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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

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Rev. Jim Brookshire, Pastor

THE EPISTLE

May 28, 2021

This Week in Worship

In Person or Online

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

Pre-Service Music

Ms. Lynn Hager

10:25 a.m.

Message

Old Church, New Church

Matthew 16:13-20 and others

10:30 a.m.



A Word From Pastor Jim



Recent Gallup polls indicate fewer than 50% of Americans consider themselves members of a church, synagogue or mosque. This is the lowest percentage ever recorded by the Gallup organization. Specifically as it relates to Christianity, why have so many people turned away from a religion whose one and only behavioral ethic is supposed to be “love”? And what can we do about it? The answer is not “nothing”!

~Pastor Jim

Weekly Study Guide

Why do you think church membership in America has dropped to an all time low?

When you hear the word “church”, what comes to mind and why?

Name some of the reasons you (or people you know) have resisted the church over the years. Are these valid reasons? Why or why not?

Consider the ways churches have changed in recent years (music, dress, venue, atmosphere). Have these been healthy changes? Why or why not?

Read [Matthew 16:13-20](#). The word “church” (verse 18) in its original language means “gathering” or “congregation”. How does this idea shape the meaning of this passage?

Read [Luke 22:14-20](#). The "new covenant" was based, not upon how well we follow rules, but how radically we love. In your own words, what does that mean?

Read [Matthew 5:17](#). What do you think Jesus meant by the word “fulfill”?

Read [Romans 7:4](#). What does Paul mean by “died to the law”?

Read [John 13:34-35](#). Read it again. Read it again. Now, reflect.

Daily Prayer: God, help me be a change agent for your Church, that we may once again be the Church your Son calls us to be. Amen.

Revised COVID Guidelines

Based upon more related CDC, NC, and Conference guidelines, we are pleased to announce the following adjustments to our COVID safety measures:

- 1) Beginning Sunday May 30, masks are optional for worshipers who have been fully vaccinated. (“Fully vaccinated” is defined as two weeks after your last vaccination.) If you are not fully vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask for all indoor activities at the church. We will not be asking for proof of vaccination, as we are relying on you to do the right thing.
- 2) Although capacity limits have been lifted, we continue to stress the need for social distancing (3’ to 6’ between families during worship and other indoor meetings or activities).
- 3) Small groups (committees, Sunday School classes, small group studies, outside groups) fall under the same guidelines when it comes to mask wearing and social distancing.
- 4) Our kitchen is open with the exception of buffet lines.

With your continued help, our hope and belief is that we are well on our way to finding a sense of normalcy again. We are grateful for you and for your support during this unprecedented time in the life of our church.

- Pastor Jim

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday, May 30 are being provided by Keystone Montessori School in appreciation to the *Sedgefield Church Family* for their support throughout this difficult school year. Keystone's last day of school will be Friday, June 4 with a new school year beginning on Monday, August 30.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday, June 6 are given
in celebration of the anniversaries of
Travis & Allison Watford
Jim & Mary Jo Bridges



Allison & Travis Watford
May 21, 2010



Jim & Mary Jo Bridges
June 9, 1979

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JULY 26-30

9:30-12:30

GRADES: RISING K-RISING 5TH



PARTICIPANTS & VOLUNTEERS



Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Education Building

For Children Ages 4 -10



Parents: Please note the JAM class will not meet on Sunday, June 6.

The next issue of *The Epistle* will be June 11,

Recent Sermons



Science and Faith

Genesis 1:1-2:24

April 18, 2021



God and Human Suffering

Genesis 1-3 (selected verses)

April 25, 2021



Making Sense of the Old Testament

Galatians 4:4-5

May 2, 2021



Making Sense of the New Testament

Romans 7:4-6 and John 13:34-45

May 9, 2021



One Crazy Day

Luke 24:48-49 and Acts 2:1-4, 12-13

May 23, 2021

Previous services can be viewed at

www.sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/



CALENDAR

► Missions Committee Meeting ◀

Wednesday, June 9

6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

► Board of Trustees Meeting ◀

Tuesday, June 15

6:30 p.m.

Education Building - Room 204

► Church Council Meeting ◀

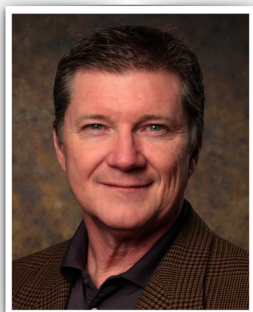
Thursday, June 24

7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall



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