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THE EPISTLE

March 5, 2021

This Week in Worship

Sunday, March 7, 2021
10:30 a.m.



Pre-Service Music

Ms. Lynn Hager

10:25 a.m.

Message

Mountaintops

Matthew 21:28-32

Altar Flowers



The altar flowers for Sunday, March 7 have been given in celebration of Frank Fields' birthday. Frank represents Sedgfield UMC as our Lay Delegate at annual conference. As Lay Delegate Frank serves as a member of the Church Council, Finance Committee and Staff-Parish Relations Committee. Frank also volunteers as an audio engineer for our worship services.

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 3 - Jesus and the Mountains

[Monday Mar 8: Matthew 5:1-16](#)

The Sermon on the Mount is Jesus' most famous sermon and represents the longest continuous sermon of his ministry. Many scholars believe that Matthew actually grouped all of Jesus' foundational teachings into this single sermon. Either way, it is clear that the Sermon on the Mount contains the essence of everything Jesus taught about the Kingdom of God and those who claim to be its citizens.

The Common English Bible renders verses 3-11 (the Beatitudes) as "*happy are*" rather than "*blessed are.*" How might this alter your understanding?

[Tuesday Mar 9: Matthew 5:-17-48](#)

Jesus is the new Moses. Moses was appointed; Jesus is anointed. Moses freed God's people (the Israelites) from slavery; Jesus frees God's people (the world) from sin. God gave the old law through Moses; God gives the new law through Jesus. In today's reading, Jesus begins to reinterpret the Law of Moses...our Old Testament law...in a life-changing way.

Which Old Testament law(s) causes you the most concern or confusion? How might Jesus' Sermon on the Mount clear things up for you?

Wednesday Mar 10: Matthew 6:1-18

Jesus' new law is not hard to understand, yet it adds, for many, a troubling new dimension—motive. Old Testament law was about things the Israelites should and shouldn't do, while New Testament law is about the heart. It includes the “why” behind the “what”. This was no surprise. God announced this evolution centuries earlier: *“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”* (Jeremiah 31:31)

Jesus warns against showy worship, prayer, and fasting. Why does motive matter, and what truly motivates your acts of faith?

Thursday Mar 11: Matthew 6:19-34

It is critical to understand Jesus' common use of hyperbole throughout his teachings. Taken literally, today's teaching would suggest that saving or planning for our future is wrong and shows a lack of trust in God. No! Jesus' point is that for many who claim God as King, money has more sway over their daily choices than does God. And that's a problem!

You cannot serve both God and money (Matt 6:24b). Which has the larger impact on your daily thoughts, words and deeds—God or money?

Friday Mar 12: Matthew 7:1-14

Jesus taught that we should take responsibility for our own lives, rather than spending our energy judging or condemning others. When it comes to Jesus' new law, he knows how easy it is to apply it to others when we should be applying it to ourselves. Jesus uses hyperbole in his words about prayer (verses 7-12). It's not that we always get what we want; it's that prayer matters and that we should pray with more passion, expectation and frequency.

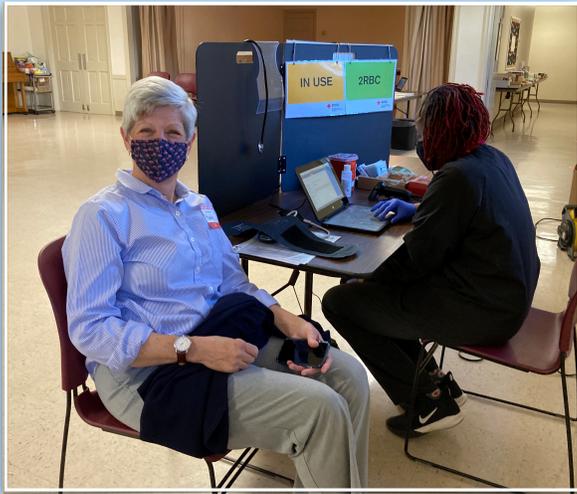
Healthy human relationships hinge on our ability to *“take the log out of our own eye.”* What is your “log”?

Saturday Mar 13: Matthew 7:15-29

Jesus wasn't interested in offering quick fixes and superficial advice. He was concerned about the deep roots from which life springs, about whether we build our lives on solid rock or shifting sand. Jesus asked us to look closely at our lives and offer him an honest assessment of who or what drives the majority of our daily choices.

Spend at least 3 minutes considering this question before you answer it: What is the foundation of your life?

Sedgefield Blood Drive Results



From Check-In...

To Donation...



To Canteen...



It was a successful blood drive.

- **Goal - 17 Units** •
- **Donations - 19 Units** •
- **78% - First Time Donors** •

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:

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Online Through

wnccumc.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
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EASTER EGG HUNT!

March 27, 2021

1:00-2:30

Courtyard



Links to Current Sermon Series



In the Footsteps of Jesus

Remember Your Baptism

Mark 1:4-5,9-11
February 21, 2021

The Greater Power

Mark 1:21-27, 32-24
February 28, 2021

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

Complementary Tickets to Stone Mountain

Thank you to everyone that helped make Operation Christmas Child a success in 2020! Our goal was 75 boxes and we delivered 74!

Each year we pack some boxes with our children. This year, we packed 26 boxes with them! This is an important mission for our children and for our church every year. The Missions Committee pays the shipping charges for the boxes the children pack.

After posting our goal on line and nearly making it, OCC is giving us 4 complimentary tickets to Stone Mountain in Atlanta. The tickets are good through 2021.

If you participated in packing a box this year and would like to go to Stone Mountain, be the first person to claim the tickets and they're yours! Contact Charlotte in the office or give me a call @704-236-3789.

Thank you to everyone for a very successful OCC program in 2020!



Sara Kidd

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 or click on the link below.**

▶ **Reopening Team Meeting** ◀



Tuesday, March 9

6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 954 3442 7851



▶ **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

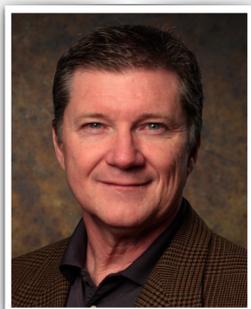
1:00- 2:30 p.m.

Front Lawn & Court Yard





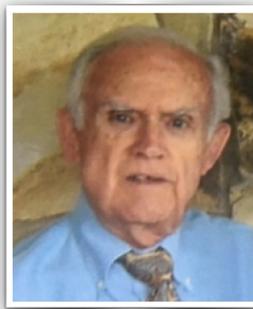
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