



**SHADY  
GROVE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**June 16, 2024**  
*Father's Day*

**“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

**NO** Sunday Evening Cornerstone Youth Group Tonight

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

- 6/16** No Cornerstone Tonight
- 6/21** Middle School Day of FUN
- 6/22** SG Families Berry Picking
- 6/28** Cornerstone Bowl-B-Q
- 7/3** Cornerstone Cheapskate's Cheapskate
- 7/7** No Cornerstone
- 7/8-12** VBS
- 7/19** Cornerstone Christmas in July
- 7/24-26** Sports Camp
- 8/2** Cornerstone Udvar-Hazy and the Blue Angels
- 8/8-11** Cornerstone Retreat
- 8/16** Cornerstone Snapple Open
- 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 Families**

### *Join Olympion, our Summer VBS Adventure*

Vacation Bible School is **Monday, July 8 - Friday, July 12**. Join the force as we look at the story of Joshua. Be sure to register as a volunteer or participant for VBS today! Forms are available at the VBS table in the lobby.

## ***SG Kids Doing Something “Berry” Special***

Plan to join the families of Shady Grove on Saturday, **June 22**, from 10a-1p at Butler’s Orchard to pick berries. Cost is \$8/person. Register [here](#) or talk to David Lee on Sunday and get your shortcake recipe [here](#)!



## **Shady Grove Young Adults**

### ***Summer Fun for 20’s & 30’s***

The young adults are invited to the Abbott home for a pool party and cookout on Saturday, **June 22**, from 1-5pm. Bring your favorite yard games and join us for pool time, food and fellowship. Children are welcome. Call Sarah Abbott or the church office for the food sign up and any questions.



## **Shady Grove Adults**

### ***Hospitality Basket for Afghan Refugee Family***

The next three Sundays (**June 16, 23, & 30th**) we are asking folks to consider contributing a gift card in showing hospitality to the Christian family that has suffered greatly before relocating to the US (Silver Spring, MD). We will be presenting the family with a welcome basket from our church on June 30th in the service as the family will be sharing during the testimony time. Ideas for gift cards include the grocery stores Giant Food and Trader Joes, restaurants like Panera and Chick-fil-A or perhaps gift cards from Target or Kohl’s – all close to where they live. We are not sure if they have a computer so we would not recommend online gift cards like Amazon. The gift basket will be located at the Welcome Center before and after church each Sunday.

### ***Summer Sunday School Class June - August 9:30a***

Please join us this summer as we study “A Hebrews 11 of Church History: Heroes of the Faith”, a contemplation of the lives of men and women who faced difficult circumstances in which their faith was sorely tested through hardship, persecution, and suffering. We will meet in the sanctuary Sundays at 9:30am. May this class inspire and encourage us to fix our eyes on Jesus and run the race with perseverance in courageous faith as we stand in many ways on the shoulders of these giants of the faith (Heb. 6:11-12; 12:1-2, 13:7)!



## **Shady Grove College Students**

### ***Major in Fellowship this Summer!***

Join other students from Shady Grove this summer for activities and a Bible study led by Jeff Klenk. Keep your Tuesdays free at 7:00pm! Please contact the church office for more information and future events.



## **Shady Grove Women**

### ***Women’s Bible Study***

There is a women’s bible study that meets 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.

### ***Registry for a new Lokos Baby***

Elizabeth Lokos is due with baby number two **July 6!** We have the opportunity to be a blessing to the Kristopher Lokos family by gifting them some things from their registry. The Lokoses are registered at Amazon and Target under Elizabeth Lokos. There is a QR code with more info on the bulletin board in the lobby.



### **Shady Grove Missions**

#### ***Missionary of the Month***

#### ***JG & Daryl Zoellner, MNA French Canada***

A decision was made for our local congregation to move to Salem Seventh Day Adventist Church in Montreal Centre starting July 7. We will keep the same hours and can put a signboard outside. Pray for God to use this new location to host people in this new neighborhood of our city. We presently have 60 people attending. This makes a longer commute for us personally but is nearer for others. We are in the Southwest part of Montreal. We continue to do urban missions and anticipate using our home for hospitality and training of new elders and deacons. Please pray for God to bring us people in whom the Holy Spirit is already moving. We must also be ready to defend the Scriptures in this age where modernism and postmodernism have been replaced by *Metamodernism*. This is neither radio or television induced, but Internet induced thought processing. Our new leaders need to be firmly grounded. Daryl has been diagnosed with Ménière's disease, unless a benign ear tumor shows up on an MRI. She is being closely followed and asks for prayer to cope with dizziness and nausea. JG is awaiting news of a forehead skin biopsy and for his bi-annual prostate biopsy. He has a good uro- oncologist and now dermatologist. Pray for favorable results. JG is teaching an online Pastoral Ministry course to 22 students until July. They are a very good group, some in Quebec, Haïti and France. He is also encouraged by the energy of the younger adults in our church. Some new believers are learning and growing while God is using the fellowship and Scriptures to effectually call those whom he has elected to regeneration and conversion. Please pray that a new pastor may be found this summer. Our four sister churches in Quebec are in various stages of change as well. Relationships of affectionate love, building of trust, extending forgiveness and living in prayer fullness are so important in this post-COVID period. Our God never changes and his love endures forever. We live for his glory. Pray that he will receive the honor he is due.

#### ***Matt & Ellen Zell, Equip International***

Matt and Ellen Zell have been missionaries with Equip international since 2009. Since moving back to the US in 2021 to help with Ellen's mom, they divide their time between ministry in Honduras and helping to teach mission classes at the Equip headquarters in Marion, NC. Please pray for them as they continue to care for Ellen's mother, Carolyn Barnett, who lives near them in Abingdon, Virginia. She turned 90 last month and has recently suffered some respiratory issues. Please pray for Carolyn to regain her strength. She is a strong believer. Honduras is predominantly Catholic although few people are serious about their faith. There are some evangelical churches in the mountain areas where the Zells work, but they are small. Please pray for their upcoming trip to Honduras at the end of the month. They will take a small team from their local church in VA. They will be holding a VBS for about 30 children in the community.

They will also have a special women's meeting for the mothers of those children. Please pray the children would be excited to learn about who Jesus is and that their families would come to a saving knowledge. Matt and Ellen are so grateful for the many years of love and support they have received from Shady Grove Presbyterian.

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**WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY**

**For Reflection:**

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. **Matthew 23:12**

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. **Psalm 2:4**

The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will. **Proverbs 21:1**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship – Esther 5**

On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, in front of the king's quarters, while the king was sitting on his royal throne inside the throne room opposite the entrance to the palace. <sup>2</sup> And when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, she won favor in his sight, and he held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter. <sup>3</sup> And the king said to her, "What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given you, even to the half of my kingdom." <sup>4</sup> And Esther said, "If it please the king, let the king and Haman come today to a feast that I have prepared for the king." <sup>5</sup> Then the king said, "Bring Haman quickly, so that we may do as Esther has asked." So the king and Haman came to the feast that Esther had prepared. <sup>6</sup> And as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king said to Esther, "What is your wish? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." <sup>7</sup> Then Esther answered, "My wish and my request is: <sup>8</sup> If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my wish and fulfill my request, let the king and Haman come to the feast that I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king has said." <sup>9</sup> And Haman went out that day joyful and glad of heart. But when Haman saw Mordecai in the

king's gate, that he neither rose nor trembled before him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai. <sup>10</sup> Nevertheless, Haman restrained himself and went home, and he sent and brought his friends and his wife Zeresh. <sup>11</sup> And Haman recounted to them the splendor of his riches, the number of his sons, all the promotions with which the king had honored him, and how he had advanced him above the officials and the servants of the king. <sup>12</sup> Then Haman said, "Even Queen Esther let no one but me come with the king to the feast she prepared. And tomorrow also I am invited by her together with the king. <sup>13</sup> Yet all this is worth nothing to me, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate." <sup>14</sup> Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, "Let a gallows fifty cubits high be made, and in the morning tell the king to have Mordecai hanged upon it. Then go joyfully with the king to the feast." This idea pleased Haman, and he had the gallows made.

## **Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken**

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He, Whose word cannot be broken, Formed thee for His own abode  
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love.  
Well supplies Thy sons and daughters, And all fears of want removes.  
Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst to quench?  
Grace which like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.

Blessed inhabitants of Zion, Washed in the Redeemer's blood;  
Jesus, Whom their souls rely on, Makes them kings and priests to God  
'Tis His love His people raises, Over self to reign as kings  
And as priests His solemn praises Each for a thank offering brings.

Savior, if of Zion's city, I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy Name  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, All his boasted pomp and show  
Solid joys and lasting treasures None but Zion's children know.

## Scripture Reading – Esther 6-7

On that night the king could not sleep. And he gave orders to bring the book of memorable deeds, the chronicles, and they were read before the king. <sup>2</sup> And it was found written how Mordecai had told about Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, who guarded the threshold, and who had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus. <sup>3</sup> And the king said, "What honor or distinction has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?" The king's young men who attended him said, "Nothing has been done for him." <sup>4</sup> And the king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the king's palace to speak to the king about having Mordecai hanged on the gallows that he had prepared for him. <sup>5</sup> And the king's young men told him, "Haman is there, standing in the court." And the king said, "Let him come in." <sup>6</sup> So Haman came in, and the king said to him, "What should be done to the man whom the king delights to honor?" And Haman said to himself, "Whom would the king delight to honor more than me?" <sup>7</sup> And Haman said to the king, "For the man whom the king delights to honor, <sup>8</sup> let royal robes be brought, which the king has worn, and the horse that the king has ridden, and on whose head a royal crown is set. <sup>9</sup> And let the robes and the horse be handed over to one of the king's most noble officials. Let them dress the man whom the king delights to honor, and let them lead him on the horse through the square of the city, proclaiming before him: 'Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor.' " <sup>10</sup> Then the king said to Haman, "Hurry; take the robes and the horse, as you have said, and do so to Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Leave out nothing that you have mentioned." <sup>11</sup> So Haman took the robes and the horse, and he dressed Mordecai and led him through the square of the city, proclaiming before him, "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor." <sup>12</sup> Then Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman hurried to his house, mourning and with his head covered. <sup>13</sup> And Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and his wife Zeresh said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of the Jewish people, you will not overcome him but will surely fall before him." <sup>14</sup> While they were yet talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hurried to bring Haman to the feast that Esther had prepared. <sup>7</sup> So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. <sup>2</sup> And on the second day, as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king again said to Esther, "What is your wish, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." <sup>3</sup> Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be granted me for my wish, and my people for my request. <sup>4</sup> For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have been silent, for our affliction is not to be compared



with the loss to the king.”<sup>5</sup> Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has dared to do this?”<sup>6</sup> And Esther said, “A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.<sup>7</sup> And the king arose in his wrath from the wine-drinking and went into the palace garden, but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that harm was determined against him by the king.<sup>8</sup> And the king returned from the palace garden to the place where they were drinking wine, as Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was. And the king said, “Will he even assault the queen in my presence, in my own house?” As the word left the mouth of the king, they covered Haman’s face.<sup>9</sup> Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Moreover, the gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, is standing at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.”<sup>10</sup> So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the wrath of the king abated.

## **Ancient of Days**

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King, reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth remains:  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night, overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me I am not alone  
O His love is sure and He knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand

All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see, what the future brings  
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King  
Then my joy complete standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
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*(Children third grade and younger are dismissed to children's church.)*

## **SHARING AND CARING**

**Testimony**

**Sarah Lokos,  
FCA Montgomery County**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Elder Bruce Fraser**

## **PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

**“The Last Supper in Susa”**

*Heroines & the Hidden Hand of God*

**Pastor Charlie Baile**

**Scripture Reading – Esther 5-7**

*Please follow along on pages 384-386 in the pew Bibles or on the screens.*

# **Sermon Notes**

## **Who Is This, So Weak and Helpless?**

Who is this, so weak and helpless, child of lowly Hebrew maid,  
Rudely in a stable shelter, coldly in a manger laid?  
'Tis the Lord of all creation, Who this wondrous path has trod;  
He is Lord from everlasting, and to everlasting God.

Who is this, a Man of Sorrows, walking sadly life's hard way,  
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping, over sin and Satan's sway?  
'Tis our God, our glorious Savior, Who above the starry sky  
Is for us a place preparing, where no tear can dim the eye.

Who is this? Behold him shedding, drops of blood upon the ground!  
Who is this, despised, rejected, mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?  
'Tis our God, Who gifts and graces, on His church is pouring down;  
Who shall smite in holy vengeance, all His foes beneath His throne.

Who is this that hangs there dying, while the rude world scoffs and scorns,  
Numbered with the malefactors, torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?  
'Tis our God Who lives forever, 'mid the shining ones on high,  
In the glorious golden city, reigning everlastingly.

## **Celebration of Communion**

### **Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

#### **Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me; Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me While Thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Soul, then know thy full salvation Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee, Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

## **Benediction**