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THE EPISTLE

February 19, 2021

This Week in Worship

Sunday, February 21, 2021

10:30 a.m.



Pre-Service Music

Ms. Lynn Hager

10:25 a.m.

Missions Spotlight



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Message

New Sermon Series Begins

In the Footsteps of Jesus



Remember Your Baptism



Remember Your Baptism

As a part of our worship experience on Sunday, we will pause to remember our baptism. Please have a bowl of water available for each person worshipping with you. Pastor Jim will provide additional instructions during worship.



February Mission Awareness



You are asked to support our mission ministries for 2021 by sending a gift designated to "missions" or by returning a pledge card by February 25.

A Word From Pastor Jim



This Lenten season, you are invited to take your own personal journey and walk with Jesus from his baptism in the Jordan River, to his ministry in and around the Sea of Galilee, and ultimately to his death and resurrection in Jerusalem. Listen carefully for God's voice as you follow the footsteps of Jesus.

~Pastor Jim

Week 1 - The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus

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[Monday Feb 22: Mark 1:9-11](#)

Mark's gospel is concise and action-oriented. He offers very few details about why things happened or how those involved might have been feeling. But what happened in Mark 1:4-11 sets the stage for Jesus' entire ministry. Jesus was baptized, and in the process claimed his identity as God's beloved Son, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and was sent into the world to show people who God is.

How have you sensed God's Spirit working in and through your life?

[Tuesday Feb 23: Matthew 3:13-17](#)

John the Baptist...the one who called people to repent and be baptized...felt so unworthy to baptize Jesus that he actually tried to talk Jesus out of it. And yet, Jesus insisted. His reason was to "fulfill all righteousness". Jesus took this step as a model for all who would choose to follow and as a symbol of mutual commitment between the Father and the Son. In Matthew's telling, Jesus intentionally humbles himself and is baptized for our benefit.

Why is humility important in your walk with Christ, and how good are you at demonstrating Christ-like humility toward others?

Wednesday Feb 24: John 1:29-34

John's gospel is focused on the meaning of the events in Jesus' life. John often ignores chronology in order to communicate the "whys" behind it all. John's is the only gospel in which Jesus is described as the "Lamb of God". In addition, John vividly recalls the Holy Spirit descending upon Jesus at his baptism.

How has the "Lamb of God" impacted your life, and how do you...how can you...show your gratitude?

Thursday Feb 25: Romans 6:1-7

Many of Paul's writings, including his letter to the Romans, should be read s-l-o-w-l-y. Paul is a brilliant theologian, and if we read his letters too quickly, we are likely to miss something important. When Paul asks, "*Should we continue sinning so grace can multiply?*", he is denouncing a line of thinking at the time, now known as "cheap grace"...the idea that we can sin all we want since Jesus so quickly and eagerly forgives.

Are there places in your life where God has forgiven you, but you haven't forgiven yourself? How might this passage from Romans help?

Friday Feb 26: Matthew 4:1-11

God's people wandered in the wilderness for 40 years and gave in to the temptation to distrust God (Numbers 14:28-34). Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the wilderness and was tempted in the same way. And yet, Jesus did not succumb. The Son trusted the Father regardless of his circumstances, and he relied on his knowledge of Scripture when his heart said otherwise.

What is your greatest source of temptation? Find and record one Biblical passage that might help you find and stay on the better path.

Saturday Feb 27: Luke 4:1-13

Luke's account of Jesus' temptations is only slightly different than Matthew's. Notice how Jesus is tempted to take the easier way. Surely he could have turned stone into bread, declared himself loyal to the devil, or miraculously survived a leap from the pinnacle of the temple. After all, he's Jesus! And yet, Jesus chose the right path...the more difficult path...for you and for me.

In what ways are you tempted to take the easier path, and what might be the payoff for taking the more difficult path?



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday, February 21 have been given in honor of Logan Smith by his family. Logan teaches Physical Education at Charlotte Country Day where he coaches the Junior Varsity football team and is the assistant coach for the baseball team. A previous Board of Trustees member and VBS volunteer, Logan is currently the chair of the Church Council. Logan and his wife, Jessie, have two children, Violet and Knox. Logan will celebrate a birthday on February 27.

Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



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Make a credit card
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Links to Recent Sermons

No Way Out

Matthew 4:12-13; Matthew 11:1-6
January 10, 2021

The Gift of Pain

2 Corinthians 12:7-10
January 17, 2021

The Secret of Contentment

Philippians 4:10-13
January 24, 2021

The Power of Perseverance

James 1:1-6
January 31, 2021

Comfort: Pass It On

2 Corinthians 1:3-7
February 7, 2021

Living In Love


1 Corinthians 13:13
February 14, 2021

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

Pop Tab Collection



Ronald
McDonald
House
Charlotte

Pop tabs  are small and easy to overlook, but they add up fast and make a big difference to the families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House. Tabs are sold at local recycling centers with the proceeds going to the guest family fund. Each four pounds of pop tops covers the cost of a family's food and lodging for one day.

We will continue collecting pop tops during 2021. You can leave your tabs at 2830 Sunset Drive, the home of Carl & Clara Hedberg. *Next drop off date is Monday, Feb. 22.*

Thank you,



Clara Hedberg



Sedgefield Blood Drive

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March 3, 2021

1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.


For an appointment, visit:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Sedgefield>

You may also [email](mailto:office@sedgefieldchurch.org) (office@sedgefieldchurch.org) or call the church office (704-523-0077) for an appointment.

Our Goal - 17 Donors


CALENDAR

Virtual meetings are indicated with this symbol  and are held via Zoom.

**To join a Zoom meeting by phone, call
1-312-626-6799.**

To connect by computer, go to


www.zoom.us

 ► **Faith Development Meeting** ◀

Sunday, February 21

5:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 863 5468 5880

 ► **Board of Trustees Meeting** ◀

Thursday, March 4

6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 885 9129 8578



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