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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

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THE EPISTLE

April 30, 2021

This Week in Worship

In Person or Online

Sunday, May 2, 2021
10:30 a.m.

Pre-Service Music

Ms. Lynn Hager

10:25 a.m.

Message

Making Sense of the Old Testament

Galatians 4:4-5

10:30 a.m.



Holy Communion
(In Person Only)

Food Drive
(Non-Perishable Items)



LOAVES & FISHES
Groceries for Neighbors in Need

A Word From Pastor Jim



Christians argue way too much. Rarely (if ever) do Christians argue over the life, meaning and purpose of Jesus. What Christians argue about the vast majority of the time are issues raised by the apparent contrast between the Old and New Testaments. What if the root of our disagreements was not over what the Old Testament says but what it means to us as followers of Christ?

~Pastor Jim

Weekly Study Guide

If someone were to ask you, "What is the Old Testament?", how would you respond?

Who or what shaped your current views and perspectives regarding the Old Testament?

Do you read the Old Testament literally and feel bound by its rules and laws? Why or why not?

If I were to say to you, "The Christian Bible does not begin with Genesis; the Christian Bible begins with Jesus", how would you respond?

What do you see as the purpose of the Ten Commandments and other Old Testament rules and laws?

God said to the nation of Israel, "I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). What does that mean?

Given that Jesus reveals a God of grace and forgiveness, what is the purpose of Biblical rules?

Read [Galatians 4:4-5](#). What did Paul mean when he says that the “set time had fully come”?

Daily Prayer: God, help me embrace and be grateful for the Old Testament. Help me see and read it as the sacred and beautiful saga of Your work through the nation of Israel that brought me my Savior. Amen.

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Vacation Bible School will be July 26 – 30 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 pm for rising kindergartners – rising 5th graders. Our theme is *Rocky Railway – Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through!* Kids will discover they can trust Jesus’ power through life’s ups and downs! You are encouraged to **register now** as our enrollment will be limited to 30 children. Volunteers are needed! If you would like to volunteer, please go to sedgefieldchurch.org and look for the volunteer link or call me at 704-617-4056.



Blessings!
Mary Jo Bridges
VBS Director

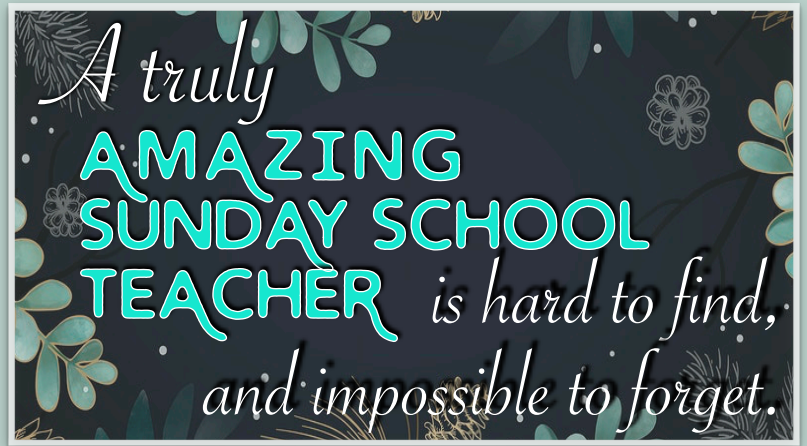
PARTICIPANTS & VOLUNTEERS

Register Now!

Click Here



Teacher Appreciation Week



Altar Flowers

This week's altar flowers have been given by
Brick and Brenda Smith in honor of
all teachers and school employees!

Sedgefield Middle School

Teacher Appreciation Week at Sedgefield Middle School is May 3 - 7. Our church was asked to provide 74 Treat Bags for the staff for Tuesday, May 4th. If you are able to donate individually wrapped crackers, popcorn, chips, nuts, granola bars, candy, etc., it would be much appreciated. I have a basket marked Sedgefield Middle School in the narthex for donations. The deadline is Sunday, May 2nd!

Thank you for helping to support our neighborhood school!

Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges

Links to Current Sermon Series

Think About It



Science and Faith

Genesis 1:1-2:24

April 18, 2021



God and Human Suffering

Genesis 1-3 (selected verses)

April 25, 2021

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




JAM students will not meet Sunday, May 2. Children are encouraged to participate in worship with their parents. JAM will resume Sunday, May 9.

It's great to worship in person. Won't you join us?





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.**

▶ Board of Trustees Meeting ◀



Thursday, May 6

6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 885 9129 8578

▶ Missions Committee Meeting ◀



Tuesday, May 11

6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 867 6525 4475

▶ Church Council Meeting ◀



Thursday, May 20

7:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 896 7766 3153



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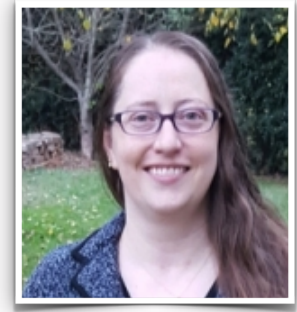
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