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Rev. Jim Brookshire, Pastor

THE EPISTLE

February 26, 2021

Prayer Request

Recently Hospitalized

Wanda Washburn

(627 Sandridge Rd • Charlotte, NC 28210)

Easter Lilies

Due to a last minute change in vendors, the deadline to order Easter lilies is **Tuesday, March 2**. If you would like to donate a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the church office by phone (704-523-0077) or email (office@sedgefieldchurch.org) no later than Tuesday, March 2.

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We apologize for the short turnaround time for placing orders.



This Week in Worship

Sunday, February 28, 2021
10:30 a.m.



Pre-Service Music

Ms. Lynn Hager

10:25 a.m.

Message

The Greater Power

Mark 1:21-27, 32-24

Missions Spotlight



A Word From Pastor Jim



What comes to mind when you hear the words “demon” and “exorcism”? Some of us flash back to a film released in 1973 about a little girl with a foul mouth and a spinning head (*The Exorcist*, written and produced by William Peter Blatty). Others might think of the biblical Gospels. They contain a number of stories about demons and exorcisms. Are demons real? If so, what do they look like and how do we respond to them? Join us this Sunday and find out.

~Pastor Jim

Week 2 - Jesus' Ministry of Healing

[Monday Mar 1: Matthew 4:12-22](#)

Matthew set the context for much of Jesus’ ministry: he left his hometown of Nazareth (a tiny farming village) and based himself in Capernaum, a larger fishing town on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Trade routes often brought Gentiles through Capernaum. Jesus healed and preached there, and he called fishermen from the area as his first disciples.

As Jesus meets his first potential disciples, why does he emphasize “following” over their beliefs or their behavior?

[Tuesday Mar 2: Mark 1:21-34](#)

Here we find the first of Jesus’ many encounters with demons. In the ancient world, anything that was beyond their current level of knowledge and understanding was attributed to the presence of demons (actual disembodied spirits). Today we most often use the term “demon” to describe a state of mind or spirit which can lead one to harm themselves or others, such as the “demon of addiction”.

Are demons real? And if so, in what forms do they appear?

Wednesday Mar 3: Mark 2:1-12

Homes excavated in Capernaum were quite small by today's standards, perhaps 600-800 square feet. When four men tried to bring their sick friend to Jesus on a stretcher, the house was full. So they got creative. Most houses had an outer staircase to the roof...a roof made of branches laid over wooden beams and covered with dried mud. The men climbed up, dug through, and lowered their friend to Jesus' feet.

What was Jesus' diagnosis? How did Jesus treat the man's condition? Do you think there is a connection between spiritual healing and physical healing?

Thursday Mar 4: Matthew 12:9-14

Israel's religious leaders, especially a group known as the Pharisees, created a hedge of strict rules around Old Testament law. But Jesus knew God's heart. He knew that love, not rule-keeping, was at the heart of every commandment (see Matthew 22:36-40). Jesus wasn't destroying Sabbath observance; he was showing the Pharisees what Sabbath was meant to look like.

Why did the Pharisees react the way they did (see verse 14)?

Friday Mar 5: Mark 5:21-34

Jesus was on his way to help the daughter of Jarius, a synagogue leader. The girl was dying. Along the way, a desperate woman made her way through the crowd and touched Jesus' garments. She was hoping to be healed from a condition which, according to her Jewish Bible (our Old Testament) deemed her as permanently unclean...an outcast from society (see Leviticus 15:25-27). Jesus stopped. He healed her physical condition as well as her shame.

How do you deal with shame and guilt? Have you thought of asking Jesus to take it from you?

Saturday Mar 6: Mark 5:35-43

At this point in his ministry, Jesus was met with hostility at every turn by the leaders of the synagogue. One of those leaders, Jarius, put his hostile feelings aside and asked Jesus to heal his dying daughter. A short time later, it appeared as if Jesus was too late; Jarius' little girl was dead. Jesus asked Jarius to trust him, even in this dark moment. And he did.

How does this story end, and what do you make of Jesus' instructions to give the little girl something to eat?

Altar Flowers



The altar flowers for Sunday, February 28 have been given in celebration of Pilar Tochiki's birthday. Born in Arequipa, Peru, Pilar moved to the United States 38 years ago. A Research Coordinator in the Emergency Department at Atrium Health for the past 23 years, Pilar and her husband, Luis, have two sons and two grandchildren. Among our newest members, Pilar says she found Sedgefield UMC while looking online for a church close to her home. After "virtually" visiting Sedgefield she began attending

services and soon knew she had found her church home. Pilar is currently a member of the Missions Committee.

Sedgefield Blood Drive

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2830 Dorchester Place • Charlotte, NC

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.

**Goal - 17 Donors
Currently Registered - 13**



Kids' February Porch Drop-off

This month our theme was LOVE! I dropped off gift bags to each child's porch containing the book God Loves Me, craft materials to make a heart wreath, a card, and a bag of Valentine's candy. I hope that the children enjoyed reading the book with their families and begin to understand that God is Love!



Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges

Children's Program Coordinator

1 John 4: 7 – 8 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

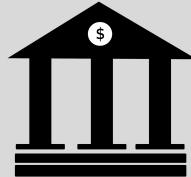


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EASTER EGG HUNT!

March 27, 2021

1:00-2:30

Courtyard



Link to Current Sermon Series



In the Footsteps of Jesus

Remember Your Baptism

Mark 1:4-5,9-11

February 21, 2021

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



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www.zoom.us**

►Board of Trustees Meeting◀

Thursday, March 4

6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 885 9129 8578

►Missions Committee Meeting◀

Sunday, March 14

11:45 a.m.

Meeting ID: 867 6525 4475

►Church Council Meeting◀

Thursday, March 25

7:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 896 7766 3153

►Easter Egg Hunt◀

Saturday, March 27

1:00- 2:30 p.m.

Front Lawn & Court Yard



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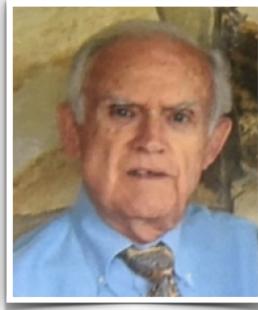
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