

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

John 15:1-5 from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV):

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup> He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."*

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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:** *Start a Fire* by Unspoken  
*Drops in the Ocean* by Hawk Nelson  
*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* by Frederick A. Challinor  
*Oh Happy Day* by Edwin Hawkins

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

**Sunday 8/14**

Summer Worship Schedule  
 Blood Drive (Parking Lot) 8:00 am-12:15 pm  
 Praise Team (FH) 10:00-10:30 am  
 Seniors Lunch (Tanglewood Ordinary) 2:00 pm

**Monday 8/15**

Finance Committee Meeting (Library) 6:30-8:00 pm

**Tuesday 8/16**

"Up and Out" G-3 Mission Trip  
 Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am

**Wednesday 8/17**

"Up and Out" G-3 Mission Trip  
 Youth Summer Fun (Putt-Putt Fun Center) 10:00 am-1:00 pm  
 Disciple III (EB 207) 6:15-7:30 pm  
 Praise Team Rehearsal (FH) 7:15-8:15 pm  
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:15-8:45 pm

**Thursday 8/18**

UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:45 am  
 Preschool Board Meeting (Library) 7:00-9:00 pm  
 Boy Scouts – Troop 735 (FH) 7:00-9:00 pm

**Friday 8/19**

Relay Foods (Front Parking Lot) 3:00-6:30 pm

**Sunday 8/21**

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



**Sunday, August 14, 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

**Sunday Summer 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  
 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 8/7/2016  
 (19 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
25	192	121	74	412	45	14

**OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Amount received to date in 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 326,895
Expenses to date for 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 336,787
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	\$ 43,062
Principal & Interest paid in 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 56,472
Pledge amount for 2016-17 Fiscal Year Building Fund	\$ 87,405
Pledge cards received	104

The Building Fund is used to serve our \$ 867,452 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	\$ 106,009
Pledge amount for 3 years Capital Campaign	\$1,576,645
Pledge cards received	130

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 August 14, 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, October 23, 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

**Please Give Blood!** Shady Grove UMC Summer Blood Drive is **today** from 8:00 am to 12:15 pm, stop by the Bloodmobile. Walk-ins welcome. All participating donors receive a Virginia is for Donors t-shirt and decal!

**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 or usher and greet at the 9:30 or 11:00 am sanctuary services at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f44adaa22a57-sowwhat>.

**Opportunities for Sunday School teachers still available.** No experience necessary. As Jane and Michael Banks requested: "If you want this choice position, rosy cheeks, no warts. Play games, all sorts. You must be kind; you must be witty. . .very sweet and fairly pretty. Give treats, sing songs, bring sweets!" Seriously, you don't have to be Mary Poppins to make a difference for the children of Shady Grove. Please contact Kate Bishop at 426-4521 or [kbishop@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:kbishop@shadygroveumc.net) for more information about exciting Sunday School openings.

**Immediate Openings Available for Worship Elements Team, Usher Team, and Worship Leaders.** Are you ready to serve your church to help make worship be the best it can be? There are openings available on the Worship Elements Team (communion stewards, parament curators, and seasonal decorators), Usher Teams at all services, and Worship Leaders in the sanctuary services, no experience necessary and training is provided! If you are interested in learning more, please contact the church office, 360-2600, to speak with Dana Kelley ([musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net)) or Gregg Butler ([gbutler@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:gbutler@shadygroveumc.net)) or speak to Chris Bergeron ([chris.bergeron@boundtree.com](mailto:chris.bergeron@boundtree.com), 651-3633).

**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).

### THIS WEEK

**G-3 Mission Trip, "Up and Out" Tuesday, August 16 - Wednesday, August 17** – This mission event is overnight with service projects throughout the Richmond area. Up and Out is designed for rising 3rd through rising 6th. Interested in being a part of this fun event? Register by using the Google form at <http://tinyurl.com/zjuxvd>.

**The Sophie House** is getting ready to open at our new location and we need your help to help single women and their families in the community! Visit [www.thesophiehouse.org/donations](http://www.thesophiehouse.org/donations) for a list of food pantry items, toiletries, and paper goods. You can drop off on our front porch at 4771 Shady Grove Road 23059. If you are interested in volunteering at The Sophie House, come to the volunteer interest meeting **Thursday, August 18**, at 10:00 am and see how you can connect! We have opportunities to help with the food pantry Tuesday and Thursday from 10-2 as well as an upcoming backpack event party on Thursday, August 25, in the evening. Please send an email to Rebecca Blackwell, Director of Operations & Programs, [rebecca@thesophiehouse.org](mailto:rebecca@thesophiehouse.org), with your RSVP or if you cannot make it but are interested so she can reach out to you!

**The Sanctuary Choir at Shady Grove** welcomes high school youth and adults to come and sing in the choir. We meet on alternating Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary from 7:15-8:45 pm during the summer. Remaining rehearsals are August 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 information.

### COMING UP

**Youth Ministry 6th Grade Kickoff** – Join us for the 6th grade Youth Ministry Kickoff on **Wednesday, August 24**, at 6:30 pm at Pouncey Tract Park, rain location is at the DOG House. This is for all youth entering the 6th grade and a parent, invite friends to come along too. There will be fellowship, snacks, and information. Questions and RSVP to Frank Basil at [youth@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:youth@shadygroveumc.net) or call/text 370-4633.

**YOU are invited to Knitting & Crochet Ministry** meeting hosted by Margaret Phillips on **Thursday, August 25**, at 7:00 pm. Address: 4521 Meredith Creek Drive, Glen Allen. God is Great. We minister together sharing knitted or crocheted shawls, scarves, hats, and prayer squares where needed. We will show you how to get going on these projects. Send your questions to 527-7857 for Margaret. See you on the 25th!

**The Wayne Samford Memorial Golf Tournament Committee** invites you to join us to help with the solicitation of raffle items for the tournament. Need gift certificates for dinners, coffee, movie tickets... anything that would be a \$20 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**, at The Federal Club. Registration forms at [www.shadygroveumc.net/golf](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/golf). Questions? Contact [melba.gibbs@eastersealsucp.com](mailto:melba.gibbs@eastersealsucp.com).

### Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of August 14, 2016

John 15:1-5

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

1. What does the metaphor describing Jesus as a vine mean to you?
2. In this sermon series we have used different metaphors that Jesus used to describe the nature of God and how God is connected to the world and each of us. See if you can recall the metaphors we have talked about and discuss what common themes you see in these metaphors.
3. Why is it important in our text for the listeners to see that Jesus is the true vine and the Father is the vinegrower? What are the similarities and what are the differences?
4. In Rev. Adkins' sermon he describes various ways he felt that his father tried to give him a better life than his father had. Has anyone in your life attempted to help you have a better life? If so, share your stories. On a larger scale, do you think God is trying to help us experience a better life? If so, how?
5. The disciples of Jesus are not the fruit, the end product, but the conduit for the vines' nourishment. Discuss what you think this statement means.
6. The vinegrower comes along to lift and clean the vine, pruning away the excess and dead growth. Jesus in our text refers to God as the vinegrower. What does this analogy tell us about God and our connection to God?
7. In *A Lamp for My Feet* Elizabeth Elliot says, "It is when we stop straining to paddle our own canoe and let another paddle it for us or give ourselves to paddle someone else's that we fulfill the law of Christ." Discuss what you think she means by this statement.
8. Describe what you think are the basic points the writer of John is trying to tell us about God and our relationship with God.
9. Jesus says in our text, "Apart from me you can do nothing." Discuss what Jesus is trying to tell us about God and our relationship with him through this statement.
10. Discuss the ways you personally have experienced a better life through your relationship with God.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Tori Anderson, Vic Anderson (father of Vicky Oliver), Jan Burger, Bonnie Dellinger (mother of Jill Early), Fyfe Dollar, Rose Farmer, Betty Finley, Ann Gooch (mother of Anita Schrunk), Barry Green, Ann Gussett (mother of Laura Ann Kump), 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), Betsy Katko, Rev. Beanie Kelly, Francis Lyons (grandmother of Walt Lyons), 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), Steve Stokes, Sara Walker

### 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 Alice Milton upon her death.

