



November 13, 2020

THE EPISTLE

Sedgefield To Help Sheltering Needs



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Room In The Inn (now called Roof Above) works to provide safe lodging, fellowship and fresh meals to those experiencing homelessness in our city. As winter months are approaching, it's even more important that we do what we can to help. Lots has changed with this ministry due to COVID-19, but what hasn't changed is their need for assistance.

Here is how you can help!

- 1) Make a donation. When you do, the Missions Team will double the impact of your gift by matching your donation dollar for dollar! Make sure to designate your gift specifically for "Room In the Inn". This campaign ends on Friday, November 20, so give today! **CLICK HERE** to give online.
- 2) Later this winter we will be preparing bag lunches and cookies for guests at the shelters. Sign up to help today. (More to come!)



**CLICK HERE for
Bagged Lunch link.**



**CLICK HERE for
Cookie link.**

- 3) Roof Above needs volunteers for various jobs, including unpacking and sorting of donations used for various programs. If you are interested, please contact Ashley Brown at innkeeper@roofabove.org or call 704-926-0606.

While COVID-19 may be keeping us apart, nothing can stop us from helping our neighbors in need. Please consider helping today!

For questions, I can be reached at 980-722-8435 or by [email](#).

This Week in Worship

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Pre-Service Music

Ms. Lynn Hager

10:25 a.m.

Message

Faith Through Unwanted Circumstances

John 11 (selected verses)

10:30 a.m.



For Online Worship
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In-Person Worship
Click Here

Weekly Study Guide

Something to Think About: The story of life—your life and my life—will always include unexpected tragedies. There are times in our lives when God seems busy handing out blessings for others while we struggle through some kind of unwanted circumstance...a circumstance God surely could have prevented. It's so easy to lose faith or even walk away from faith in the wake of this kind of experience. And yet with each tragic event, there comes an important opportunity for God to do something special in you and through you.

Offer a brief example of an event or set of circumstances in your life that were unwanted or unexpected.

As you think back on this incident, what role (if any) did God play in your thoughts? Did you pray? Did you pray differently? Were you angry?

Would you say this event strengthened or weakened your confidence in God? Why?

In The Problem of Pain, C.S. Lewis writes: "*God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains.*" In your opinion, why is God almost always a bigger part of the conversation when bad things happen?

Read **John 11:1-6**. How does it make you feel when you read that Jesus loved Lazarus but deliberately waited for days before going to him in his time of need?

Describe Martha and Mary's emotions during those days when Jesus failed to show up.

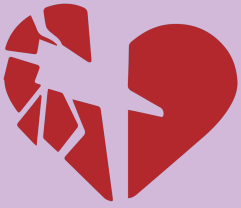
If Jesus knew that Lazarus would live, why was he so sad (11:35)?

Read **John 11** in its entirety. Make note of each time you see the word *believe* in any tense or form. What is the relationship in each occurrence between Lazarus' death and "belief"?

Respond to this statement: *"When it feels like God is allowing something to happen to us, it is easy to lose faith. But when we accept that God is doing something in us, we become candidates for the grace we need to endure."*

Daily Prayer: *(If you are not walking through your own unwanted circumstances at this time, please pray for someone who is.)* God, give me/them faith to hang on during my/their unwanted circumstances as you do something in and through me/them. Amen.

Highlight On Missions



Charlotte Rescue Mission (CRM) is transforming lives in the name of Christ by serving people struggling with addiction, poverty or hopelessness with the goal of returning them to society as productive, self-sufficient citizens. The men's program is referred to as Rebound and the women's as Dove's Nest. We have participated in a number of their programs the last several years. We help serve the evening meal at Rebound the 3rd Sunday of each month.

CRM held its annual Evening of Hope virtually this year. To view the event, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVGozolXWKc>. You will be blessed and thankful that we have the opportunity to support this wonderful ministry!



Missions Committee's
Coordinator of CRM Projects

Recent Notes of Thanks



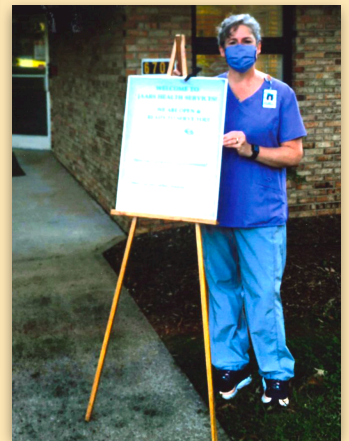
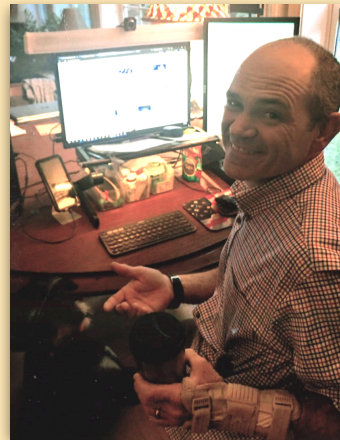
Sedgefield United Methodist,
How grateful we at Sedgefield are
to have your ongoing support. Your
contributions and support allow
us to support the development of
each Spartan. Thank you!

In educational partnership,
Steve Mauls, Principal of SMS

Howdy, Pastor Jim!
Praying for Sedgefield. We
miss you guys and hope to
have a chance to visit and
share more on all God is doing
through + despite these crazy
days. God bless you!

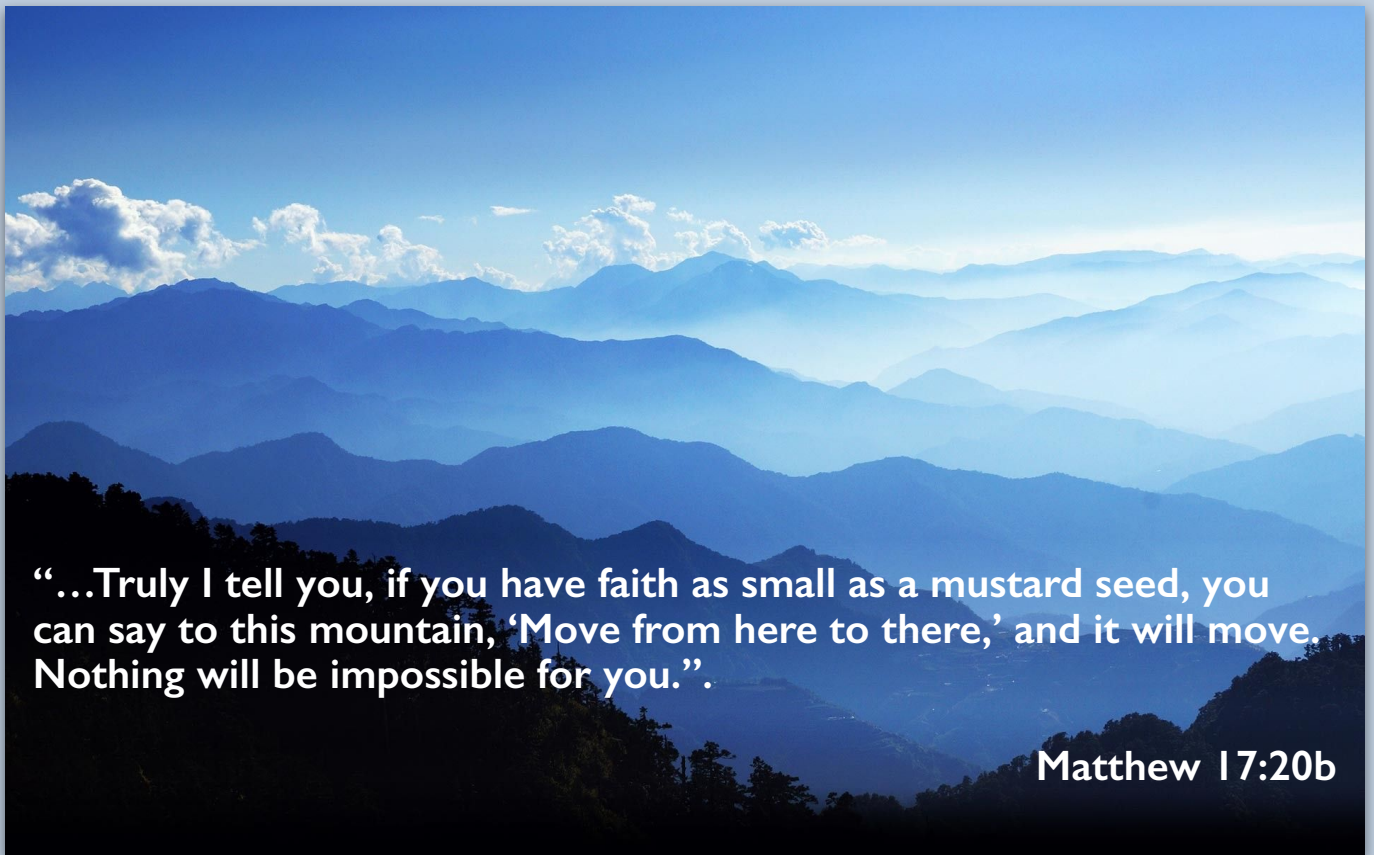
Together In Christ,

Loren + Michelle



Loren & Michelle Rothman

The Rothman's serve Wycliffe Bible Translators at the JAARS Center in Waxhaw, NC. Loren provides technical support and training to Wycliffe missionaries globally. Michelle is a nurse and works at the JAARS Health Clinic serving missionaries with assignments in Waxhaw and all over the world. The ministry of Wycliffe Bible Translators is to provide a translation of the Bible for the 2,000 groups of people who have no Scripture in their language.



“...Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”.

Matthew 17:20b

Remember In Prayer

Jaime Garcia • Ruby Gardiner • Jerry Meyer
Fountain Odom • Tommy Reep • Sue Van Vynckt

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday, November 15 have been given in honor of Sara Kidd who celebrated a birthday on November 14. We have Sara to thank for our beautiful altar and narthex decor each Sunday morning.



Save the Dates - Children & Family Events

1) Saturday, Nov. 21 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Children, ages 4-12, will pack Operation Christmas Child Boxes in the Fellowship Hall for children in developing countries. We will social distance and wear masks.



Afterwards - Hot Wheels and Cool Treat event - Bring your bike/scooter and helmet!

2) Saturday, December 5 - 1:00 - 2:30 pm



Christmas Party - Children are invited to come and enjoy a movie, popcorn and a craft in the Fellowship Hall. We will social distance and wear masks. Please bring a monetary donation to help buy a starter flock of baby chicks for families in developing countries through Samaritan's Purse Christmas Project.

Operation Christmas Child Processing Center

We have secured two dates to volunteer at OCC Processing Center:

Monday, Dec. 7, 1:00 - 5:00 - Adults

Saturday, Dec. 12, 7:00 - 10:00 pm - Youth/Age 13+ and Parents

The OCC Processing Center will practice social distancing and require all volunteers to wear masks. If interested in volunteering, please call/text me at 704-617-4056.

Blessings!



Mary Jo Bridges

Worshiping Again In Our Sanctuary

Experience worship by being part of the congregation that gathers in our sanctuary each Sunday morning. Please make a reservation to let us know you will be attending. And, although we cannot exchange handshakes or hugs, we know you will find joy by being in the presence of others.



MAKE A RESERVATION NOW

<https://bookapew.com/app/nc/sumc/>

**PLEASE
NOTE**

**There will not be a
Thanksgiving breakfast
this year.**

Operation Christmas Child - Our Goal 75 Boxes

There is a new option to pack a shoebox online. We have a goal of 25 online boxes this year.

We have a goal of 50 “in-person” boxes to be picked up from church and returned to church. The goal for Build a Shoebox Online is 25. Total goal for this year is 75 boxes.

Follow this link and then click the green button that says ‘Build A Shoebox Online Now’ to share the Gospel with a child around the world!

[Online Boxes](#)

There is also an option to “Follow Your Box” for our in-person boxes. If you select Operation Christmas Child - How to pack a box, it will give you the information on how to follow your box with a special label once you pay the \$9 shipping fee.

The date for returning packed boxes to church has been extended to 11/22. We will have a large can on the porch for returning boxes at your convenience.

This may be one of the most important years to pack a box. There are so many hurting children all over the world.

Thanks for your help with this important mission!



Sara Kidd
704-236-3789



Poinsettia Orders



Orders are now being taken for poinsettias which will be used to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season. The cost per poinsettia is \$10 and the deadline to order is November 23. Poinsettias can be purchased in memory of a loved one or to honor someone. You may pick up your

Email office@sedgefieldchurch.org to order.

CALENDAR

► **Children's Shoe Box Packing & Hot Wheels, Cool Treats Activity** ◀

Saturday, November 21
Education Building - Room 208
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

► **Children's Christmas Party** ◀

Saturday, December 5
Fellowship Hall
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

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



Online Through

wnccumc.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.

Links to Recent Sermons

September 13, 2020 *Religion & Politics: Back to Basics*

September 20, 2020 *Religion & Politics: It Is Possible!*

September 27, 2020 *Asking the Right Questions*

October 4, 2020 *Massive Faith*

October 11, 2020 *Faith Through Relationships*

October 18, 2020 *Faith Through Discipline*

October 25, 2020 *Faith Through Biblical Application*

November 1, 2020 *Five Glimpses Into Heaven*

November 8, 2020 *Faith Through Personal Ministry*

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



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