

Today in the fellowship hall join us as we begin our sermon series, *Why? Making Sense of God's Will*. Our sermon this morning is *Why Do Innocent People Suffer?*

Genesis 1:27-28 from the Common English Bible (CEB):

²⁷ God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female God created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground."

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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: *Multiplied* by NEEDTOBREATHE
Testify by NEEDTOBREATHE
Thy Will Be Done by Hillary Scott
Light of the World by Lauren Daigle
Lord I Need You by Matt Maher
We Are the Body by Casting Crowns
Brother by NEEDTOBREATHE
Big House by Audio Adrenaline

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

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Today we welcome Kelley Eavey and Chad Furney to our membership.

Sunday 2/19

- Regular Worship Schedule
- Praise Team Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- 3rd Sunday Youth Worship/Lunch (Off Campus) 12:00 noon
- Communion Training (Sanctuary) 12:15-12:45 pm
- Agape Ringers (EB 204) 3:30-4:15 pm
- Praise Kids (Sanctuary) 4:15-5:00 pm
- G-3 (Chapel Bldg.) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Rowdy MOMs (EB 201) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Youth Explosion Choir (Sanctuary) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Girl Scout Troop 3007 (EB 202) 5:00-6:30 pm
- Middle School Large Group (DOG House) 6:00-7:00 pm
- Beth Moore Women's Bible Study (EB 203) 6:30-8:00 pm
- High School Large Group (DOG House) 7:30-8:30 pm

Monday 2/20

- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- Spirit Night (Carytown Burgers & Fries) 2:00-8:30 pm
- Girl Scout Troop 5366 (EB 201) 4:00-5:30 pm
- Bentley Community Annual Meeting (EB 201) 6:00-8:00 pm
- Finance Committee Meeting (Library) 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday 2/21

- Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary) 9:30-10:00 am
- Staff Meeting (Church Office) 10:00-11:30 am
- Preschool Staff Meeting (EB 201) 12:00-2:00 pm
- Missions Committee Meeting (EB 201) 6:00-7:00 pm
- Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Library) 6:30-7:30 pm
- Trustees Meeting (EB 202) 7:00-8:30 pm

Wednesday 2/22

- Mary, Martha, Mom (Library) 9:15-10:15 am
- Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary) 10:30-11:30 am
- Unselfie* Drama Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 4:30-5:45 pm
- Spaghetti Dinner Sponsored by the Youth (FH) 5:00-7:00 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 1-5 (EB 209) 6:15-7:15 pm
- SonShine Singers (Sanctuary) 6:15-6:45 pm
- Sprouts - Threes to Fives (EB 106) 6:45-7:15 pm
- Unselfie* Music/Choreography Rehearsal (EB) 6:15-7:15 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
- 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 2/23

- UMM Bible Study (DOG House) 6:45-7:45 am
- Pack 735 Den 4 (EB 201) 6:00-7:00 pm
- Boy Scouts - Troop 735 Court of Honor (FH) 6:00-8:30 pm
- Disciple IV (EB 207) 6:15-7:30 pm
- Richmond Christian Singles Bible Study (EB 206) 7:00-8:30 pm
- Knitting and Crochet Ministry (Home of Elaine Ratliff) 7:00-9:00 pm

Friday 2/24

- High School Breakfast (Chick-fil-A) 7:45 am
- Women's Bible Study (Chapel Bldg.) 9:45 am-11:00 am
- Girl Scout Troop 408 (EB 106) 2:40-4:00 pm
- Girl Scout Troop 5347 (FH) 5:00-8:30 pm
- Girl Scout Brownie Troop 5086 (EB 202) 6:30-7:30 pm

Sunday 2/26

- Regular Worship Schedule
- Confirmation Class (DOG House) 9:00-10:30 am
- Praise Team Rehearsal (FH) 9:30-10:30 am
- Town Hall Meeting (FH) 12:15-1:15 pm
- Agape Ringers (EB 204) 3:30-4:15 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
- Rowdy MOMs (EB 201) 5:00-6:00 pm
- Middle School Large Group (DOG House) 6:00-7:00 pm
- Beth Moore Women's Bible Study (EB 203) 6:30-8:00 pm
- High School Large Group (DOG House) 7:30-8:30 pm



Sunday, February 19, 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 2/12/2017 (46 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
31	177	126	72	406	121	20

OPERATING FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Amount received to date in 2016-17 Fiscal Year	\$ 819,042
Expenses to date for 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 850,027
Pledge amount for 2017-18 Fiscal Year Operating Fund	\$ 436,442
Pledge cards received	117

BUILDING FUND – (Mortgage Payments)

Amount received to date in 2016-17 Fiscal Year	\$ 84,405
Principal & Interest paid in 2016 Fiscal Year	\$ 118,680
Pledge amount for 2016-17 Fiscal Year Building Fund	\$ 87,405
Pledge cards received	104

The Building Fund is used to serve our \$ 821,919 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	\$ 441,022
Pledge amount for 3 years Capital Campaign	\$1,612,937
Pledge cards received	144



SERMON NOTES

Genesis 1:27-28

- The Bible definitely does not teach us that those who follow God's will have a life of _____.
- From the very beginning in creation, God's plan has been to _____ and _____ life.
- Our text clearly states that not only are human beings given _____ to "have dominion over the earth," but also to act on God's behalf in _____, _____, and _____ over the earth.
- The Hebrew and Greek word most frequently translated into English means "stray from the _____" or to "miss the _____."
- We can use our suffering with God's help, and find the _____ to transform it into something good and life giving.



Announcements for February 19, 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, May 7, at 12:00 noon. To RSVP for lunch, please call the church office at 360-2600 or email plugin@shadygroveumc.net.

TODAY

Thank you to all those who made their commitments on Stewardship Sunday. For those who have not yet, it's not too late to make your commitment to support the 2017 fiscal year (April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018) operating fund. Please bring or mail your commitment card to the church office or drop in the offering plate on Sunday. We also offer the option of creating an online pledge, available through the webpage, www.shadygroveumc.net/changinglives2017. Thank you for your support.

United Methodist Men Super Bowl Stew – Pickup between services. \$7 per quart or \$20 for 3. Contact Travis Goad (htravis.goad@gmail.com) or Jason Sheriff (jsher17@yahoo.com) with questions.

We welcome children in grades 1-5 to join the Agape Ringers. The Agape Ringers rang in worship today and continue rehearsals each Sunday from 3:30 to 4:15 pm in the education building, room 204. We will be ringing two more times this spring: March 19 and April 30. Contact Sylvia Cooper for more information at scooper@shadygroveumc.net.

Sunday Night Women's Bible Study studying *Entrusted: A Study of 2 Timothy* by Beth Moore from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in room 203 of the education building. Questions? Contact Amani Solanke, faizasolanke@yahoo.com.

Rev. David Adkins Retirement – On February 5, from the pulpit, Rev. David Adkins announced his retirement from full-time ministry, with his last Sunday serving at Shady Grove on June 11. We thank Rev. Adkins for his twelve years of service to our church. The United Methodist church has a process for appointing pastors to serve churches that our Bishop Sharma Lewis describes in a video, available at <http://tinyurl.com/VAUMCappointment>. Please be in prayer for our church during this time of transition as well as the cabinet of District Superintendents of the Virginia United Methodist Conference as they discern the best leadership for Shady Grove going forward.

Pictures – We are actively working to have more photos of people and activities to use on our webpage, eblasts, and social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter). Some members of our congregation may be taking pictures at events. If you do not wish your picture to be included, please email Gregg Butler at gbutler@shadygroveumc.net to let her know.

THIS WEEK

Spirit Night at Carytown Burgers & Fries (200 Town Center West Blvd, near Short Pump Mall) **Monday, February 20**, from 2:00 to 8:30 pm. Mention Shady Grove UMC Youth and drop your receipt in the GroupRaise.com donation box at the restaurant. Questions? Contact Frank Basil at youth@shadygroveumc.net.

Youth join children to present spring musical drama, *Unselfie*, to be presented Saturday, April 22, at 5:00 pm and Sunday, April 23, at 11:00 am as part of the contemporary service. Practices continue Wednesdays 4:30 to 5:45 pm for drama and 6:15 to 7:15 pm for music/choreography in the education building. All children, age three through grade 5, are welcome to participate in the singing and choreography. Contact: Beanie Kelly, bkelly@shadygroveumc.net.

Youth Sponsored Spaghetti Dinner Wednesday, February 22, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, the youth ministry will give the hard-working Bistro staff the night off. Enjoy Chef Steve's famous spaghetti dinner. Reservations are NOT required and all donations to enjoy this delicious meal will benefit our Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event in May when we plan to package 25,000 meals to help work to bring an end to world hunger. Come and bring your family and friends!

Knitting and Crochet Ministry meets at 7:00 pm, Thursday, February 23, at Elaine Ratliff's home at 5009 Belmont Park Road, Glen Allen. Bring your willingness to knit and crochet or learn with us in a relaxed environment. We will have the equipment available you will need. We stitch to share God's love. Contact: Margaret Phillips, 527-7857 or philips.mwphillips@gmail.com.

Last call for SGUMC's 2017 Lenten Devotional, *What a Difference a Day Makes*. If you have a story or artwork to share, please submit ASAP! This **46-DAY CONGREGATION CREATED DEVOTIONAL** will be available for FREE to our congregation before Lent begins. Contact Lauren Adkins, ladkins@shadygroveumc.net, for details.

COMING UP

Confirmation 2017 – Confirmation classes will **begin February 26** when our youth (grade 7 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. Contact: Frank Basil, youth@shadygroveumc.net.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We will be serving original, blueberry, and chocolate chip pancakes along with sausage and apples. There will be crafts for kids. Invite family, friends, and neighbors. Donations accepted to benefit Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now) meal packaging and VBS.

Adult Church Wide Bible Study for Lent – The sermon series in Sunday Worship between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday will be based upon the book **24 Hours That Changed the World** by Adam Hamilton. Instead of "giving-up" something for Lent this year, we are challenging you to pick-up a **SHORT TERM Bible Study!** We are providing four meeting times: Sunday from 9:30-10:30 am, Tuesday from 6:45-7:45 am, and Wednesday from 6:15-7:15 pm. UPDATE: UMM Thursday Morning Bible Study will be completing this study as well and would love to have you join them from 6:45-7:45 am. Can't make any of those times? Consider leading a small group at a time convenient to you and others. Traveling? Get the book and read along! Questions? Contact Lauren Adkins at ladkins@shadygroveumc.net. Order materials now: <http://tinyurl.com/j5229tl>.

Art Inspired by Psalms – Join Terry Chancellor in an adult Wednesday morning class creating art inspired by the Psalms. No experience necessary, all supplies included. Six week class, Wednesdays March 1 – April 5, 10:00 – 11:30 am. Tuition is \$99; Seniors 65+ \$75. All supplies included. See other classes and lessons on our website at www.center4creativearts.org or call 360-CNTR to register.

Senior Brunch and Speaker on March 8 – All seniors are invited to a covered dish brunch at 10:30 am on Wednesday, March 8, in Chapel Hall. After brunch, Bob Layton will give a program on Landscapes in America. Bob enlightened us a few months ago with his program on lesser known monuments in Richmond. Please let Betsy Katko know by Sunday, March 5, if you plan to participate, bjkatko@comcast.net or 360-5057.

High School Students and Adults – Join the sanctuary choir in being a part of the **EASTER CELEBRATION CHOIR!** There are four rehearsals, and we hope you can commit to 3 out of the 4, as well as sing in 2 or all 3 sanctuary services on Easter Sunday, April 16, at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am in the sanctuary. Rehearsals begin March 22 and continue each Wednesday through April 12 from 7:15 to 8:15 pm. Our April 12 rehearsal is from 7:15 to 9:00 pm with a Brass Quartet. Childcare is available upon request. Contact Sylvia Cooper at scooper@shadygroveumc.net so a packet of music can be made ready for you!

Tickets for CASTING CROWNS available! Keith and Jackie Larkin have purchased 50 tickets to see Casting Crowns with special guests Danny Gokey and Unspoken at the Richmond Coliseum on Thursday, March 30, at 7:00 pm. The ticket cost is \$21.50 and they are going fast! The Larkins only have about 10 left. If you are interested, email Keith at antler0816@yahoo.com.

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 or 305-8763.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tori Anderson, Caralie Brown (mother of Beanie Kelly), Amy Carroll (sister of Sara Fender), Kim Dodson (mother of Shana Miller), Hugh Elwood, Betty Finley, Cheryl Fitzgerald (sister of Donna Noble), Jim Fitzgerald, Ann Gooch (mother of Anita Schrunck), Karen Gothard, 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), Charlotte Manning (granddaughter of Barry Green), Wallace Martin, Willis McCauley, Pam Melton (daughter of Sylvia Chartier), Diane Morrison, Ginger Perkin (daughter of Dave and Diane Bennett), Caiden Purkey (grandson of Bob and Lisa Jones), Mike Purkey (son-in-law of Bob and Lisa Jones), Amira Safwat, Jim Schmidt, Lois Ann Sessoms (mother of Rachel Smith), Margaret Shaw, Marie Thurman, 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

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Art Washburn upon his death.

Connection Group Discussion Questions
For the week of February 19, 2017 **Genesis 1:27-28**
These questions are to be used as a spring board for discussion. Answers may or may not be found in the sermons.

1. What do you think God's plan is for creation and how is God carrying out that plan?
2. What is your explanation for the problem humans have with suffering and evil? Is God responsible for suffering? If not, who or what is?
3. Recall the temptation that Adam and Eve experienced in the Creation Story. What does this incident tell us about humanity and sin?
4. What does it mean in Genesis when the writer says God has given human beings "dominion" over his planet?
5. The Bible is about people who refused to let go of their faith in the face of suffering. Give examples from the Bible when people use their faith to confront their suffering. If we are not open to faith during suffering, what are our options?
6. The Bible does not teach that followers of God's will will live in bliss. Share any stories of people who have subscribed to the theology of bliss.
7. How do you think the statement "everything happens for a reason" might be interpreted if you believe people of faith live a life of bliss?
8. How might the statement "everything happens for a reason" be offensive to a person who is dealing with some type of tragedy in their life?
9. When it comes to suffering, our choices may cause it and at other times it just happens. Explain the difference between these two situations.
10. How can our faith allow us to transform our suffering into something good and life giving?

