# THE EPISTLE

April 29, 2022

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

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**Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor** 

### **Reflections From Pastor Tom**



Dear Friends,

This Sunday, I will be preaching on Acts 9:1-20 and my title will be "The Mid-Life, Mid-Road Turnabout."

Saul, whom we know as Paul, was an interesting person. He could be intense, opinionated, and stubborn. It is also hard to imagine what this little

religious movement called Christianity would have looked like without his influence and leadership.

This week, we read the story of how Saul converted to Christianity. It is so famous that we often refer to people having a "Damascus Road" experience. I call it Saul's mid-life crisis (I mean that in a good way). He went from being a persecutor of Christians to being a leader of Christians. That is a dramatic change!

Life is full of changes. Sometimes, we initiate the changes. At other times, we are called upon to make changes against our will. Sometimes the changes are public and noticeable. At other times, the changes are subtle and few people notice.

Saul's change was public and noticeable and it affected a lot of other people. I find it fascinating that Saul's individual religious experience ended up affecting so many people and really, the entire world. The changes in our lives don't usually have that kind of impact, but they're still important. God is always with us in every change.

Blessings, Pastor Tom

## This Sunday in Worship

May 1, 2022 10:30 a.m. **The Mid-Life, Mid-Road Turnabout** John 20:19-31

### Holy Communion



## **Altar Flowers**

The altar flowers on Sunday, May 1 have been given by *Keystone Montessori School* 

in gratitude for the support and friendship provided by the congregation of Sedgefield United Methodist Church.



# Coming This Summer VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



July 25-29 9:30 - 12:30

# CLICK HERE to Register

https://vbspro.events/p/events/dcc340

To help us in planning and preparations, both *students* and *volunteers* are asked to register as soon as possible.



Don't forget our church-wide & neighborhood cook out this Saturday from 11:30 - 1:00. Be a part of greeting and meeting our neighbors while enjoying time with friends.



Click below to let us know you can help or call Tom Little at **704.699.8697** 

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4eacab23a64-april

# Rain or Shine





April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday Passion Sunday



April 24, 2022 Proof John 20:19-31

No replay available for April 17, 2022 due to technical issues.

Join Talk Back with Pastor Tom

What is "Talk Back"?

• The "Talk Back" group receives information about the upcoming sermon on Monday morning with an invitation to provide comment, answer questions, etc.

How do I join the group?

• Email <u>pastortom@sedgefieldchurch.org</u> (or click here) and let Pastor Tom know you would like to join.



Do I have to talk back?

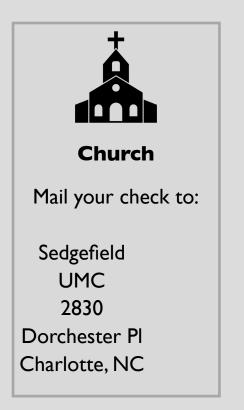
• No, responding to the seed thoughts or questions is optional.

### Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



or electronic contribution.









### Church-Wide & Neighborhood Cookout

Saturday, April 30, 2022 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Front Lawn

#### Endowment Committee Meeting

Monday, May 2, 2022 6:30 p.m. Education Building - Room 204

#### Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

### Missions Committee Meeting

Sunday, May 15, 2022 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall

### Serve at Rebound

Sunday, May 15, 2022 4:30 p.m. Meet In the Church Parking Lot







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**Ron Aldridge** Worship Leader



Mary Jo Bridges Director of Children's Ministry



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