

Today in the fellowship hall join us as we begin our sermon series, *Decisions That Will Change Your Life*. This morning's focus is *The Decision to Follow*.

John 1:35-46 from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV):

<sup>35</sup> *The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.*

<sup>38</sup> *When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).*

<sup>43</sup> *The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."*

<sup>46</sup> *Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."*

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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:**

- I Will Follow* by Chris Tomlin
- Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)* by Brenton Brown
- You Are Holy* by Michael W. Smith
- Set a Fire* by Jesus Culture
- Lord I Need You* by Matt Maher

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

**Sunday 1/15**

- Regular Worship Schedule
- Praise Team Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- 3rd Sunday Youth Worship/Lunch (Off Campus) 12:00 noon
- Praise Kids (Sanctuary) 4:15-5:00 pm
- G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Middle School Large Group (DOG House) 6:00-7:00 pm
- High School Large Group (DOG House) 7:30-8:30 pm

**Monday 1/16**

- 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 201) 7:00-8:30 pm

**Tuesday 1/17**

- Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
- Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Library) 6:30-7:30 pm
- 100 Women Who Care (Sanctuary) 7:00-8:00 pm

**Wednesday 1/18**

- Mary, Martha, Mom (Library) 9:15-10:15 am
- Bistro (FH) 5:15-6:15 pm
- Disciple I (EB 205) 6:00-8:00 pm
- Disciple Fast Track (EB 203) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Faith Care Infant/Toddler Nursery (EB 111) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Little Hands – Twos (EB 105) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Bible Zone grades 1-3 (EB 209) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Bible Zone grades 4-5 (EB 210) 6:15-7:15 pm
- SonShine Singers (Sanctuary) 6:15-6:45 pm
- Sprouts – Threes to Fives (EB 106) 6:45-7:15 pm
- Middle School Small Group (DOG House) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Rowdy MOMs (EB 201) 6:15-7:15 pm
- All Pro Dads (EB 202) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Connection Group (EB 206) 6:15-7:15 pm
- Song Leaders Sign Up Meeting (Sanctuary) 6:45-7:15 pm
- Gideon's Call (EB 204) 6:30-7:15 pm
- Praise Team Rehearsal (FH) 7:15-8:15 pm
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:15-8:45 pm
- Meditation with Kate (Library) 7:30-8:15 pm

**Thursday 1/19**

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

**Friday 1/20**

- Middle School Breakfast (Chick-fil-A) 7:20 am
- Girl Scout Brownie Troop 5086 (EB 202) 6:30-7:30 pm

**Saturday 1/21**

- Glen Allen High School Dance Group (FH) 9:00-11:00 am
- Pinewood Derby Practice and Set Up (FH) 2:00-5:00 pm

**Sunday 1/22**

- Regular Worship Schedule
- Praise Team Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- Lunch with the Pastors (FH) 12:00-1:30 pm
- Pack 735 Pinewood Derby (FH) 2:00-5:00 pm
- Girl Scout Troop 5107 (EB 202/203) 4:00-5:45 pm
- Praise Kids (Sanctuary) 4:15-5:00 pm
- G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Girl Scout Troop 3007 (EB 209) 5:00-6:30 pm
- Middle School Large Group (DOG House) 6:00-7:00 pm
- High School Large Group (DOG House) 7:30-8:30 pm



Sunday, January 15, 2017

**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

**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 1/8/2017 (41 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 for 1/1/2017**

8:15	9:30	11:00	Cont.	Total	SS	COW
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**OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Amount received to date in 2016-17 Fiscal Year	\$ 733,040
Expenses to date for 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 749,701
Pledge amount for 2016-17 Fiscal Year Operating Fund	\$ 807,587
Pledge cards received	237

**BUILDING FUND – (Mortgage Payments)**

Amount received to date in 2016-17 Fiscal Year	\$ 79,782
Principal & Interest paid in 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 108,312
Pledge amount for 2016-17 Fiscal Year Building Fund	\$ 87,405
Pledge cards received	104

The Building Fund is used to serve our \$ 829,540 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	\$ 419,385
Pledge amount for 3 years Capital Campaign	\$1,579,545
Pledge cards received	131



**SERMON NOTES**

**John 1:35-46**

1. Deciding not to make a decision in a given \_\_\_\_\_ is a decision in its self.
2. It would be great if we made the choice to listen to and follow Jesus and instantaneously we became \_\_\_\_\_ intellectually and spiritually.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is a key factor in making the choice to believe in God.
4. The disciples \_\_\_\_\_ by being in Jesus' presence and the more they were around him, the better life choices they began to make.



## Announcements for January 15, 2017

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](mailto:plugin@shadygroveumc.net).

### TODAY

As we move into a new year our sermon series *Decisions That Will Change Your Life* will help you set priorities. The series is based on Rev. Tom Berlin's book *Six Decisions That Will Change Your Life*.

**Dinner for Eight participants — Save the Date!** The kick-off is on Saturday, January 21, at the home of Jeff and Pam Thompson where guests will share appetizers and desserts. We are still accepting people interested in being a substitute. Just let us know when you are available and we will call you if there is a cancellation. Questions? Contact Pam Thompson at [jeffmthomp@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmthomp@gmail.com) or 360-3162 (home).

**Bible Boot Camp: Beyond Stories and Verses is Returning to Shady Grove Saturday, February 11!** Facilitator Jennifer McCluskey will walk (or run!) through the general content and historical context of the entire Bible, addressing the barriers that keep many of us from feeling confident about reading scripture, and help participants acquire resources and support for continuing your journey into God's Word. This 6 hour seminar is appropriate for all levels of Biblical knowledge and doubt! Adults and mature youth are welcome. Please plan to arrive at 8:30 am for registration and a light breakfast. The program will run from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, with a break for a catered lunch. Cost: \$25 for all food and materials. Paper registration forms available in the narthex (on the side table under the tapestry) and online registration available on our website, [www.shadygroveumc.net/biblebootcamp](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/biblebootcamp). Contact Lauren Adkins with questions: [ladkins@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:ladkins@shadygroveumc.net).

**Massanutten Tubing Trip** – The Children's Council is planning a family tubing trip to Massanutten Resort on **Saturday, February 11**. Cost is \$26 per person. We will carpool and leave the church parking lot at 9:00 am. Questions? Contact Beanie Kelly at [bkelly@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:bkelly@shadygroveumc.net). Signups begin today to purchase slope/tubing tickets (2 hour sessions).

**Soren Kierkegaard said, "Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays."** The dawn of every new year brings forth resolutions of change and betterment in our lives. Resolve to deepen your discipleship through prayer with the Companions in Christ small group on Sunday mornings, from 9:30-10:30 am in room C4 of the chapel building. Please consider joining us for coffee and snacks, discipleship and fellowship. Questions? Contact Lauren Adkins, [ladkins@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:ladkins@shadygroveumc.net).

**Come and sing with the Praise Kids** (grades 1-5) this afternoon from 4:15-5:00 pm in the sanctuary! If you are joining us for the first time, we will have a packet of songs and a CD made for you. Contact: Sylvia Cooper, [scooper@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:scooper@shadygroveumc.net).

**G-3 resumes** – Children in grades 3-5 are invited to the chapel building for games, snacks, and fellowship.

**Church leaders for 2017** – To see the list of Shady Grove's leaders for 2017, visit [www.shadygroveumc.net/about-us](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/about-us). Each fall our leadership nominating committee discerns a slate of church leaders, including members of church council, finance committee, staff parish committee, trustees, and many committee chairs. The nominations were approved at our annual charge conference held in early November.

**Deliver altar flowers** – Altar flower distribution volunteer needed for the months of June, July, November, and December 2017. Deliver the altar flowers and calling card to members for one month each Monday after services to those who are in need of a reminder they are cared for by the church. Supplies and detailed instructions provided. Interested in this opportunity that blesses while blessing? Call the office at 360-2600 or email Dana Kelley, [musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:musicadmin@shadygroveumc.net).

### THIS WEEK

**Join us Wednesday nights at Shady Grove Bistro** – Dinner is served 5:15 to 6:15 pm in the fellowship hall. RSVP on our website, [www.shadygroveumc.net/shady-grove-bistro](http://www.shadygroveumc.net/shady-grove-bistro), send an email to [sgumcdinner@gmail.com](mailto:sgumcdinner@gmail.com) or call 360-3907, ext. 46 by noon Tuesdays. Adults: \$7, Child: \$3, Family (parents & children): \$20. Menu for January 18 - ham and broccoli bake, tossed salad, sweet potato pie with whipped cream. Kids menu - hotdogs, spaghetti, oranges, Oreos. **If you had a standing reservations in the past**, please make a new reservation for this season.

**With the return of Wednesday Night Bistro Dinners, some of our most popular groups will resume meeting** and would love to see you there! Join these groups from 6:15-7:15 pm in the education building on Wednesday nights. Rowdy MOMs in room 201, All Pro Dads in room 202, and Connections in room 206. Questions? Contact Lauren Adkins, [ladkins@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:ladkins@shadygroveumc.net).

**Gideon's Call**, a men's vocal ensemble, will be singing in worship Sunday, February 5. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:15 pm. January 18 and 25 rehearsals are held in the education building, room 204. The final rehearsal is February 1 and will be held in the sanctuary. Boys in grades 8-12 and interested men are encouraged to join us and participate in this ministry opportunity. Contact Sylvia Cooper at [scooper@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:scooper@shadygroveumc.net) for more information.

**We hope to have handbells ringing** in worship April 2. There are only three rehearsals: March 15, 22, and 29, 6:15-7:15 pm (2 are required to ring), the choir will be composed of youth and adults, beginners welcome. If you are interested, contact Sylvia Cooper at [scooper@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:scooper@shadygroveumc.net) by **Wednesday, January 18**. Please let Sylvia know of any handbell experience.

### COMING UP

**Knitting & Crochet Ministry** is a group that's part of our church working together to stitch shawls, scarves, hats, and prayer squares for encouragement and comfort. You are invited to our next meeting hosted by Elaine Ratliff, 5009 Belmont Park Road, Glen Allen, on **Thursday, January 26**, at 7:00 pm. New members welcome! Questions? Call Margaret Phillips at 527-7857 or email [phillips.mwphillips@gmail.com](mailto:phillips.mwphillips@gmail.com).

**Agape Ringers resume rehearsals January 29**. We will meet in the education building, room 204, on Sundays from 3:30 to 4:15 pm. This ensemble is being offered to children in grades 1-5. This year we will ring once a month at both the 9:30 and 11:00 am services: February 19, March 19, and April 30. The ministry includes singing, playing Orff instruments and handchimes. Directed by Sylvia Cooper and assisted Karen Kugel. Contact Sylvia at [scooper@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:scooper@shadygroveumc.net).

**Join the United Methodist Men for our February Sweethearts dinner on Thursday, February 9**, in the fellowship hall for a delicious meal and entertainment. For dinner, Chef Mike will be preparing pot roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, carrots, dinner rolls, and cherry pie bars. Cost of the dinner will be \$20 per couple (or \$10 per person). Fellowship will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner and entertainment featuring a number of our vocally talented church members and students of The Center for Creative Arts. Childcare will be available. RSVP or questions to Travis Goad ([htravis.goad@gmail.com](mailto:htravis.goad@gmail.com)).

**Congratulations to the participants of Disciple III** on the completion of their study *Remember Who You Are*. They will begin Disciple IV, *Under the Tree of Life*, the last week of January and would like to invite new members to their group. **Disciple I is a prerequisite for completing all subsequent Disciple Courses**. Interested in learning more about meeting times and materials for this study, contact Mark Tuttle at [mark987@hushmail.com](mailto:mark987@hushmail.com).

**Confirmation 2017** – Confirmation classes will begin on February 26 when our youth (7th grade and older) will be given the opportunity to affirm their faith in God and become full members of Shady Grove UMC. Families are asked to contribute \$75 towards the cost of confirmation supplies and expenses. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at [youth@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:youth@shadygroveumc.net).

**Shady Grove is compiling a Lenten Devotional for 2017**. If you remember our devotional "What's Your Story?" in 2015, you know the beauty of being a witness within our own Christian community. If you would like to contribute to our devotional, all gifts and talents are valued. Our creation of a print and online resource for the 40 days of Lent, plus the six Sundays we will worship together, will be the fruit of a collected effort to bring honor and glory to our Lord. Please contact Lauren Adkins, [ladkins@shadygroveumc.net](mailto:ladkins@shadygroveumc.net).

**Adult Mission Opportunity** – Adults are invited to be part of the mission opportunity May 14-19 — Appalachia Service Project in Guyan Valley, WV, \$425. Questions or for more information contact Bob Payne at [rpayne60@comcast.net](mailto:rpayne60@comcast.net) or 305-8763.

### Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of January 15, 2017 John 1:35-46

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

Read John 1:29-50

1. What did John the Baptist have to say about the Messiah in this passage?
2. John calls Jesus "the Lamb of God." Why was this imagery significant for the Israelites?
3. What do you think Jesus told John's disciples when they "spent the day with him" that made them sure he was the Messiah?
4. Why did Jesus change Simon's name to Peter? What was significant about this change?
5. What were the responses of all of the disciples Jesus told to follow him?
6. Why did Nathanael think nothing good could come from Nazareth?
7. What does Jesus promise at the end of the reading? What does this mean, and what can we take from it today?
8. The decision to follow Jesus is life changing and challenging. Describe what this means for you in your everyday life.
9. As you begin the new year, what plan can you create to "walk closer to Jesus"?

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Tori Anderson, Amy Carroll (sister of Sara Fender), Gil Chilton, Kim Dodson (mother of Shana Miller), Hugh Elwood, Betty Finley, Cheryl Fitzgerald (sister of Donna Noble), Jim Fitzgerald, Ann Gooch (mother of Anita Schruck), Kathy Graeber, Ray Gudum, 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), Preston Hudak, Betsy Katko, Susie Kottcamp, Jane Mackey (mother of Roger Mackey), Phoebe Mackey (mother of Elizabeth Compton), 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), Ginger Perkin (daughter of Dave and Diane Bennett), Caiden Purkey (grandson of Bob and Lisa Jones), Amira Safwat, Jim Schmidt, Lois Ann Sessoms (mother of Rachel Smith), Margaret Shaw, Bobbie Stein, 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

