and improving our skills when we meet. We do have yarn and needles to pass on to you! You are invited to our last 2016 meeting hosted by Elaine Ratliff on **Thursday, December 8**, at 7:00 pm. Address: 5009 Belmont Park Road, Glen Allen. Call Margaret Phillips at 527-7857 or email phillips.mwphillips@gmail.com with any question. See you on December 8th!

Adult Mission Trip Opportunity – Adults are invited to be part of the mission opportunity **May 14-19** — Appalachia Service Project in Guyan Valley, WV, \$425. Questions? Contact Bob Payne at rpayne60@comcast.net or 305-8763.

Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of November 20, 2016

Romans 7:15-25

These questions are to be used as a spring board for discussion. Answers may or may not be found in the sermons.

1. Discuss the best techniques you know to train a dog.
2. The word obedience means submission to another's authority. Discuss what this means in relationship between a master and his/her dog. What does it mean for our relationship with God?
3. Dogs live to please their master. Share any dog stories you know of that express this desire in dogs. What can we learn about the Christian life from a dog's devotion to its master?
4. Read out loud our text Roman 7:15-25. Discuss what you think Paul means by his confession.
5. What was the difference between Paul's respected life as a Roman citizen and a Pharisee versus his new life with Christ?
6. Why do you think confession has always been an important part of worship in our Christian tradition?
7. What role does being vulnerable play in living the Christian life? How could this get in the way of faith development for some people?
8. Can we overcome the problem we have with our sinful nature? What do you think John Wesley meant as he described the Christian journey as one going on to perfection?
9. Discuss the importance of spiritual disciplines and their importance in our spiritual formation.
10. In Rev. Adkins' sermon he compares the church to Alcoholics Anonymous. If you know anything about AA, discuss how it offers an example of how the church could best encourage spiritual development.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Lauren Adkins, Tori Anderson, Vic Anderson (father of Vicky Oliver), Jim Bonnell, Amy Carroll (sister of Sara Fender), Catherine Chilton, Gil Chilton, Bonnie Dellinger (mother of Jill Early), Pat Edwards, Betty Finley, Cheryl Fitzgerald (sister of Donna Noble), Ann Gooch (mother of Anita Schruck), Kathy Graeber, Ann Gussett (mother of Laura Ann Kump), Laura Harkonen-missionary in Congo, Tommy Harris, Ryan Hartsook (son-in-law of Mike and Ruth Powell), Don Herrick (father of Anne Hurst and Sarah Metzgar), Peggy Hill, Terry Hoover (father of Haylee Douglas), Betsy Katko, Jane Mackey (mother of Roger Mackey), Wallace Martin, Willis McCauley, Pam Melton (daughter of Sylvia Chartier), Diane Morrison, Mary Muse (sister of Mae Ruth Roberts), Samantha Muse (niece of Mae Ruth Roberts), Caiden Purkey (grandson of Bob and Lisa Jones), Cindy Russo, Jim Schmidt, Lois Ann Sessoms (mother of Rachel Smith), Steve Stokes, Sara Walker

Homebound

Aleida Bultman, Mike Powell-Our Lady of Hope, Beverly Robertson (mother of Martha Anne Martin)-Our Lady of Hope, Shirley Ronquest-Crump Manor, Linda Stone-Our Lady of Hope

Global Missionaries

Heather and James-location undisclosed, Nico Chantel-Europe, Fishers 4 Him-Dominican Republic, Eva and Lindsay Gilliam-US, Laura and Timo Harkonen-Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liz Jackson-Philippines, Quynh-Hoa Nguyen-Vietnam

