

THE EPISTLE

October 20, 2023

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

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Charlotte, NC 28209*

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Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday I will be preaching on Matthew 22:15-22 and my title will be “The Lost Art Of Loyalty.”

What does “loyalty” mean these days? We try to be loyal to our friends and our family. That means we will stand UP FOR them, and stand WITH them no matter what happens. Jesus’s disciples claimed they would be loyal to him, but when he was arrested, they all scattered and ran away. Sometimes it’s difficult to be LOYAL to one person or group without being DIS-LOYAL to another person or group. Sometimes it is unfair for a friend to demand loyalty when what they are asking of you requires you to betray your loyalty to another person.

Jesus was tested with the question about paying taxes. He responded by saying “Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God’s.” He stumped his critics with that response because it puts the responsibility back on them to determine the proper loyalty. That’s what we will talk about on Sunday.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday In Worship

October 22, 2023
10:30 a.m.
The Lost Art of Loyalty

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.
in the Education Building Room 203

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for Sunday,
October 22, 2023 are in honor of
Scott and Karen Willis's 22nd
Wedding Anniversary.

Future Sermons

Oct 29 - Jim Brookshire Preaching
Nov 5 - Leaders: Born AND Made
Nov 12 - Prep Time

Upcoming Events

► Fall Festival

Saturday, October 21, 2023
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Front Lawn & Courtyard

► Youth Meeting

Sunday, October 22, 2023
12:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
SouthPark Church
3151 Apex Dr - Suite 100
Charlotte 28211

► Bible Study - Revelation

Tuesday, October 24, 2023
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

► Admin Council Meeting & Charge Conference

Wednesday, October 25, 2023
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

► SUMC 75th Anniversary

Sunday, October 29, 2023
10:30 a.m. Service Sanctuary
Guest Preacher Jim Brookshire
5:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner
Fellowship Hall Everyone Welcome



Dear Sedgefield Church Family,

Thank you so much for the card and gift for Pastor Appreciation Month. Being your Pastor is a great privilege. Ours is a wonderful church with loving, caring people. Your gratitude for my ministry is "icing on the cake." I thank God every day for you and for the honor of being your Pastor.

Blessings,

Tom Stinson-Wesley

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 21st

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Sedgefield Church
Court Yard & Front Lawn**

Everyone Welcome!

With the success of our last summer neighborhood cookout, we are expecting a big turn out and lots of volunteers will be needed.

Click on the Link Below to review the various volunteer assignments and to sign up to help with the festival.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAB23A64-fall1>

Food ★ **Fun for all** ★ *Games*



Operation Christmas Child Project



Our Operation Christmas Child Mission Project will begin this Sunday, October 22, 2023. Boxes will be available in the narthex to pick up. Please look inside the box for a pamphlet for directions on “How to Pack a Shoebox!”

You may return your filled shoebox gift anytime on or before Sunday, November 19, 2023.

Pastor Tom will bless our OCC Shoeboxes on Sunday, November 19, 2023. If you have any questions, please call or email me.


Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges

Children's Program Director

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Sedgefield UMC
Celebrates
75 Years
1948 - 2023

Sedgefield United Methodist Church
Worship Service and Celebration
Sunday October 29, 2023

10:30 a.m. Church Service
Guest Preacher - Jim Brookshire

5:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner
Fellowship Hall - Everyone Welcome



Habitat for Humanity Build 2023/2024

Volunteers Needed on Saturday, November 4, 2023

Volunteers needed for Installing Drywall in 7024 & 7035 Estelle Smith Court located in The Meadows at Plato Price on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 8am-4pm. If you are able to help that day, please register using the information in the box below box or just come to the site.

Thank you for participating.

Registration Instructions

1. Visit the group search page: habitatcltvolunteers.force.com/apex/VolunteerGroupSearch
2. Search group number: **1686**
3. Select: Charlotte Church Partners Volunteer Team
4. Search for shifts; *simply press 'search' button (no need to enter dates or location)**
5. Check desired shift(s) and click select
6. Log in to an existing account or create a new one
 - a. New user/volunteer: click "new User" to create a new account
 - b. Existing user/returning volunteer: Your email address is your volunteer account username. If you've forgotten your password, you can request a new one by clicking "Forgot Your Password?"

Sedgefield Church is again working with the Charlotte Church Partners this year to complete two of the 39 homes being built at The Meadows at Plato Price. This neighborhood development is part of the Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter Work Project and hundreds of volunteers from around the world are expected to start work in October.

For more information visit the website: [Carter Work Project](#)

Local volunteers will start working in November until completion of the project anticipated for March 2024.

[Sedgefield Church is hosting a workday at the site on December 2, 2023 providing lunch and volunteers.](#)

We would love to have you join us, no skills required.

All Saints Sunday



During our worship service on Sunday, November 5, 2023 we will pause to remember those from our church family who have passed away since last All Saints Day (November 6, 2022). If you have lost a friend or family member this year and would like to have their name included in this special service of remembrance, please email Pastor Tom at PastorTom@sedgefieldchurch.org by Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

Thank You



Boxed Meals for Rebound

There is an opportunity to put together a boxed Thanksgiving meal and deliver to Rebound.

If you are interested in providing a boxed meal, you can pick up a flyer with all the details and instructions in the narthex beginning this Sunday, October 22, 2023.

You can also call the church office at 704-523-0077 or email the church at office@sedgefieldchurch.org to request a copy of the instructions be sent to you.

Altar Flowers



You can now sign-up for Altar Flowers

Use the SignUp Genius Link below to:

- pick an available date
- write a message to let us know who/what you want to memorialize, honor or celebrate on a special day

Sign up Genius Link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5AB2AAB9-sedgefield>

The Altar Flower donation remains the same at \$40 which can be paid online via the Church Website [sedgefieldchurch.org](https://www.sedgefieldchurch.org) or by sending a check to the Church Office. Please note “for flowers” on your check.

Invitation From Woodlawn Community Fellowship



Woodlawn Community Fellowship UMC is sponsoring free dinners each Thursday night during the months of October and November.

October Dates are: 5, 12, 19, 26

November Dates are: 2, 9, 16, 30

**The meals are free and will be served from
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Our dinners are catered by Gayle Smith, Founder and
Executive Director of Dahlia Grove, Inc.**

We hope you will join us for fellowship and conversation.

**Woodlawn Community Fellowship UMC
737 East Woodlawn, Charlotte 28209
Telephone: 704-523-5052**

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.



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Mail your check to:

Sedgefield UMC
2830 Dorchester Pl
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wnccumc.org

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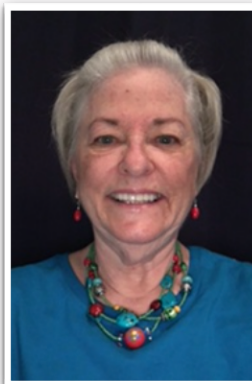
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