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**AUGUST 21, 2020**  
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## A Word From Pastor Jim



Did you ever wonder why you do what you do? The things you do, the decisions you make...they are all impacted by your values—those ideas or ideals that are most important to you. We all have them. Interestingly enough, values can be quite different from one person to another. That's because, as one source puts it, "One of our primary values is individualism". As individuals, we think we have the right to choose our own values. While that might be true for some, it is not true for followers of Jesus. If you choose to follow Jesus, you are by default choosing to live by his values.

I hope you will be a part of our time together Sunday morning as the current sermon series, *Mealttime Lessons*, will continue. Tune in to Facebook Live; we start at 10:25. Please join us!

~Pastor Jim



## This Week in Worship

Sunday, August 23, 2020

### Pre-Service Music

*Ms. Lynn Hager*

10:25 a.m.

### Message

*Kingdom Values*

**Luke 14:1-24**

10:30 a.m.



## Weekly Study Guide

List three values that guide your life (in order of priority).

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Where did your values come from?

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Think of a time when your values shaped a decision that needed to be made. How did things turn out?

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Have you ever done anything that ran counter to your values? (Of course you have!) Why?

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Read **Luke 14:7-11**. Jesus speaks out against pride and arrogance and lifts the significance of *humility*. Is pride always wrong? Why or why not?

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**In Luke 14:12-14**, what is Jesus' main point? When you help others, do you expect a "thank you"? Why or why not?

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**Read Luke 14:15-24**. Luke uses the word "excuses" to explain why certain invitees missed the banquet. Do you see them as reasons or excuses, and does it matter?

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What are your reasons (or excuses) for not spending time with God every day?

**Daily Prayer:** *God, help me live with Jesus' values... to be compassionate, to be humble, and to make time for You every day. Amen.*



*Telling our stories  
is more effective  
than trying to  
prove or disprove  
the existence of  
racism.*

IS THIS  
STATEMENT

TRUE OR FALSE



Dr. David Anderson Hooker offers three main arguments made by people who want to avoid talking about race and racism in this week's Vital Conversation. Dr. Hooker, who is an ordained minister, licensed attorney and professor at the University of Notre Dame, offers meaningful analogies and insights in this UMC video entitled *Meaningful Conversations on Race*.



Visit [https://youtu.be/Xv\\_G8BD8eKI?t=138](https://youtu.be/Xv_G8BD8eKI?t=138) to view the video.

## Prayer Requests

**Jaime Garcia**

**Polly Haney**

**Tommy Reep**



**Ruby Gardiner**

**Jerry Meyer**

**Sue Van Vynckt**



### ***A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition***

*I am no longer my own but yours.*

*Put me to what you will,  
rank me with whom you will.*

*Put me to doing, put me to suffering.*

*Let me be employed for you  
or laid aside for you,*

*exalted for you or brought low for you.*

*Let me be full, let me be empty.*

*Let me have all things, let me have nothing.*

*I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things  
to your pleasure and disposal.*

*And now, glorious and blessed God,*

*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,*

*you are mine and I am yours.*

*So be it.*

*And the covenant now made on earth,*

*let it be ratified in heaven.*

*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](mailto:prayerrequest@sedgefieldchurch.org)



## 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.

## Missions Committee News

### RECENTLY

- ▶ Last week an urgent plea for food was received from the Charlotte Rescue Mission. On behalf of the church, the Missions Committee quickly went into action and responded with a \$500 donation of food.



### COMING SOON

- ▶ Socially distanced involvement in the fall Habitat Build
- ▶ Shoe collection

*Details for both of these mission activities are forthcoming!*

## Altar Flowers



The altar flowers on Sunday, August 23 have been given in honor of **Allison Watford** who celebrated a birthday on August 15.

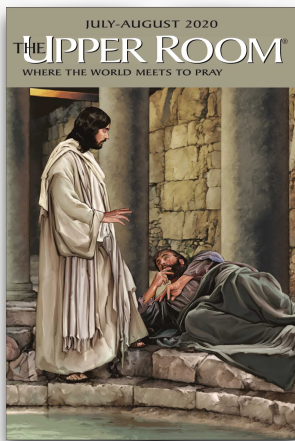
Allison currently serves on the Children's Faith Development Committee and was worship leader in our 2019 Vacation Bible School.

*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.*





## 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.

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## Current Sermon Series

August 2, 2020  
*An Uninvited  
Dinner Guest*  
Luke 7:36-50

August 9, 2020  
*Miracle of the  
Heart*  
Luke 9:10-17

August 16, 2020  
*The Better Thing*  
Luke 10:38-42



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



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# HELPING YOU STAY SAFE AT HOME

## BEGINNING July 2020

Mecklenburg County  
Department of Social Services  
is partnering with Bio-One to  
offer **FREE** disinfecting  
services to our valued older  
adults.

**IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL  
US AT**

**980-314-6800 • OR •**

**EMAIL US AT**

**SFA-EVENTS@MECKLENBURGCOUNTYNC.GOV**

While there is no cleaning method that guarantees total elimination of the virus, Bio-One's cleaning protocol suppresses the spread and threat of coronavirus.

### WE ARE AT YOUR SERVICE!

Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
Disinfecting Services

Qualifications:

- Are you a Mecklenburg County Resident?
- Are you 60 years of age or older?
- Are you able to leave your home for 3 hours while services are rendered?

Please **BE SURE** to speak slowly when you leave the following information to schedule your appointment:

- Full name and age
- Address with zip code
- Phone number and/ or email





# 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)**

## ▶ *Let's Connect!* ◀



Wednesday, August 26

1:00 p.m.



Meeting ID: 954 3442 7851

## ▶ **Staff-Parish Relations** ◀



Sunday, August 23

11:45 a.m.



Meeting ID: 898 2336 8373

## ▶ **Board of Trustees** ◀



Thursday, September 3

6:30 p.m.



Meeting ID: 858 1827 8960





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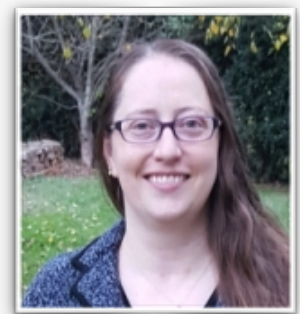
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