

# THE EPISTLE

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September 15, 2023

*Find Hope Here*

*Sedgefield United Methodist Church*

*2830 Dorchester Place  
Charlotte, NC 28209*

*[www.SedgefieldChurch.org](http://www.SedgefieldChurch.org)*

*704-523-0077*

*Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor*

# Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,  
This Sunday I will be preaching on Exodus 14:21-31 and my title will be “Drowning Egyptians.”

The Israelites were scared. After leaving captivity in Egypt, Pharaoh had changed his mind about letting them go. The Egyptian army was now pursuing them.

They had their belongings but no weapons, and no other way to defend themselves. They were trapped between the army at their backs and the waters before them.

This is a Bible story loaded with dramatic tension. Moses and his people were on an emotional roller coaster - the elation of being set free followed by the terror of being chased down by a fully armed military unit. We may never have something like that happen to us, but we do know what it is like to feel trapped. That is what we will discuss on Sunday.

I hope to see you there.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom



## This Sunday In Worship

September 17, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Drowning Egyptians

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

### Altar Flowers

The altar flowers on Sunday,  
September 17, 2023 are in loving  
memory of Larry and Shirley Kidd  
from their daughter Otterlee Diggs.

### Future Sermons

*Sept 24 - Minding Other People's Business*

*Oct 1 - Changing Your Mind*

*Oct 8 - The Power of the Semi-Powerless*

#### ► Admin Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

#### ► Nominations Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 24, 2023

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

#### ► World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 1, 2023

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary

## Upcoming Events

#### ► Missions Meeting

Sunday, September 17, 2023

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

#### ► Youth Meeting

Sunday, September 17, 2023

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

St. Andrews UMC

1901 Archdale Drive

Charlotte 28210

#### ► Serve At Rebound

Sunday, September 17, 2023

4:30 p.m.

907 W. 1st Street

#### ► Bible Study

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

#### ► Habitat Prayer Walk

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

8:00 a.m.

The Meadows at Plato Price

Use 4202 Plato Circle

Charlotte 28208 for GPS purposes

# Altar Flowers



**You can now sign-up for Altar Flowers**

**Use the SignUp Genius Link below to:**

- pick an available date
- write a message to let us know who/what you want to memorialize, honor or celebrate on a special day

## **Sign up Genius Link**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5AB2AAB9-sedgefield>**

**The Altar Flower donation remains the same at \$40 which can be paid online via the Church Website [sedgefieldchurch.org](https://www.sedgefieldchurch.org) or by sending a check to the Church Office. Please note “for flowers” on your check.**



**Cindy Gadd joined Sedgefield UMC  
this past Sunday.**

***Pictures of Cindy and her fellowship friend Carol Little***



**World  
Communion  
Sunday is  
October 1, 2023**



# 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

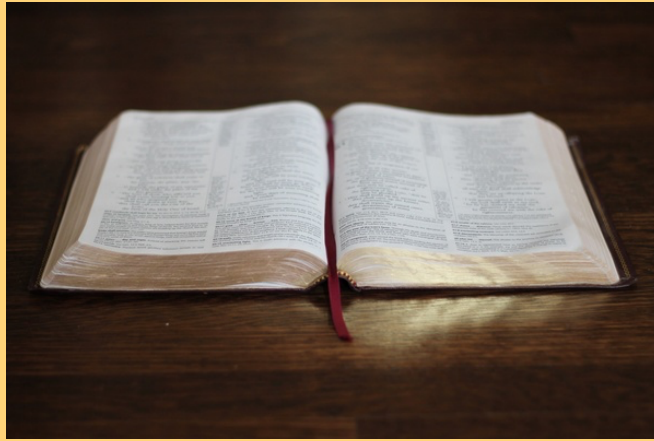
Supplies can also be dropped off during the week in the black plastic container on the front porch of the church.



Blessings!

Mary Jo Bridges

Children's Program Director



**Tuesday Morning Bible Study is Back!  
Everyone is Invited.**

**Our Tuesday morning Bible Study will start  
meeting again on Tuesday September 19,  
2023 at 11:00am in Fellowship Hall.**

**If you want more information, please  
contact Pastor Tom.**



# Save Your Tabs



Ronald  
McDonald  
House  
Charlotte

**On Monday, September 11, 2023 we delivered a whopping 125.75 pounds of tabs to the Ronald McDonald House.**

**This will cover the cost of six days' lodging for a family.**

**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.**



## **Red Cross / CPR Training**

**Sedgefield Church will be offering a Red Cross / CPR Training on Monday, October 2, 2023, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$20.00 for official certification/card or FREE if you just want just the knowledge.**

**To register, please sign-up in the narthex at church or call/email me before Wednesday, September 27.**

**Blessings!**

**Mary Jo Bridges**

**[marycbridges@yahoo.com](mailto:marycbridges@yahoo.com)**

**704-617-4056**



## **Habitat for Humanity Build 2023/2024**

**Sedgefield Church is again working with the Charlotte Church Partners this year to complete two of the 39 homes being built at The Meadows at Plato Price. This neighborhood development is part of the Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter Work Project and hundreds of volunteers from around the world are expected to start work in October.**

**For more information visit the website: [Carter Work Project](#)**

**There is a Prayer Walk on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 8:00am at The Meadows at Plato Price.**

**The Meadows is off Morris Field Drive between Billy Graham Parkway and Wilkinson Blvd.**

**Use 4202 Plato Circle, Charlotte 28208 for GPS purposes.**

**Local volunteers will start working in November until completion of the project anticipated for March 2024.**

**Sedgefield Church is hosting a workday at the site on December 2, 2023 providing lunch and volunteers.**

**We would love to have you join us, no skills required.**



# FALL FESTIVAL

**Saturday, October 21st**

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

**Sedgefield Church  
Court Yard & Front Lawn**

**Everyone Welcome!**

**With the success of our last summer neighborhood cookout, we are expecting a big turn out and lots of volunteers will be needed.**

**Click on the Link Below to review the various volunteer assignments and to sign up to help with the festival.**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAB23A64-fall1>**

*Food* ★ **Fun for all** ★ *Games*



## 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  
contributions  
through your  
bank's Online  
Bill Pay.



### **Church**

Mail your check to:

Sedgefield UMC  
2830 Dorchester Pl  
Charlotte, NC 28209



### **Online Through**

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

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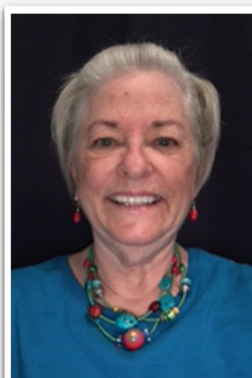
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