



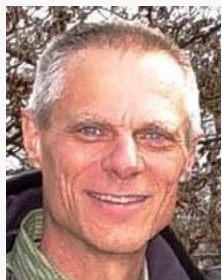
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July 3, 2020

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A Word From Pastor Jim



God, what is your plan for my life? God, am I following your plan? God, reveal your plan, because mine isn't working. These can be frequent prayers for many who want to do the next right thing, to know God's will and to fulfill it. We've all heard somewhere along the way (we can't remember where) that God has a plan for each of our lives. But if a plan exists, then why is it so hard to find? Maybe we're focused on the wrong thing. Maybe God has something different in mind...something bigger; something better; something far more impactful than a plan.

Tune in Sunday morning at 10:30 on Facebook Live as our sermon series *Good Answers* continues. This week we will be answering the question, "Does God have a plan for my life?". The answer may surprise you! I hope to see you Sunday.

~Pastor Jim



Join us in **Worship**

Sunday, July 5, 2020
10:30 a.m.

Message:

Does God Have a Plan for My Life?

2 Corinthians 11:22-26
Romans 8:24-29

Weekly Study Guide

Do you consider yourself a planner? Offer an example of what makes you say that.

When something knocks you off of your plan, it's called an obstacle. Describe your last obstacle.

When wondering if God has a plan for your life, have you ever wrestled with any of these issues? If so, which one and why?

- I don't know the plan.
- I messed up the plan.
- I don't believe there is a plan.

In [2 Corinthians 11:23-25](#), Paul lists his life's obstacles. Looking back, what have been your life's obstacles?

In [Romans 8](#), Paul tries to encourage believers who were wondering how obstacles could be part of God's plan.

- In verse [28](#), Paul uses the word "purpose". What is the difference between a purpose and a plan?
 - In verse [29](#), Paul explains God's purpose. In your own words, what is God's purpose for Paul's life...for *your* life?
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Paul claims that God works for good "in all things" ([Romans 8:28](#)) when it comes to our lives. Have you seen God work in the obstacles of your life or someone else's life? How so?

Daily Prayer: God, I become so frustrated—even angry—with all the obstacles in my life. Help me know that you are at work in and through my obstacles for a purpose...that I might be conformed to the image of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Current Sermon Series



Tune in Sunday morning at 10:30 for “Good Answers”!
Sermons can also be viewed at www.sedgefieldchurch.org

June 14, 2020

Who is God?

(Matthew 6:7-9, Mark 14:36)

June 21, 2020

Why Did Jesus Come?

(John 3:1-17)

June 28, 2020

What is a Christian?

(John 1:1-14, 4:6-26)

Dismantling Racism: A Service of Lament

On June 24, 2020, United Methodist church leaders conducted a

service of lament, inviting United

Methodists across the connection to join in a time of repentance, communion and commitment as the church examines racial injustice as part of The United Methodist Church's *Dismantling Racism: Pressing On To Freedom* initiative.

Visit www.umc.org to view the service.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday, July 5 have been given in honor of *Carl Hedberg* who will celebrate his 91st birthday on July 5.



If you are interested in providing flowers for a Sunday in August, please contact the church office at 704-523-0077 or call Clara Hedberg at 704-375-9588. The cost of the flowers is \$40.

Contemplative Prayer



Prayer Requests



- Jaime Garcia
- Ruby Gardiner
- Polly Haney
- Tommy Reep
- Sue Van Vynckt

Merciful Jesus,

You are our guide, the joy of our hearts, the author of our hope, and the object of our love. We come seeking your peace and relief from our fears and anxieties. Grant us quiet minds and expectant hearts, that by the assurance of your presence we may continue to abide in you, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.



If you have a request or concern that you would like added to our prayer list, please send the request to:

prayerrequest@sedgefieldchurch.org

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Make a credit card or electronic contribution.



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Sedgefield UMC
2830 Dorchester Pl
Charlotte, NC
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Bank Draft

Set up automatic contributions through your bank's Online Bill Pay.



Online Through

wncumc.org

Make a credit card or electronic contribution.



Laptops Needed

Do you have a laptop that you are no longer using? Have you recently upgraded and purchased a new computer and your old laptop needs a home? If so, you can help us! We are looking for used, but still functioning, laptops for individuals who would use them to enjoy online worship, join in Zoom meetings and receive email communications. If you have a laptop you can donate, please [email](#) or call the church office at 704-523-0077.





All meetings will be held virtually via Zoom.
 To join by phone, call 1-312-626-6799.
 To connect by computer, go to www.zoom.us

► **Let's Connect! with Pastor Jim** ◀

Wednesday, July 8

1:00 p.m.



Meeting ID: 954 3442 7851

► **KidZoom** ◀

Wednesday, July 8

7:00 p.m.



Meeting ID: 991 0371 7498

► **Church Council** ◀

Wednesday, July 16

6:30 p.m.



Meeting ID: 838 4961 3412





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