

THE EPISTLE

June 30, 2023

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

*2830 Dorchester Place
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
Romans 8:35, 37-39 and my title will be
“Forever Connected to God.”

Long ago, in the Old Testament time period, people felt far removed from God. The Israelites, the people we read about in the Old Testament, were not the only culture or religion that felt this way about God. It appears that all cultures in their attempts to understand the gods and forces that controlled this world believed that the god or gods were faraway and for the most part, uncaring about human lives and struggles.

Some people still feel that way about God or the gods or whatever they believe in. Many people have stopped believing in any kind of God because they cannot reconcile the idea of god the creator, god the intervener, and a god who loves and cares about us. In this sermon we will talk about what it means to be connected to the God of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday In Worship

July 2, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Forever Connected to God

Sunday School begins at

9:30am in the
Education Building

Holy Communion and
Food Drive for Loaves and Fishes
this Sunday, July 2, 2023

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday, July 2,
2023 are in celebration of Carl
Hedberg's 94th Birthday on July 5th
from his family.

Future Sermons

July 9 - Jeff Glenn of Charlotte Rescue Mission

July 16 - Sibling Rivalry

July 23 - This is The Place

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Summer Fun Day**
Wednesday, July 5, 2023
10:00 a.m. - 12Noon
Play Ground or Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**
Wednesday, July 12, 2023
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Via Zoom
- ▶ **Missions Meeting**
Sunday, July 16, 2023
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound**
Sunday, July 16, 2023
4:30 p.m.
907 W. 1st Street



**The Church Office will be closed
this Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in honor
of Independence Day.**



**On Tuesday, September 27, 2023
members of our church installed a
much needed bike rack at the
Charlotte Rescue Mission.**



Not pictured Pastor Tom

2023 Summer Fun Wednesdays at Sedgefield Church

Ages - Preschool – Elementary Children

10:00 Playground Fun

10:30 – 11:45 Program in Fellowship Hall or Outside

July 5 – Brown Sounds (Dance Party – Limbo, musical chairs, chicken dance, YMCA, etc. Fun for boys and girls.)

July 12 – Exotic Encounters (Exotic Animals)

July 19 – No Summer Fun Wednesday – July 19-23 is Vacation Bible School 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 pm. Ages: rising kindergarten – rising 5th graders. Register at sedgefieldchurch.org Middle and High School students and adults can register as volunteers.

July 26 - Scales (Snakes)

August 2 – Popcorn and a Movie

August 9 – Back to School Bash with Jumping Jacks Water Slide
(Come prepared to get WET! Parents may want to bring a lawn chair and a towel.)

11:45 – Optional - Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy eating lunch with friends or more playground fun!

**Questions – Call Mary Jo Bridges – Children’s Program Director -
704-617-4056**



L O A V E S & F I S H E S

Groceries for Neighbors in Need

On Communion Sundays we have a tradition of collecting food for our neighborhood Loaves & Fishes pantry. Items most needed are: canned meat, canned fruit, peanut butter, boxed or canned pasta, and canned vegetables.

You will be invited to bring your food donations forward as you receive Communion this Sunday, July 2, 2023.



Our Food Collection for 2023

January - **73** pounds
February - **129** pounds
March - **86** pounds
April - **76** pounds
May - **100** pounds
June - **69** pounds

The collection of non-perishable food items is an ongoing mission opportunity. Collection baskets are in the lobby each Sunday or donations can be dropped off at any time during office hours.

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 17 – 21, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for rising Kindergarten – rising 5th grade students. **Registration is open!** Participants will be limited to 50 kids!

Please click the link below to register your child or to volunteer for Stellar VBS and for more details.

<https://vbspro.events/p/1a3f96>

Blessings!
Mary Jo Bridges
Director of Children's Programs
704-617-4056



**Pictures from our Church
and Neighborhood Cookout
this past Saturday.**



Great Food!

Great Weather!

Priceless Fellowship!



Save Your Tabs



On Monday, June 26, 2023 we delivered 9.7 pounds of tabs to the Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you.

Each four pounds of pop tops covers the cost of a family's food and lodging for one day at the Ronald McDonald House.

**Tabs can be left at
2830 Sunset Drive, Charlotte, NC.**

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:

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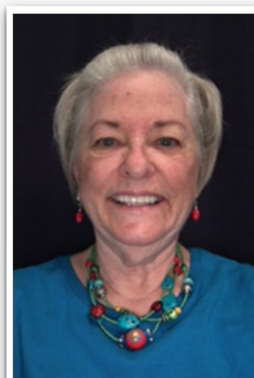
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