

THE EPISTLE

August 18, 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 Genesis 45:1-15 and my title will be “My, How You’ve Grown!”

Family reunions are a longstanding tradition in society. We face special challenges these days because families are so spread out geographically, but, then again, we have more efficient means of transportation and communication. I haven’t been part of one myself, but I assume that some families have had Zoom reunions.

Genesis 45 is an especially emotional reunion. Joseph has been separated from his family for his entire adult life. The separation happened initially because his brothers sold him into slavery and he was taken to Egypt. His father Jacob, and Joseph himself, were somewhat responsible for the troubled relationship between Joseph and his brothers. Jacob had openly favored and spoiled Joseph and Joseph had lorded that favored status over his brothers, fueling their jealousy. In Egypt, Joseph had gone from slave to prisoner to second in command. At this point, the brothers and Joseph were reunited. Would Joseph forgive them? Would he take revenge on them now that he had great power over them? We will talk about it on Sunday.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday In Worship

August 20, 2023
10:30 a.m.
My, How You've Grown

Sunday School begins at
9:30am in the Education
Building Room 203

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday,
August 20, 2023 are in
celebration of Warren and Alice
Richards 42nd Wedding
Anniversary.

Future Sermons

Aug 27 - Beggin for Table Scraps
Sept 3 - Giving Your Life to Jesus
Sept 10 - How To Start Something

Upcoming Events

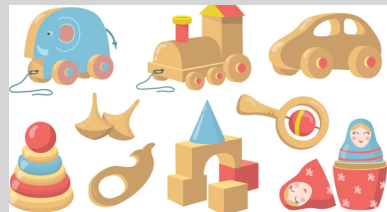
► **Serve At Rebound**
Sunday, August 20, 2023
4:30 p.m.
907 W. 1st Street

► **Church & Neighborhood Cookout**
Saturday, August 26, 2023
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Front Lawn

► **Back to School Blessing - Students,
Backpacks and School Staff**
Sunday, August 27, 2023
10:30 a.m.
Sanctuary

► **Trustees Meeting**
Wednesday, September 6, 2023
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Congratulations

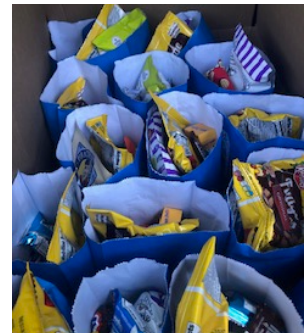


**Baby Griffin with
big brother Beau**



Back to School Treat Bags Sedgefield Middle School

Thank you to the Susanna Wesley Circle for donating lots of sweet and salty snacks and filling 72 treat bags for the staff at Sedgefield Middle School last Thursday night during their monthly circle meeting. They love showing the school staff how much they love and appreciate them!



Back to School Blessing - Students and School Staff Backpacks and Bookbags on Sunday, August 27, 2023

We are asking all students and school staff to bring your backpack/bookbag to church on Sunday, August 27. Pastor Tom will be BLESSING all bags during the worship hour.



Blessings!
Mary Jo Bridges
Children Program Coordinator

**Sedgefield Church & Sedgefield
Neighborhood Cookout
Saturday, August 26th
11:30 am - 1:00 pm on the Front Lawn**



Featuring Home Made Ice Cream



Everyone is invited to join us for fun and fellowship at our church and neighborhood wide Cookout on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 11:30am-1:00pm at Sedgefield Church, 2830 Dorchester Place.

Bring a Friend or Neighbor!

**Volunteers and food are needed.
Please sign up using the link below.**

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/
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Receiving Holy Communion

On Communion Sundays, servers are available to bring Communion to your home.

We encourage you to contact the church office at 704-523-0077 or email the church office at office@sedgefieldchurch.org if you, or someone you know, would like Holy Communion brought to the home.

Generally we observe Communion on the first Sunday of the month.



Our next observance of the Lord's Supper is Sunday, September 3, 2023

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sedgefieldchurch.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
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Bill Pay.



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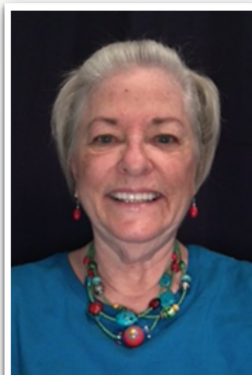
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