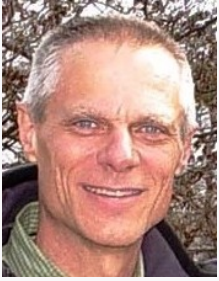




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A Word From Pastor Jim



“Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die” (source unknown). How true! As people of faith, we consistently declare our hope in the afterlife, and yet most of us are afraid of death...our own death or the death of our loved ones. If you feel that way, you are not alone; we all feel that way to some extent. We say that it's real...some days we even feel that it's real. But wouldn't it be great to know that the afterlife is real?

We'll have a *Good Answer* to this question when we worship together on Sunday morning via Facebook Live. Our service begins at 10:30 but our virtual doors will open around 10:25. Our pianist, Lynn Hager, will be providing beautiful pre-service music which I assure you will prepare your heart for worship. I hope to see you Sunday.

~Pastor Jim



Join us in **Worship**

Sunday, July 19, 2020
10:30 a.m.

Message:

Is the Afterlife Real?

Luke 16:19-31
John 14:1-3,18-19
Revelation 21:1-5



Weekly Study Guide

Do you believe in an afterlife? If so, describe in as much detail as possible what it is you believe.

How have your ideas of an afterlife changed over the years?

Do you find it easy or difficult (or somewhere in-between) to talk about your own death? And why?

[Read Luke 16:19-31](#). What comforts you, and what disturbs you about this story?

[Read John 14:1-19](#). Jesus speaks of a place with “many rooms” (verse 1). What images does this metaphor create for you?

[Read Revelation 21:1-15](#). Notice the holy city “coming down” (verse 2) from heaven to earth. Is this image helpful or confusing? And why?

In these same verses, the King says, “Look! I am making all things new” (verse 5). What does that mean to you?

Daily Prayer: *God, help me make heaven as real in this life as you have made it in the next life. Amen.*

Current Sermon Series



Tune in Sunday morning at 10:30 for
“Good Answers”!

Sermons can also be viewed at
www.sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/

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

July 5, 2020

Does God Have a Plan for My Life?

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

July 12, 2020

What is Church?

Matthew 16:13-18,
I Corinthians 6:19-20

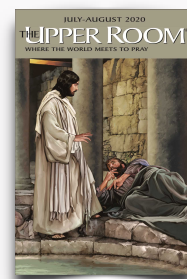
How a Scriptural Imagination Can Help Christians Face Fear

It is natural to be afraid at a time like this. But the spiritual practice of reading Scripture within a deep tradition can be grounding for us, and can help us be resilient in the face of fear, writes a UMC bishop.



Access to *The Upper Room*

During these days of pandemic, The Upper Room magazine is allowing churches with a subscription (which Sedgefield UMC has) to reproduce their daily devotions for July and August.

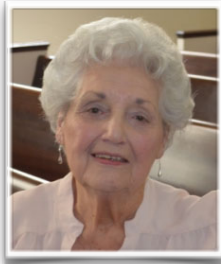


If you unfamiliar with the magazine, The Upper Room, provides a daily suggested Bible reading, a short devotional thought, a prayer focus and a thought for the day.

If you have not used The Upper Room, you are encouraged to use this wonderful resource. If you would like to receive the daily devotions, please contact the church office at 704-523-0077.

**Altar Flowers To Honor
Charter Member**

The altar flowers on Sunday, July 19 have been given in recognition of **Wanda Washburn** who celebrated a birthday on July 10.



Wanda and her late husband, Harold, were **charter members** of the congregation that established Sedgefield United Methodist Church (formerly known as St. Paul) in 1948. Wanda, who is the mother of Amy, Tom, Trip (deceased) and Tim, continues to be a faithful worshipper and an integral part of the Sedgefield church family. She is also the proud grandmother of Anna, Melissa, Zachary and J.W. and great-grandmother of Charlie and Jack.

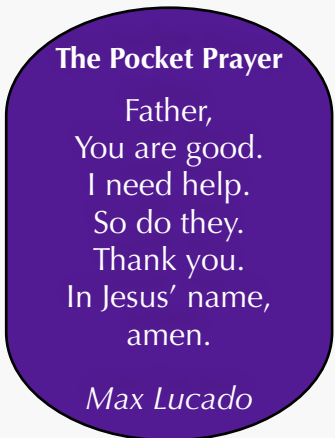


Coming August 2



Prayer Requests

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



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

Growing up, camping in a tent was fun and exciting. Take a drive to end of College Street where it curves onto N. Tryon for an emotional experience. What you will see is a “tent city” that is neither fun nor exciting. What you will see are people just trying to exist in times like none of us have experienced before.



The current pandemic has put a strain on the local resources equipped to minister to those experiencing homelessness. The needs at “tent city” are great. For a list of the many items needed, visit urbanministrycenter.org.



The Missions Committee recently held a collection drive for some of these needed items. Your response resulted in over 1,000 donated items that filled 400 personal care packages! These personal care packages are being distributed by Urban Ministry to those who call “tent city” their home.

Stay tuned for information from the Missions Committee on our upcoming plans to continue to reach out in love to show we care.

Blessings,
Tom Little



From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.
Luke 12:48b (NRSV)

Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



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sedgefieldchurch.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
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Church

Mail your check to:

Sedgefield UMC
2830 Dorchester Pl
Charlotte, NC 28209



Bank Draft

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



Online Through

wnccumc.org

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CALENDAR

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

► ***Ka'Zoom for Kids*** ◀

Wednesday, July 22

6:30 p.m.



Meeting ID: 991 0371 7498

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

Wednesday, July 22

1:00 p.m.



Meeting ID: 954 3442 7851

► ***Missions Committee*** ◀

Tuesday, July 21

6:30 p.m.



Meeting ID: 850 9560 9121





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