

THE EPISTLE

December 8 , 2023

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

*2830 Dorchester Place
Charlotte, NC 28209*

www.SedgefieldChurch.org

704-523-0077

Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,
This Sunday, I will be preaching on
Mark 1:1-8 and my title will be
“Unworthy.”

How you feel about yourself makes a huge difference in how you feel about others, how you feel about your life, and how you feel about the world. Self-doubt can infect us as much as any illness. We have to find the right balance between humility and confidence. Too much confidence can become arrogance and too little can become self-doubt.

John the Baptist was an interesting case study in that balance. He was comfortable with who he was, even if who he was made other people UN-comfortable. He knew his role. He was to proclaim God’s Kingdom and point to the One who was coming. He also saw himself as “unworthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his [Messiah’s] sandals.” John was worthy of his calling as a prophet but unworthy in comparison to Jesus. That sounds like us, worthy and unworthy at the same time.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday In Worship

December 10, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Unworthy

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.

Education Building Room 203

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for Sunday, December 10, 2023 are to the glory of God and in honor of Tom Little's birthday from his family.

Future Sermons

Dec 17 - Why Are You Here?

Dec 24 - Expecting the Unexpected

Dec 31 - Frank Fields Preaching

► Serve At Rebound-Breakfast

Sunday December 24, 2023 745

7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

907 W. 1st Street

► Christmas Eve at Sedgefield

Sunday, December 24, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Upcoming Events

► Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 10, 2023

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

► SPRC Meeting

Monday, December 11, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Parlor

► Bible Study

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

Fellowship Hall

► Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17, 2023

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

► Serve At Rebound-Dinner

Sunday December 17, 2023

4:45 p.m.

907 W. 1st Street

► Admin Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 21, 2023

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Smith Residence

Angel Tree



Sedgefield Middle School has 13 families that are in need of sponsoring this Christmas season. If you would like to sponsor a student by purchasing a few gifts, please contact me as soon as possible or look on the angel tree in the narthex. If you choose to sponsor a child, please write your name on the sign-up sheet next to your Angel's number. Wrapped presents would need to be returned to church by Wednesday, December 13th between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 pm. I will be delivering the presents to Sedgefield Middle School on Wednesday afternoon.

Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges
704-617-4056

Gloves and Socks Collection



Sedgefield Church is once again, collecting Gloves and Socks for people in need. You can drop your donated Gloves and Socks in the containers in the Church Narthex or anytime in the Black Trash Bin on the front porch of the Church.

If you prefer, you may make a donation to the Church; please write Gloves and Socks in the memo of your Check and that money will be used to make a bulk purchase of Gloves and Socks.

**We will be collecting these items through
Sunday, December 17, 2023.**

Please feel free to call the church at 704-523-0077 or email office@sedgefieldchurch.org if you have any questions.



Sedgefield Church will once again be hosting four Sunday nights at Room In the Inn. Our hosting dates are listed below.

We will be using the facilities at Avondale Presbyterian Church to provide food and shelter.

Location:

**Avondale Presbyterian Church
2821 Park Road
Charlotte, NC 28209**

Hosting Dates:

**Sunday, December 10th
Sunday, January 14th
Sunday, February 11th
Sunday, March 10th**

We need your help. Please use the Sign-Up Link below to volunteer or to fill a need.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAB23A64-46252965-room>

Thank you.

Altar Flowers



**You can now sign-up for Altar Flowers online.
2024 dates are now listed on the Link.**

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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5AB2AAB9-sedgefield)

**The Altar Flower donation remains the same at \$40
which can be paid online using the Church Website
[sedgefieldchurch.org](https://www.sedgefieldchurch.org)**

**or by sending a check to Sedgefield Church,
2830 Dorchester Place, Charlotte 28209.**



Rise Against Hunger – Mission Project

We had 15 youth, children and adults from Sedgefield Church that volunteered at **Rise Against Hunger** last Sunday afternoon. Other youth and adults from South Park UMC and St. Andrew's UMC joined us.

We filled over 4,000 bags of rice, protein and vegetables to help people facing hunger worldwide.

This Mission Project was a success.

Thanks to Bradley for organizing this youth project.



Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges



Message from Frank Fields

“On behalf of the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) I'd like to remind everyone that Sedgfield UMC has always generously remembered our talented and dedicated staff at Christmastime. Please consider making a donation for this worthy cause during the time of Offering at Sunday worship, or by dropping it off at the church office, or on-line by way of our website or Facebook page. Remember to designate your donation as 'Staff Christmas Gifts' so we can ensure it is applied correctly. Last year we raised over \$1,800 for these remembrances. I hope we can at least reach that again. Thank you in advance for appreciating and honoring our staff this Christmas.

With warmest regards,
Frank Fields, SPRC Chair"

Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



Online Through

sedgefieldchurch.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



Bank Draft

Set up automatic



Church

Mail your check to:

Sedgefield UMC
2830 Dorchester Pl
Charlotte, NC 28209



Online Through

wnccumc.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
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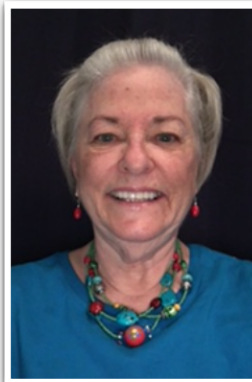
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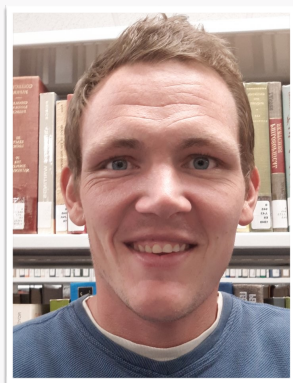
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