

THE EPISTLE

July 28, 2023

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

***2830 Dorchester Place
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Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,
This Sunday I will be preaching on Genesis 29:16-28 (selected verses) and my title will be “A Re-Arranged Marriage.”

It may be true that fewer couples are getting married these days, but nevertheless, weddings and marriage are a huge part of our culture. In fact, weddings and marriage are a huge part of practically ALL of the world’s cultures. Traditions and practices vary widely, but in any culture, what Uncle Laban did to Jacob is terrible. Laban promised that after working for him for 7 years, Jacob would be allowed to marry RACHEL. That’s not what happened. Jacob worked the 7 years, then the day after the wedding, Jacob found out he had married Rachel’s older sister, LEAH! Laban had switched the daughters.

In previous sermons on the Jacob stories, we have already established that this family is highly dysfunctional. From Rebekah to Jacob to Rebekah’s brother Laban, dishonesty apparently ran in the family. This soap opera is entertaining, but what do we learn from this story? That’s what we will talk about on Sunday. I hope to see you there!

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday In Worship

July 30, 2023

10:30 a.m.

A Re-Arranged Marriage

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

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday,
July 30, 2023 are in celebration
of Clara Hedberg's 91st birthday
on July 29th from her family.

Future Sermons

Aug 6 - Music Sunday

Aug 13 - Wrestling and Name-Calling

Aug 29 - My, How You've Grown!

Upcoming Events

► Summer Fun Day

Wednesday, August 2, 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

► Church & Neighborhood Cookout

Saturday, August 26, 2023

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Front Lawn

Thank You Warren

Our dear friend and servant Warren Richards has retired from his ministry of changing the front lawn sign at Sedgefield Church.

Warren, we are so grateful for your many, many years of service in changing the sign every Monday (rain or shine) to let our members and neighbors know the Bible passage for our Pastor's message on Sunday.



This week at Summer Fun Wednesday Snakes



**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

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

704-617-4056



Even though we won't be serving Communion on Sunday, August 6, 2023 we will be 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.



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.

Stellar VBS 2023

Wow! What a week we had at Vacation Bible School. We had 35 kids, 27 daily volunteers, plus 7 more volunteers that prepared our lunch, set up tables and chairs to prepare the Fellowship Hall for our closing lunch on Friday! It was an awesome week learning what it means to shine Jesus' light and how Jesus shined hope, love, forgiveness, and joy to the world and how we can do the same with His power!

Thank you for your prayers, donations, time and talents. You helped to make our Stellar VBS amazing!

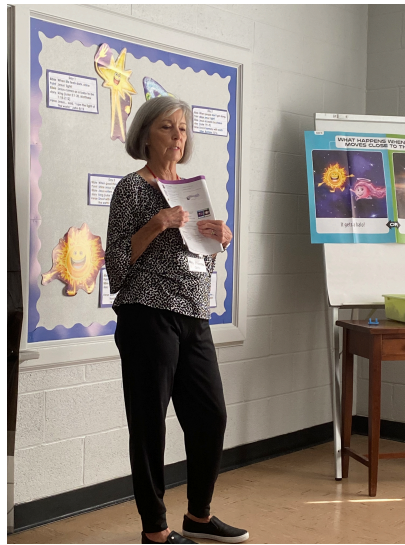
Blessings!

**Mary Jo Bridges
VBS Director**





More Pictures from Stellar VBS 2023



Save the Date

Church & Neighborhood Cookout

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Saturday, August 26th

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

on the Front Lawn



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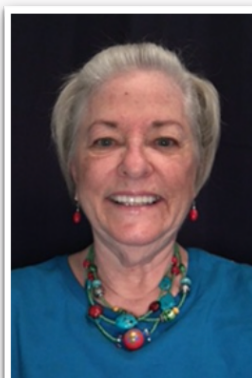
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