



**SHADY  
GROVE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**April 21, 2024**

**“Magnifying Jesus Christ by ministering His gospel to  
ourselves, our community and around the world”**

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# *Welcome to Shady Grove Presbyterian Church!*

## Our Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45am, in person and broadcast live on YouTube

Sunday Evening Cornerstone Youth Group Tonight. 6:00-7:45p

Late Morning Prayer (Tuesday and Friday, 11:00-11:30) on Zoom:

Thursday evening Cornerstone Bible Study this week, 7:00-8:45pm

## Dates to Remember

**4/25** Women's Prayer Meeting

**4/28** Young Adults Lunch

**4/28** Church-wide prayer meeting

**4/28** Caregivers Lunch

**5/11** SG Families Strawberry Picking

**5/31** Cornerstone Banquet

**6/14-15** Cornerstone Sprint

**7/8-12** VBS

**7/24-26** Sports Camp

**8/ 8-11** Cornerstone Retreat

**8/17** SG Kids Brunch & a Movie

**9/8** Church Picnic

**10/14-1/13/25** Bruce Wiley's Sabbatical!

**11/8-10** Men's Retreat

See updates and details on our website (<https://shadygrovepca.org/>)

Facebook page ([ShadyGrovePCA](#)) & Instagram ([ShadyGrovePCA](#))



## **New Here?**

### *Welcome to Shady Grove!*

We're glad you're here! Please visit our welcome center in the lobby or scan the QR code to fill out a connect card.



## **Shady Grove Adults**

### *Caregiver Fellowship, April 28*

Are you a caregiver? Full time, part time, or sometimes? Is your loved one nearby or faraway? It doesn't matter. Come join us for fellowship, support, sharing and prayer. Our caregiver support group meets once a month at the home of Richard and Ann Cook to share our journey and find refreshment and comfort in the challenges and blessings of care giving. We meet on the second Sunday of the month, usually after church for a meal, fellowship and prayer. Our next meeting is **April 28**. If you have questions or would like to join us, please email Ann or Richard Cook

### ***Young Adults Lunch, April 28***

The young adults will meet once again for lunch at the home of Dave and Jenny Hawes after the worship service next week, **April 28**. Young adults, make plans to attend!

### ***Montgomery County National Day of Prayer on May 2, 2024***



Join other Christians for the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, **May 2, 2024**, to pray for God to provide His unity and peace in America, Maryland, and Montgomery County. As Christ's ambassadors in Montgomery County, we pray for the power of God's Spirit to bring renewal and flourishing of Christ's Kingdom into our homes, workplaces, and communities. Together we'll pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in the people, systems and institutions that give shape to our communities. This event will be held at the Inter-Denominational Church of God (19201 Woodfield Rd, Gaithersburg). Doors open at 6:45am for breakfast. Program will start at 6:55am and conclude at 8:15am. Please register at <https://2024-MOCO-NDP.eventbrite.com>

### ***Spring Sunday School Classes March-May, 9:30am***

A team of women is teaching a class called "Finding our True Identity in Christ" using Tim Keller's book, *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness* and The Gospel Coalition's book, *Identity Theft: Reclaiming the Truth of Who We are in Christ*. Pastor Baile, Chris Kinsinger, and Gene Sohn are teaching Isaiah 40-55 in room 10/11, Please join us as we explore the beautiful promises and greatness of God on display in these incredible chapters that often are overlooked.



### **Shady Grove Families**

#### ***SG Kids Doing Something "Berry" Special***

Plan to join the families of Shady Grove on Saturday, **May 11**, from 10a-1p at Butler's Orchard to pick strawberries. Cost is \$8/person. Register [here](#) or talk to David Lee on Sunday and get your shortcake recipe [here](#)!



### **Shady Grove Women**

#### ***Women's Prayer Meeting***

The next women's prayer meeting will be held on Thursday, **April 25** from 2-3:00pm in 10/11.

#### ***Women's Bible Study***

There is a new women's bible study that will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm in the hospitality room at church. This is an extension of the Thursday study that recently finished. The study will be going through Exodus 1-18. For more information, please contact Janet Kotowski or the church office.

#### ***Book Shower for Elise (Baile) and Heath's Expected Baby***

For the last two Sundays in April, a book drop has been placed outside the church office for Heath and Elise (Baile) McGill in lieu of a baby shower. Their baby is due in early May and we would love to equip them with great books from our church family. In Baile fashion, this yet-to-arrive baby will be greeted with a full library! 😊



## **Shady Grove Men**

### ***Romans Bible Study***

Pastor Charlie Baile will be leading the men through the book of Romans on **Saturdays** from 9:00-10:30am in the hospitality room at the church. Although an RSVP is not required, contact Pastor Charlie if you'd like to be included. Coffee will be provided.



## **Shady Grove Missions**

### ***Opportunity to Help Local Refugee Family***

We will hear a testimony on **April 28** about an Afghan refugee family who now live locally and need our help. Please pray about how you may be able to help this family.

### ***Deacons Fund: May 2024***

The deacons will designate all giving during May to the food distribution ministry of Porttowns church. Porttowns started out as a PCA church plant in Bladensburg, MD with a relatively small congregation, but a big vision to serve needs in the surrounding community. There are former and current Shady Grove members that serve and volunteer for this ministry, providing physical and spiritual nourishment to those whom it serves. More than 60% of residents of Bladensburg report not having enough food to meet basic needs. Porttowns partners with the Capital Area Foodbank. Every \$1 we spend enables us to buy more than \$7 worth of groceries from the foodbank. Since March 2023 we have distributed almost 50,000 pounds of food, 70 families a month, on average. All money given to the Deacons Fund in May will go to support this ministry.

### ***Missionaries of the Month***

#### ***Gaithersburg HELP***

We thank the Shady Grove congregation for its prayers and support. There was a great response to our Super Bowl food drive in February. However, this past year was tough. We provided food to 6,200 households (1,400 more than 2022). Those groceries fed 28,000 people (6,700 more than 2022). We provided formula for 1,200 infants (499 more than 2022) and diapers for 3,052 infants (970 more than 2022). In addition, we provided rides for 880 seniors to medical appointments (210 more than 2022). HELP ended the year with a \$41,000 deficit. There were adequate funds in our savings account to cover the deficit, but we cannot keep spending our savings like this. HELP made significant changes in its 2024 budget to reduce its expenses. We ended our diaper program to reduce expenses by \$25,000. We confirmed that other organizations providing diapers could take our referrals before we ended the program. Baby food and formula will still be available in the pantry. We also cut support for rent and utility assistance, reducing expenses by another \$24,000. In addition to cuts, we are working to contact more businesses and other organizations to request donations. These actions appear to be helping. Our cash flow showed a surplus for the first two months of this year. Please pray that our finances will remain stable, and that God will raise up new volunteers to fill our open positions. Most of our clients are Spanish speaking so bilingual volunteers are critical to serving our neighbors. If you or someone you know would be willing to volunteer a few hours each month, please complete a volunteer application [here](#). If you have any questions about Gaithersburg HELP, please contact Kevin Ramsey at 240-426-2076 or by email at [Kevin.Ramsey@gaitersburghelp.org](mailto:Kevin.Ramsey@gaitersburghelp.org). *Please note: The Micah Cart is now located by the church office next to the Check Deposit Slot.*



***Tomoko Sacks, The Light Project***

We are very grateful for Shady Grove Presbyterian Church's prayers and support of the Light Project. Thanks to you, in 2023 we were able to expand our teaching activities beyond our regular online classes, teaching in person at the Christ Bible Seminary in Nagoya, and at a Tokyo training program for church interns. The students all mentioned that our courses gave them a deeper understanding of secular work environments, and helped them develop practical skills enabling them to talk more deeply about the big issues confronting working people, Christians and non-Christians alike. Currently we are surveying our course alumni to better understand the strengths and weaknesses of our Faith & Work integration courses, and will use the results to help us develop new programs. Although we have trained over 260 Christians from more than 140 churches all over Japan during the past six years, many Christians are still unaware of how to live out their faith at their workplaces. Training and encouraging them is essential to evangelism in this work-obsessed country. Please pray with us that we can reach and teach more Christians, to transform Japan's workplaces and through them, the entire nation.

[www.lightproject.jp/en/](http://www.lightproject.jp/en/)

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**WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY**

**For Reflection:**

When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. <sup>20</sup> When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over them again. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. <sup>21</sup> When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not strip it afterward. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. <sup>22</sup> You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this.

**Deuteronomy 24:19-22**

“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

**Acts 20:35**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Responsive Call to Worship – Psalm 146**

**Leader:** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! <sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. <sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. <sup>4</sup> When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

**Men:** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, <sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

**Women:** who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

**All:** The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

## Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul. Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, more than all in Thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

### Responsive Scripture Reading – 2 Samuel 9

**Leader:** And David said, “Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?” <sup>2</sup> Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to him, “Are you Ziba?” And he said, “I am your servant.” <sup>3</sup> And the king said, “Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?” Ziba said to the king, “There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet.” <sup>4</sup> The king said to him, “Where is he?” And Ziba said to the king, “He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar.” <sup>5</sup> Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. <sup>6</sup> And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, “Mephibosheth!” And he answered,

**All:** “Behold, I am your servant.”

**Leader:** And David said to him, “Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always.” <sup>8</sup> And he paid homage and said,

**All:** “What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?”

**Leader:** Then the king called Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson. <sup>10</sup> And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, that your master's grandson may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall always eat at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. <sup>11</sup> Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so will your servant do."

**All:** So Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons. <sup>12</sup> And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba's house became Mephibosheth's servants. <sup>13</sup> So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

## **I Will Sing Praise**

I will sing praise to God,  
He has lifted me up  
He heard my cry for help,  
And He filled my cup.

*Refrain: His favor extends for a lifetime.  
His grace gives me strength each day  
My soul shall sing His praise,  
Forevermore.*

I'll put my trust in Him,  
God my refuge and strength  
For when my life seems lost,  
He will show me the way.

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My soul shall sing His praise,  
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*(Children eight years and younger are dismissed to children's church.)*

**SHARING AND CARING**



**PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

**“God Blessed the Broken Road” – Heroines and the Hidden Hand of God  
Pastor Charlie Baile**

**Scripture Reading – Ruth 2**

Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. <sup>2</sup> And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor.” And she said to her, “Go, my daughter.” <sup>3</sup> So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. <sup>4</sup> And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, “The LORD be with you!” And they answered, “The LORD bless you.” <sup>5</sup> Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, “Whose young woman is this?” <sup>6</sup> And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, “She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. <sup>7</sup> She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.’ So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest.” <sup>8</sup> Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women.

<sup>9</sup> Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn.” <sup>10</sup> Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?” <sup>11</sup> But Boaz answered her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. <sup>12</sup> The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!” <sup>13</sup> Then she said, “I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants.” <sup>14</sup> And at mealtime Boaz said to her, “Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine.” So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. <sup>15</sup> When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young

men, saying, “Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. <sup>16</sup> And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her.” <sup>17</sup> So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. <sup>18</sup> And she took it up and went into the city. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied. <sup>19</sup> And her mother-in-law said to her, “Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you.” So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, “The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz.” <sup>20</sup> And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “May he be blessed by the LORD, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!” Naomi also said to her, “The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers.” <sup>21</sup> And Ruth the Moabite said, “Besides, he said to me, ‘You shall keep close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.’” <sup>22</sup> And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, “It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, lest in another field you be assaulted.” <sup>23</sup> So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

### **Sermon Notes**

## **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - Hymn #8**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, The King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him,  
For He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things  
So wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
Yes, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen  
How all thy longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth Prosper thy work  
And defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
Here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises  
Before Him.  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

**Celebration of Communion**

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

## Thank You Jesus for the Blood

I was a wretch; I remember who I was.  
I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time.  
Sin separated, the breach was far too wide.  
But from the far side of the chasm, You held me in your sight.

So You made a way across the great divide,  
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside.  
There at the cross You paid the debt I owed,  
Broke my chains, freed my soul—for the first time I had hope.

*Chorus:* Thank you Jesus for the blood applied;  
Thank you Jesus, it has washed me white.  
Thank you Jesus You have saved my life,  
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin.  
You were buried for three days but then You walked right out again.  
And now death has no sting and life has no end.  
For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb. *Chorus*

### *Bridge*

There is nothing stronger than the wonder working power  
Of the blood, the blood  
That calls us sons and daughters we are ransomed by our Father  
Through the blood, the blood *Chorus*

## Benediction