



I love the LORD because he hears my requests for mercy. I'll call out to him as long as I live, because he listens closely to me.

Psalm 116:1-2 (CEB)

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

A Word From Pastor Jim



According to several major research firms, Christianity remains the world's largest religion. Christians make up around 30% of the world's population. But that also means that 70% of the world thinks Christians have it all wrong. In his book *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis writes, "Christianity is not the sort of thing anyone would have made up. It has just that queer twist about it ..." In fact, some refer to Christianity as a scandal. What if that were true? What if Christianity is, in fact, a scandal...a scandal of divine proportions?

Join us Sunday morning on Facebook Live. Our worship begins at 10:30. However, if you tune in at 10:25 you will be treated to beautiful pre-service music provided by our pianist, Lynn Hager. We hope to see you then!

~Pastor Jim



This Week in Worship

Sunday, August 23, 2020

Pre-Service Music

Ms. Lynn Hager

10:25 a.m.

Message

The Scandal of Christianity

Luke 19:1-9

10:30 a.m.

Weekly Study Guide



Some people want to make sure you know that they are great. Describe someone you know who is like that.

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Name 3 good people and 3 bad people. What causes you to label them as “good” or “bad”?

Do you believe that good behavior is eventually rewarded? Why or why not?

In **Luke 7:34**, Jesus is accused of being “a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.” It’s a classic case of guilt by association. Some say you and I (as Christians) should strive to be accused of the same. How could you make that happen?

For Jesus, “belonging” (or following) always comes before “right belief” or “good behavior”. Is that fair? Why or why not?

Read **Luke 19:1-9**. Picture yourself in the crowd that day, standing on your tiptoes, straining to get a quick glimpse of Jesus as he passes by. Zacchaeus (a very bad man) tries to push past you to get a better view for himself. How would you have responded?

There is no evidence that Zacchaeus and Jesus had met before. And yet, Jesus knew his name (**19:5**). Do you think Jesus knows your name, and why would it matter?

What was Zacchaeus' reward (**19:9**), and what did Zacchaeus do to earn it?

Are you "in a tree" like Zacchaeus, curious about Jesus? If so, what would it take for you to come down?

Daily Prayer: *Lord, you've invited yourself into my home today. So by all means, please come. Amen.*



Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



Online Through

sedgefieldchurch.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



Bank Draft

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



Church

Mail your check to:

Sedgefield UMC
2830 Dorchester Pl
Charlotte, NC 28209



Online Through

wnccumc.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.

Altar Flowers



The altar flowers on Sunday, August 30 have been given in honor of **Marjorie Hinson** who celebrated a birthday on August 28.

Marjorie, who has been a Sedgefield member since 1962, is currently one of our tellers who assists the Finance Committee.

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.



Donations Needed for Hotspots

We are collecting donations for Sedgefield Middle School to buy Hotspots for students in need of internet service. Donations will be accepted through Thursday, September 3rd. You may donate at sedgefieldchurch.org. Please click on **Special Funds**; then **Other**. Please mark donation **Sedgefield Middle School**.

Thank You!
Mary Jo Bridges
Faith Development



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Parents,

School is back in session which typically means our fall Sunday School quarter has begun! However, 2020 continues to be anything but typical! Since we are unable to meet for Sunday School and JAM, I encourage you to set aside a specific time each week to share Bible stories and teach Christian principles to your child. I am including two websites where useful resources may be found to help you with this important responsibility.

If I can be of assistance to you or your child as they continue on their faith journeys, please contact me at marycbridges@yahoo.com.

Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges



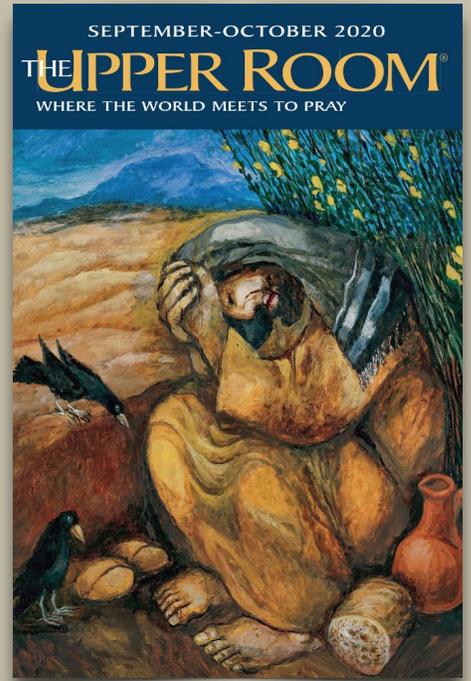
Resources for Parents





Audio Daily Devotions

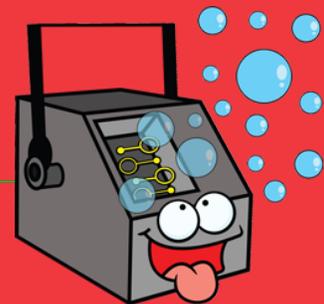
During this time of pandemic *The Upper Room* magazine is making daily devotions available by phone. There is no charge for this service. Each day's meditation can be heard by calling **615-212-2013**.



Bubble/Fog Machine Needed

If you have a bubble machine or a fog machine that I can borrow for a drive-through event at the church on October 24 would you please call (704-366-3389) or [email](#) me?

Thanks,
Carol Little





Holy Communion September 6

During our worship on Sunday, September 6 we will observe Holy Communion. Prior to the start of our online service, you are asked to prepare your elements. Crackers, bread or cookies can be used for the bread. Juice, wine or water can be used for the cup. You will want to prepare enough for those who will be worshipping with you. Pastor Jim will give instructions and lead you through observance.

Whether Holy Communion is observed in our vehicles or in our homes, it is an expression of our thanksgiving and commemorates Christ's death by crucifixion. Participation on September 6 is an opportunity for a unique and meaningful experience with your family and loved ones.



Prayerfully remembering students as they settle in to online school is more important than ever. Each week we will spotlight the middle and high school students of our church. As we do this, let us remember the **5,000** homeless students who, in addition to not having a permanent home, now have no classroom.

Sedgefield Student Spotlight



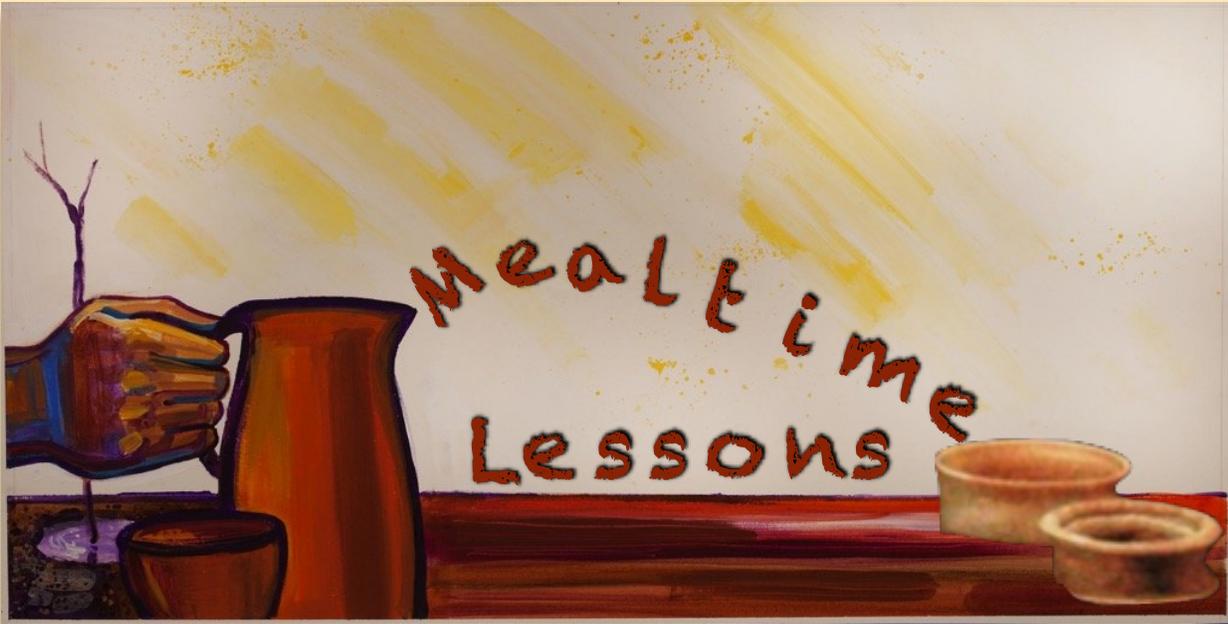
Rowan Clarke and Calli Davis are both beginning their first year of middle school. Both young ladies are students at Waddell Language Academy.

Rowan is the daughter of Justin and Shea Clarke and the granddaughter of Myra Arbuckle. Participating in gymnastics and drawing are activities Rowan enjoys. Her favorite class is Drama.

Calli is the daughter of Carrie Davis, granddaughter of Randy and Pam Walker, and big sister to Cannon. Calli enjoys volleyball.



Current Sermon Series



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

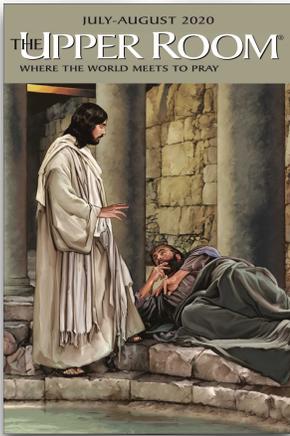
August 9, 2020
Miracle of the Heart
Luke 9:10-17

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

August 23, 2020
Kingdom Values
Luke 14:1-24

Previous services can be viewed at
www.sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/

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



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**

▶ **Let's Connect!** ◀

Wednesday, September 2
1:00 p.m.
Meeting ID: 954 3442 7851

▶ **Board of Trustees** ◀

Thursday, September 3
6:30 p.m.
Meeting ID: 858 1827 8960

▶ **Church Council** ◀

Thursday, September 17
6:30 p.m.
Meeting ID: 898 7766 3153

▶ **Annual Charge Conference** ◀

Thursday, November 12
6:30 p.m.
Meeting ID: 858 9238 2400





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