

THE EPISTLE

August 25, 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 Matthew 15:21-28 and my title will be “Beggin' for Table Scraps.”

The saying goes: “Desperate times call for desperate measures.” When we are desperate we may become bold, persistent, or even obnoxious. The woman in this week’s Scripture lesson was desperate. She defied several rules of society when she confronted Jesus and begged him to heal her daughter. Parents often go to great lengths, break rules, and ignore social barriers to get help for their children. They seem to be saying, “Think whatever you want about me, but please help my child.”

When we advocate for someone else, we will often be more bold than we would be for ourselves. Perhaps we feel more empowered, more free to speak up when we are not acting out of purely selfish motivation. We will talk about desperation and boldness, and outsiders and insiders, in this week’s sermon. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday In Worship

August 27, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Beggin for Table Scraps

Sunday School begins at
9:30 a.m. in the Education
Building Room 203

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday, August 27, 2023 are in celebration of Johnny Horn's 47th Birthday and are from his family. Johnny's Birthday was on Tuesday, August 22nd.

Future Sermons

Sept 3 - Giving Your Life to Jesus

Sept 10 - How To Start Something

Sept 17 - Drowning Egyptians

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Church & Neighborhood Cookout**
Saturday, August 26, 2023
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Front Lawn & Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **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
- ▶ **Missions Meeting**
Sunday, September 17, 2023
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound**
Sunday, September 17, 2023
4:30 p.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

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



*Tables will also be set up
in Fellowship Hall if you
prefer to eat indoors
during the cookout.*

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!

Back to School Blessing Sunday, August 27th Worship Service - 10:30am



**We are asking all students and school staff
to bring your backpacks and book bags to
church on Sunday, August 27.**

**Pastor Tom will be BLESSING all bags during
the worship hour.**



**Blessings!
Mary Jo Bridges
Children Program Coordinator**

School Supply Drive



Our church will be collecting school supplies for **Sedgefield Middle School during the next few weeks. We will have a collection basket for you to leave your donation in the narthex through September.**

Please see the list of needed supplies below.

- 1. College ruled notebook paper**
- 2. Pencils**
- 3. Kleenex**
- 4. Pens**
- 5. Bookbags**
- 6. Post-it Notes**
- 7. Dry erase markers**

Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges

Children's Program

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



LOAVES & FISHES
Groceries for Neighbors in Need

**This week we delivered 105 pounds
of food to Loaves & Fishes.**

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 on Sunday, September 3, 2023.



Our Food Collection for 2023

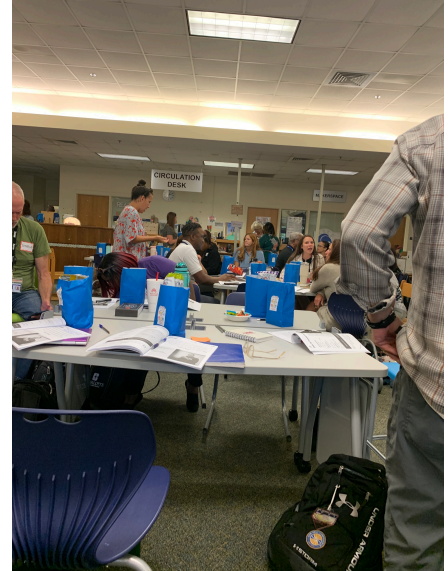
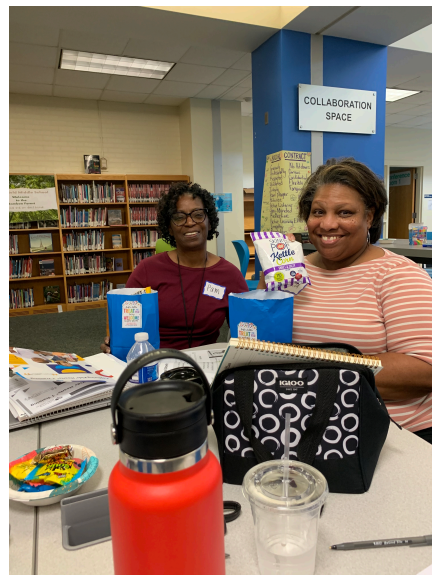
January - 73 pounds
February - 129 pounds
March - 86 pounds
April - 76 pounds
May - 100 pounds
June - 69 pounds
July - 79 pounds
August - 105 pounds

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.

Sedgefield Middle School

The staff at Sedgefield Middle School enjoyed the ***Back to School Treat*** bags this week during a staff meeting.

Thanks again to the Susanna Wesley Circle for providing the bags.



Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



Online Through

sedgefieldchurch.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



Bank Draft

Set up automatic



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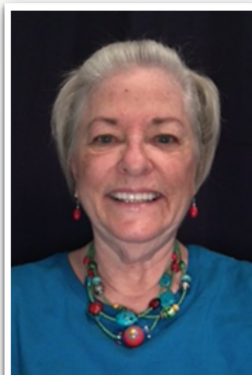
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