

THE EPISTLE

September 22, 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 20:1-16 and my title will be “Minding Other People’s Business.”

I guess it’s basic human nature: we like to gossip. We like to know what is going on with other people’s lives. We like to know their business. Okay, so you might be saying, “That’s not me. I keep to myself. I don’t want to know about other people’s business.” Maybe that’s true, but you have to admit, many people are nosy. Social media has probably contributed significantly to the problem.

In Jesus’s parable for this week, some of the workers are worried about other people’s business. Specifically, they don’t like that the landowner paid everyone the same amount, even though some worked only one hour and others worked the whole day. If the workers had kept their minds only on their own business, there wouldn’t have been an argument. What is Jesus trying to teach us with this parable? We will talk about that on Sunday.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday In Worship

September 24, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Minding Other People's Business

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

World Communion Sunday
Food Drive for Loaves and Fishes
on Sunday, October 1, 2023

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for this Sunday,
September 24, 2023 are from
Dianna Orth in Loving Memory of
her brother Dennis, her parents
Helen and Ed Scott, and her
grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Future Sermons

Oct 1 - Changing Your Mind

Oct 8 - The Power of the Semi-Powerless

Oct 15 - The Right Answer

Upcoming Events

► Youth Meeting

Sunday, September 24, 2023

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

St. Andrews UMC

1901 Archdale Drive

Charlotte 28210

► Nominations Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 24, 2023

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

Fellowship Hall

► Bible Study

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

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

Fellowship Hall

► Fall Festival

Saturday, October 21, 2023

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

Front Lawn & Courtyard

► SUMC 75th Anniversary

Sunday, October 29, 2023

10:30 a.m. Service Sanctuary

Guest Preacher Jim Brookshire

5:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner

Fellowship Hall Everyone Welcome

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.

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

Save Your Tabs



Ronald
McDonald
House
Charlotte

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.***

**Please drop off your tabs by
Monday, September 25, 2023**



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 are invited to bring your food donations forward as you receive Communion on Sunday, October 1, 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.

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, October 1, 2023



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

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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*



75 Years
1948 - 2023

Sedgefield United Methodist Church
Worship Service and Celebration
Sunday October 29, 2023

10:30 a.m. Church Service
Guest Preacher - Jim Brookshire

5:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner
Fellowship Hall - Everyone Welcome

75 Years
1948 - 2023

Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



Online Through

sedgefieldchurch.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



Bank Draft

Set up automatic



Church

Mail your check to:

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