

Today in the fellowship hall join us as we continue our sermon series, the "I Am" sayings of Jesus.

John 8:12 from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV):  
*Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."*

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The words and songs we use for Contemporary Worship are on the screens in the fellowship hall, but 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:**  
*Made New* by Lincoln Brewster  
*Overwhelmed* by Big Daddy Weave  
*We Believe* by Newsboys  
*Soul on Fire* by Third Day

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

**Sunday 7/10**

High School Mission Trip (Indianapolis, IN)  
 Summer Worship Schedule  
 Praise Team (FH) 10:00-10:30 am

**Monday 7/11**

High School Mission Trip (Indianapolis, IN)  
 The Center for Creative Arts Robotics Camp (EB 206 & 207) 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
 CharacterWorks Rehearsal (EB 201, 202, 203 & FH) 9:00 am-4:00 pm

**Tuesday 7/12**

High School Mission Trip (Indianapolis, IN)  
 The Center for Creative Arts Robotics Camp (EB 206 & 207) 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
 CharacterWorks Rehearsal (EB 201, 202, 203 & FH) 9:00 am-4:00 pm  
 Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am  
 Trustees Meeting (EB 202) 7:00-8:30 pm

**Wednesday 7/13**

High School Mission Trip (Indianapolis, IN)  
 The Center for Creative Arts Robotics Camp (EB 206 & 207) 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
 CharacterWorks Rehearsal (EB 201, 202, 203 & FH) 9:00 am-4:00 pm  
 Krafts with Kate (EB 209) 12:00-1:30 pm  
 Connection Group (EB 206) 5:30-6:45 pm  
 Praise Team Rehearsal (FH) 7:15-8:15 pm

**Thursday 7/14**

High School Mission Trip (Indianapolis, IN)  
 UMM Bible Study (D.O.G. House) 6:45-7:45 am  
 The Center for Creative Arts Robotics Camp (EB 206 & 207) 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
 CharacterWorks Rehearsal (EB 201, 202, 203 & FH) 9:00 am-4:00 pm  
 The Center for Creative Arts Board Meeting (Chapel Bldg.) 7:00-8:00 pm  
 Richmond Christian Singles Bible Study (EB 202/203) 7:00-8:30 pm

**Friday 7/15**

High School Mission Trip (Indianapolis, IN)  
 The Center for Creative Arts Robotics Camp (EB 206 & 207) 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
 CharacterWorks Rehearsal (EB 201, 202, 203 & FH) 9:00 am-4:00 pm  
 Relay Foods (Front Parking Lot) 3:00-6:30 pm

**Saturday 7/16**

High School Mission Trip (Indianapolis, IN)

**Sunday 7/17**

Summer Worship Schedule  
 Praise Team (FH) 10:00-10:30 am



Sunday, July 10, 2016

# THIS WEEK AT SHADY GROVE

**Shady Grove  
 United Methodist Church  
 Short Pump**  
 4825 Pouncey Tract Road  
 Glen Allen, VA 23059  
 804.360-2600  
[www.shadygroveumc.net](http://www.shadygroveumc.net)

## Sunday Summer Schedule

- 8:15 am  
 Traditional Worship Sanctuary
- 9:30 am  
 Informal Traditional Worship Sanctuary  
 Nursery Faith Care (infants-age 2) Education Building  
 Ages 3-Rising 4th Grade Sunday School Education 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 7/3/2016  
 (14 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	95	89	50	263	28	10

**OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Amount received to date in 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 249,867
Expenses to date for 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 258,020
Pledge amount for 2016-17 Fiscal Year Operating Fund	\$ 803,247
Pledge cards received	235

**BUILDING FUND – (Mortgage Payments)**

Amount received to date in 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 38,595
Principal & Interest paid in 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 46,104
Pledge amount for 2016-17 Fiscal Year Building Fund	\$ 87,405
Pledge cards received	104

The Building Fund is used to serve our \$ 875,014 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	\$ 9,034
Pledge amount for 3 years Capital Campaign	\$1,540,925
Pledge cards received	125



**SERMON NOTES**

**John 8:12**

- Permeating John's gospel are two central ideas; \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sometimes darkness is synonymous with \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_ to understand what it means to be human. Then sometimes darkness refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- You can't appreciate the value of \_\_\_\_\_ until you \_\_\_\_\_ or feel the darkness.
- It's important to see that eternal life is not just what happens after we die, it is a \_\_\_\_\_ that God has already established.

Would you like to receive the weekly eblast, monthly newsletter, and other news from the church office by email?  
 Please send an email to Gregg Butler at [gbutler@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:gbutler@shadygroveumc.net) to be added to the list.



## Announcements for July 10, 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, August 14, at 12:00 noon. To RSVP for lunch, please call the church office at 360-2600 or email [plugin@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:plugin@shadygroveumc.net).

### TODAY

**Welcome to Brian Mahne, our new Director of Contemporary Worship.** We are excited to have Brian, his wife Shannon, 19 month old son Brennan, and 16 year old step-son Banyan Geimecke. Brian is an ECPI graduate in computer programming and a VCU graduate in jazz performance with a focus in piano. He is the music director for Big Ray and the Kool Kats, a versatile corporate twelve piece ensemble that plays for weddings, business functions, etc. Brian is also a private piano instructor of 40 students. Brian is scheduled to play at an inaugural ball for the incoming President in January 2017.

**Operation Christmas in July** – Stop by to admire the Christmas tree in the foyer of the sanctuary representing Operation Christmas in July! For the month of July we are collecting empty shoeboxes and Christmas wrapping paper. Please bring to church on Sundays or the office during the week. On Sunday, July 31, at 12:00 pm in the fellowship hall we will have a wrapping party and ice cream social when we will wrap the empty boxes and lids and enjoy ice cream sundaes! Learn more at [www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/). Contact Dottie at [dottie.chiton@gmail.com](mailto:dottie.chiton@gmail.com) or 364-3563.

**Over 125 pledges have been received for the Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve campaign!** Please turn in your pledge card in the offering plate or to the church office to show your support of the campaign. You are invited to make your first payment toward your pledge **today, First Fruits Sunday**. For more information, visit [www.shadygroveumc.net/campaign](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/campaign).

**From Annual Conference** – Rev. Tom Berlin and Shady Grove's own Martha Stokes, chairs of the VA Conference delegation to General Conference 2016, gave a summary of the General Conference and offered brief comments on the Bishop's Commission on Human Sexuality. Tom's comments were enlightening on the various viewpoints and issues facing the bishops. See a video of Martha Stokes' and Rev. Tom Berlin's presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORKmpJ0ggTk>. View slides from the presentation: <https://shar.es/1JS3IE>. Read Polly Rowan's report in the July/August newsletter about Annual Conference at [www.shadygroveumc.net/newsletters](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/newsletters).

**SOW What?** – Summer of Worship is our summer Sunday school for children ages 3-rising 4th grade. Children who have been in the 3's and 4's Sunday school classes this spring will go directly to the education building, room 109. Rising 1st graders should go directly to their kindergarten spring class room, 106. Rising 2nd graders thru rising 4th graders will go to room 209. Children in rising grades 5-6 are encouraged to worship in the sanctuary. Rising 4th graders and above are encouraged to sign up to acolyte at the 9:30 or 11:00 am sanctuary services at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44adaa22a57-sowwhat>.

**Sign up now for Camp Play and Pray July 18-22**, 9:00 am-12:00 noon. Children age 2 - rising 1st grade. For registration forms visit [www.shadygroveumc.net/children](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/children) or stop by the church office. Contact: Kate Bishop at [kbishop@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:kbishop@shadygroveumc.net).

**Teaching the children of SGUMC can be a wonderful and rewarding way to serve.** We will have one team of four teachers that will work their schedule out together for each class. This will require each class to have a Team Leader that will maintain the schedule and assure there is coverage each week. Or you may choose the monthly rotation option. Sign up for the class you would like to teach and consider being a Team Leader at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4fabad29a13-sunday>.

**Calling ALL Rising 6th Graders** – Rising 6th graders are invited to participate in many of our summer Youth Ministry activities. Email Frank Basil at [youth@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:youth@shadygroveumc.net) to be included in our weekly "Youth Update" email distribution to keep up to date on all our events and activities. Friends are always welcome.

**Gift Cards to Benefit Youth Ministry** – Be sure to check out the gift card table on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary foyer or download an order form from <http://shadygroveumc.net/youth-documents> to see many other cards you can purchase. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at [youth@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:youth@shadygroveumc.net).

**HeBrews is closed through August 7.** Thank you for your support and understanding!

### THIS WEEK

**Krafts with Kate Wednesdays in July, 12:00 - 1:30 pm** – Children in kindergarten through rising 6th grade are invited to bring a nut-free bag lunch and drink and join Kate Bishop for a fun time creating. Come to room 209 in the education building. In order to help Kate plan the correct amount of supplies, please notify her if your child(ren) plan to attend **by the Monday prior**. Please send an email to [kbishop@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:kbishop@shadygroveumc.net).

**The Sanctuary Choir** welcomes high school youth and adults to come and sing in the choir. We meet July and August on alternating Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary from 7:15-8:45 pm during the summer. Remaining rehearsals are July 13, 27, and August 3, 17, and 31. We sing in worship the Sundays following the Wednesday rehearsal. Music packets are distributed in advance, and anthems are introduced a month in advance to help members become familiar with them. Contact Sylvia Cooper at [scooper@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:scooper@shadygroveumc.net) for more information.

**The Sophie House** is getting ready to open the food pantry at our new location and we need your help to help single women and their families in the community! We are looking for non-perishable food such as canned vegetables and fruit, boxed dinner mixes, soup, rice, cereal, protein or granola bars, pudding cups, small boxes of raisins, macaroni & cheese, jelly, peanut butter, pasta sauce, canned tuna or chicken, pasta, and paper bags. We also are accepting diapers, wipes, full size shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothpaste, paper towels, and toilet tissue. You can drop off on our front porch at 4771 Shady Grove Road 23059. Call to make an appointment if you would like to see the new location! 804-658-5214 or email [Rebecca@thesophiehouse.org](mailto:Rebecca@thesophiehouse.org). We are also collecting all size and styles of shoes for our summer fundraiser. Every bag of 25 pairs of shoes gets us closer to our goal of 300 bags for the project! Please make sure the shoes are still in usable condition. Thank You!

### COMING UP

**Senior Lunch at Capital Ale House** – Seniors meet for lunch at the Capital Ale House, 4024-A Cox Road, on Wednesday, July 20, at 11:30 am. RSVP to Betsy Katko at [bjkatko@comcast.net](mailto:bjkatko@comcast.net) or 360-5057 **by Monday, July 18**.

**Have you heard about the Summer Book Club?** Join Lauren Adkins **Thursday, July 21**, (this is a change in date from July 14) at 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the church office kitchen to discuss *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. Light dinner provided, RSVP to help for planning purposes. Contact Lauren Adkins at [ladkins@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:ladkins@shadygroveumc.net) or 360-2600, ext. 26.

**The Health Cabinet** seeks health professionals in our congregation to lead an hour long class on a Wednesday night this fall. This will be part of a 9 week series called Wednesday Night Wellness. The classes are not necessarily related, so a speaker's obligation is for one week. If you feel led to offer an hour long class that will provide education to our congregation, please sign up in the narthex from 9:10-9:30 or 10:30-11:00 am on the following Sundays: July 17, July 24, and July 31. Contact Caroline Walters [carolinewalt@verizon.net](mailto:carolinewalt@verizon.net) or Patti Hudak [5daks@comcast.net](mailto:5daks@comcast.net) with questions.

**The Wayne Samford Memorial Golf Tournament Committee** invites you to join us to help with the solicitation of raffle items for the tournament on September 26. Need gift certificates for dinners, coffee, movie tickets... anything that would be a \$20.00 value or more. Register now for the 3rd annual Wayne Samford Memorial Golf Tournament, benefitting Camp Easter Seals UCP for children age 6-12. Held **Monday, September 26, 2016** at The Federal Club. Visit [www.shadygroveumc.net/golf](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/golf) for registration forms. Questions? Contact [melba.gibbs-brumfield@eastersealsucp.com](mailto:melba.gibbs-brumfield@eastersealsucp.com).

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Phyllis Adkins, Tori Anderson, Vic Anderson (father of Vicky Oliver), Diane Bennett, Bonnie Dellinger (mother of Jill Early), Rose Farmer, Betty Finley, Ann Gooch (mother of Anita Schrunk), Barry Green, Laura Harkonen-missionary in Congo, Tommy Harris, Don Herrick (father of Anne Hurst and Sarah Metzgar), Peggy Hill, Rev. Ernest Hogge, Terry Hoover (father of Haylee Douglas), Ruth Hubbard, Betsy Katko, Marion Marcuse (grandmother of Jamie Bittner), Pam Melton (daughter of Sylvia Chartier), Diane Morrison, Mary Oefelein (mother of Philip Oefelein), Caiden Purkey (grandson of Bob and Lisa Jones), Shirley Ronquest, Jim Schmidt, Lois Ann Sessoms (mother of Rachel Smith), Sara Walker, Jeffrey Willis (son of Ginny Willis)

### Homebound

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

### Global Missionaries

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

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Julie Lang upon the death of her stepmother, Kathie Louise Fredrick.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to David and Carol Mathews (close friends of Sylvia Cooper) upon the death of their daughter, Allison Goldstein.



### Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of July 10, 2016

John 8:12

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

1. Why do you think it is important for the writer of John that the listeners understand God by consistently describing God by contrasting light against darkness?
2. Have you personally ever been in such a dark place, literally or figuratively, that you felt totally lost or hopeless? Describe your experience.
3. What is it about darkness that can cause us to be afraid?
4. What does light do to darkness? Describe, in as many ways as you can, how light can change our perspective of dark places.
5. In Rev. Adkins' sermon he says, "You can't properly experience the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday until you experience the darkness of his crucifixion." Do you agree or disagree with this statement and why?
6. God's purpose from the very beginning was to bring light and life out of chaos and darkness. Describe in as many ways as you can how God accomplished this task throughout the biblical drama.
7. John uses the word life 47 times in his gospel and he usually describes it in terms of eternal life. Why is this idea so important to John and how is it connected to God?
8. Eternal life is not just what happens after we die, it is a state of being that God has already established. Discuss what you think this statement means. If you agree, what responsibility do we have to God's work, if any?
9. Tom Long from Emory Divinity School in Atlanta says, "What we really want in our deepest need is not to prove that there is a God somewhere who exists, or even scientific evidence that a resurrection happened some time ago in history. What we need is a God who is right here, knee-deep in the mud and mire of human existence, a vision of Christ who comes to everyday to give life and hope." What do you think he is saying in this statement and do you agree with him?
10. Having faith in God is primarily focused on trust and not proof. Explain what you think the difference is between these two efforts.