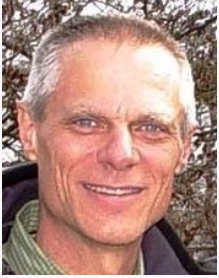




## **A Word From Pastor Jim**



Lots of people *believe in* Jesus. That's free. Fewer *follow* Jesus, because following will nearly always cost you something. Following Jesus means to submit to his authority at every turn...to ask what Jesus would want you to do with every problem and in every situation. Then, you do that thing. If you do choose to follow (which is what Jesus wants), then what's the payoff? Is it being a better person? Is it Heaven? Is it a pain-free life? It's actually something even better. It's about living a life without fear, no matter what!

I look forward to seeing you Sunday morning at 10:30. Our pianist, Lynn Hager, will prepare us for worship with beautiful music beginning at 10:25.

~Pastor Jim



## *Join us in* **Worship**

Sunday, July 26, 2020  
10:30 a.m.

**Message:**

*What's the Payoff?*

**Matthew 10:16-31**  
**John 16:33**

## Weekly Study Guide



Who is the best Jesus-follower you know? What makes you say that about him/her?

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Have you ever known someone who trusted God completely in difficult circumstances?

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In your mind, what is the difference between *believing in* and *following* Jesus?

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What are you afraid of? Be specific.

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[Read Matthew 10:16-22.](#) Do not rush through it. How would you have responded if Jesus said this to you?

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Is it possible to eliminate all fear from your life? Why or why not?

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If you were absolutely, 100% convinced that God exists, that God cares, and that God is with you in all circumstances, how would your life be different?

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**Daily Prayer:** *God, I admit that sometimes, I am afraid. Give me faith for today that overwhelms my greatest fear. Amen.*

## New Project To Begin Next Week

At the July Board of Trustee meeting, the board approved an exciting new project for our church that will get underway next week. We are happy to share with you that approximately 95% of our light fixtures in both buildings will transition from incandescent and fluorescent to LED. Although the lighting will change throughout both buildings, including our sanctuary, there will be no aesthetic changes to our sanctuary. Along with improving our energy efficiency, LED will provide us with better lighting at a lower cost. Duke Energy estimates these changes will decrease our energy cost \$3,200 annually. The cost of the project is close to \$14,000 of which Duke Energy will subsidize 70% of it. Our portion of the investment will be \$3,900, an amount that can be recouped in 16 months with our energy savings.



**LED lighting**

Thank you for your faithful support of our church that allows us to maintain our beautiful facility and do our part to conserve energy.

Luis Tochiki  
Trustee Assigned to Capital Improvements



## Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



### Online Through

[sedgefieldchurch.org](http://sedgefieldchurch.org)

Make a credit card  
or electronic  
contribution.



### Church

Mail your check to:

Sedgefield UMC  
2830 Dorchester Pl  
Charlotte, NC 28209



### Bank Draft

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



### Online Through

[wnccumc.org](http://wnccumc.org)

Make a credit card  
or electronic  
contribution.

## Drive-Thru Holy Communion

You are invited to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion on **Sunday, August 2nd** in a drive-thru service at the church anytime **between 6:00pm and 7:00pm**. To ensure your safety, we are using self-contained communion elements with both the juice and the wafer in a factory sealed package. You will receive the communion elements on a plate along with a blessing and prayer...all while remaining in your vehicle.



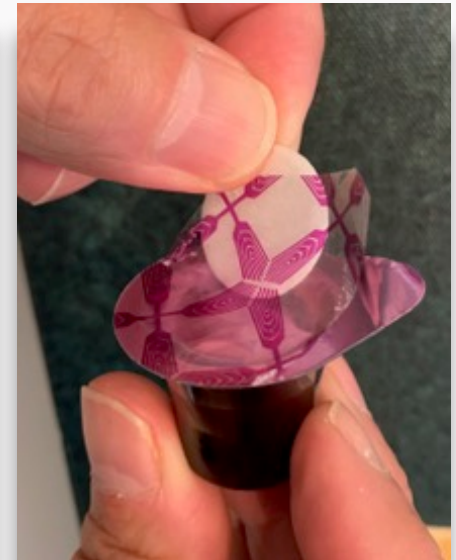
Don't miss this chance to celebrate community and to experience the real presence of Christ!



**Enter By The  
Education Building**



**Remain In Your Car**



**Receive Safe,  
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Individual Serving**

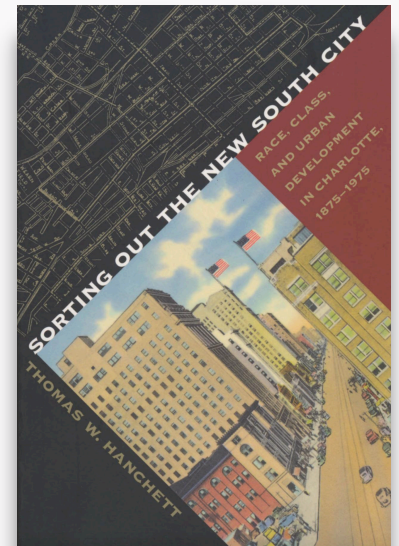
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**YOU!**  
know . . .



- when segregation began in Charlotte? Was it before the Civil War, during reconstruction, or in the 1900's?
- if the strange way Charlotte streets are named is linked to segregation?
- what part of our city was known as Brooklyn?
- if Mecklenburg County courts ever use two different Bibles when giving oaths?

Get answers to these questions and learn other interesting facts about our city by viewing a recent podcast of Dr. Thomas Hanchett as he discusses his book, *Sorting Out the New South City*.

Dr. Hanchett is a community historian and best known for his 16 years as Staff Historian at Levine Museum of the New South where he curated the permanent exhibition, *Cotton Fields to Skyscrapers*, and a string of national-award-winning temporary exhibitions including *COURAGE* about the Carolina roots of the Brown v. Board Civil Rights case. Dr. Hanchett was educated at Cornell University, University of Chicago and UNC Chapel Hill.

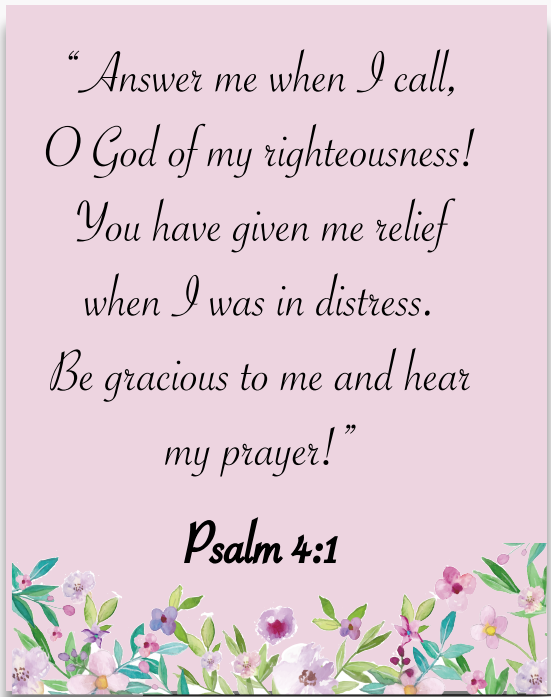


To view the podcast visit <https://youtu.be/qUta0zKKZr8>.

### Prayer Requests

Jaime Garcia  
Polly Haney  
Tommy Reep

Ruby Gardiner  
Jerry Meyer  
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](mailto:prayerrequest@sedgefieldchurch.org)

### Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday, July 26 have been given in recognition of the birthday of **Kelly Little**.



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



## **News From the Faith Development Committee**

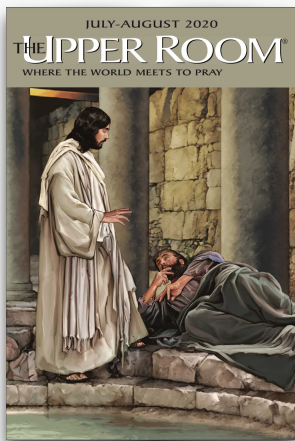
The Faith Development Committee will be sponsoring a **SCHOOL SUPPLY Drive** for *Sedgefield Middle School* Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. You may drop off your school supplies to the church and place into the marked tote on the front porch. I will deliver the supplies to the Middle School on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your donation!

Supplies needed:

- \* Plain ruled paper - wide ruled or college ruled
- \* Pencils
- \* Highlighters - any color
- \* Colored pencils
- \* Ballpoint pens - blue or black
- \* Composition books - these will be for journals
- \* Glue sticks
- \* Scissors
- \* Hand held pencil sharpeners (small ones)
- \* Post-It notes - any size
- \* 1-subject spiral notebooks
- \* Inexpensive headphones for students to use with Chromebooks
- \* Staplers
- \* Hole punch
- \* Extra large Ziploc Bags - type with a handle - for supplies
- \* Hand sanitizer



## Daily Devotions



*The Upper Room* magazine 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 check out this wonderful resource. If you would like to receive the daily devotions, please contact the church office at 704-523-0077.

## Current Sermon Series



Previous services can be viewed at [www.sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/](http://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

July 19, 2020

***Is the Afterlife Real?***

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



# 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](http://www.zoom.us)

► ***Ka'Zoom for Kids*** ◀

Wednesday, July 22

6:30 p.m.



Meeting ID: 991 0371 7498

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

Wednesday, July 22

1:00 p.m.



Meeting ID: 954 3442 7851

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► ***Missions Committee*** ◀

Tuesday, July 21

6:30 p.m.



Meeting ID: 850 9560 9121

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