

THE EPISTLE

July 16, 2021

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

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Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

I have received such a wonderful and warm welcome from you! I thank you so much. To be your pastor is an overwhelmingly blessing. I especially appreciate those who put together the reception and the bulletin board. You did a great job!

This Sunday, I will be preaching on Mark 6:30-34 and my title will be “Compassion for the Crowd.” Mark 6:34 says “...he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.”

If you are like me, the pandemic has left you with mixed feelings when it comes to crowds. It’s exciting and refreshing to be with people again, but it’s also troubling because we want to stay safe. We can assume people in Jesus’s time had similar worries even without the backdrop of pandemic. They might have worried about getting lost or separated from family members. They could have worried about getting robbed. They might have wondered if they packed enough food or water or could they find some way to spend the night safely if they had traveled far from home. Mostly, though, like us, they would have worried about being in a crowd, right next to some one they did not know. With all of those worries, whatever they went to see had to have been fascinating, compelling, life-changing, otherwise, why go and be around all those strangers? That’s just a few thoughts related to this Sunday’s sermon. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom



This Sunday in Worship

Message

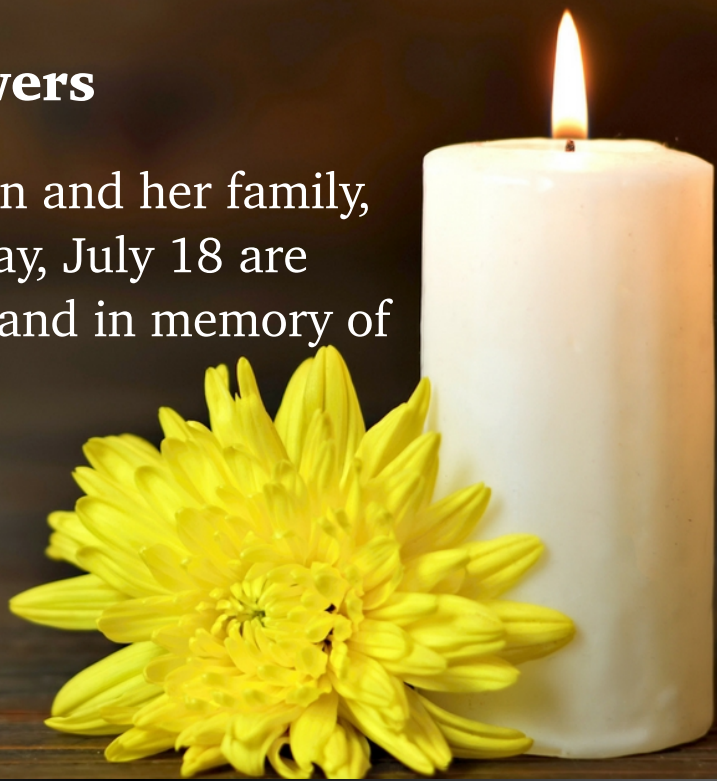
Compassion for the Crowd

Mark 6:30-34

Altar Flowers

Given by Wanda Washburn and her family, the altar flowers on Sunday, July 18 are given to the glory of God and in memory of

Harold D. Washburn, Jr.
and
Harold D. Washburn III



Worship In Person or Online

<https://www.facebook.com/SedgefieldChurchCLT/>

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are still in need of volunteers for Vacation Bible School during the week of July 26 – 30 from 9:30 – 12:30 p.m. We need 2 crew leaders (leads crews from activity to activity), 1 snack assistant (assists preparing snacks for kids) and 2 volunteers to help with the hot dog lunch on Friday. If you are able to volunteer, please call, text or email me as soon as possible.

Thanks so much!

Mary Jo Bridges

VBS Director

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**PLEASE
CONSIDER
BEING
A
VOLUNTEER**

From Pastor Tom

With Utmost Appreciation

I cannot adequately express how wonderful Jim Brookshire has been to me in this time of transition. He has been generous with his time and his knowledge. I could not have asked for any better treatment by an outgoing pastor. I completely understand why he was loved and appreciated by this church in his 5 years here. I am thankful to God for Jim and for Sedgefield Church.



How to Build a Better Sermon

I would like to have some input from you, the Sedgefield congregation, as I write my sermon each week. If you are interested, simply email me at pastortom@sedgefieldchurch.org and let me know you would like to be included in my “sermon group.” Each Monday, I will send out a few thoughts about the Scripture and sermon I am preparing for the upcoming Sunday. I will include a question or two and you can respond if you have something you want to share with me. Even if you don’t write me back, you will have a sneak preview of that week’s sermon (and I hope you will be praying for me in my preparation). If you have questions, call me at church or email me.



Thanks!

Pastor Tom



Summer Fun Day

This past Wednesday at our Summer Fun Day, the kids enjoyed our Puzzles and Games Day. Uno, Checkers, Connect 4, Corn Hole, Monopoly and Floor Puzzles were the favorites; even Pastor Tom enjoyed a few games of Corn Hole with the boys. Mrs. Sandy, the Nature Lady, will present a program on Reptiles next Wednesday, July 21st; so mark your calendars and invite your neighbors and friends with children to meet us on the playground at 10:00 a.m. to climb and swing. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Optional: Families may pack a bag lunch and enjoy having a picnic under the shade trees with friends.

Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges
Children's Program Director
704-617-4056





All Are Welcome!

Sunday Mornings at 9:30

Education Building

Room 203

Board of Trustees at Work

Thanks to Board of Trustee member Pat Stout and his wife, Sally, for providing some extra TLC to our church lawn.



IN CASE 
YOU MISSED IT

Catch Pastor Tom's First Sermon

July 11, 2021

The Call

Mark 1:16-20 and
Mark 2:13-17

Previous sermons can be viewed at
<https://sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/>

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Church

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UMC
2830
Dorchester Pl
Charlotte, NC



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OFFICE HOURS FOR CHURCH OFFICE

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday - Closed

Notary Services Available by Appointment



CALENDAR

▶ **Church Council Meeting** ◀

July 15

7:00 p.m.

Education Building - Room 204

▶ **VBS Prep** ◀

Tuesday, July 20

10 a.m. - Noon

▶ **Summer Fun Day** ◀

Wednesday, July 21

10 a.m.

Courtyard

▶ **Vacation Bible School** ◀

July 26 - 30

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Church Campus

▶ **Missions Committee Meeting** ◀

August 1

11:45 a.m.

Fellowship Hall



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Worship Leader



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