

# THE EPISTLE

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July 21, 2023

*Find Hope Here*

***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  
Genesis 28:10-19a and my title will be  
“This Is The Place.”

In small group discussions, I often ask people to share where they have felt the presence of God in a powerful way. It's always an interesting experience. Some people will say that they feel close to God in nature, like hiking in the mountains, or sitting on the beach. Others will say it's in a quiet chapel or sanctuary. Still others will say it's in a large group, like Christmas Eve or Easter worship or a concert.

In the entire story of Jacob in Genesis, up until this point, we have to wonder if he had experienced God at all. His life had been a series of unethical behavior, first his own deceiving of his brother and father, and later his father-in-law deceiving HIM. Then he had this dream. We know it as “Jacob’s Ladder.” It changed his life. And he was amazed at the place - that special place where he encountered the presence of God. He called it “Bethel,” literally, “house of God.”

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom



## This Sunday In Worship

July 23, 2023  
10:30 a.m.  
This Is The Place

Sunday School begins at  
9:30am in the  
Education Building

### Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday,  
July 23, 2023 are in memory of  
Wanda Washburn and  
Trip Washburn from the  
Washburn family.

### Future Sermons

*July 30 - A Re-Arranged Marriage*  
*Aug 6 - Music Sunday*  
*Aug 13 - Wrestling and Name-Calling*

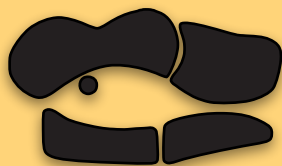
## Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Summer Fun Day**  
Wednesday, July 26, 2023  
10:00 a.m. - 12Noon  
Play Ground or Fellowship Hall
  
- ▶ **Youth & Youth Parents Event**  
Sunday, August 6, 2023  
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
St. Andrews UMC  
1901 Archdale Drive, Charlotte  
Includes Lunch
  
- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**  
Wednesday August 9, 2023  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom
  
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**  
Wednesday August 16, 2023  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom



## Pictures from Vacation Bible Study





**LOAVES & FISHES**

Groceries for Neighbors in Need

This week we delivered 79 pounds  
of food to Loaves & Fishes.



## **Our Food Collection for 2023**

January - 73 pounds  
February - 129 pounds  
March - 86 pounds  
April - 76 pounds  
May - 100 pounds  
June - 69 pounds  
July - 79 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.



# **Upcoming Activities at 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 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.)*

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

**Questions Call:**

**Mary Jo Bridges**

**Children's Program Director**

## Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



### **Online Through**

[sedgefieldchurch.org](http://sedgefieldchurch.org)

Make a credit card  
or electronic  
contribution.



### **Bank Draft**

Set up automatic



### **Church**

Mail your check to:

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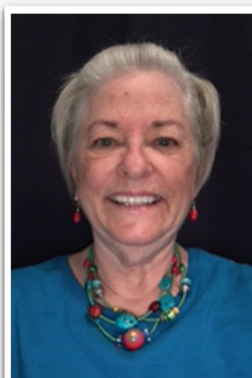
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