

THE EPISTLE

January 12, 2024

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

*2830 Dorchester Place
Charlotte, NC 28209*

www.SedgefieldChurch.org

704-523-0077

Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,
This Sunday, I will be preaching on 1 Samuel 3:1-10 and my title will be “A Child Called By God.”

Samuel was already a special child. He had been dedicated to the Lord by his mother before he was even born. So I guess it wasn't too surprising that God spoke to him.

Surprising or not, his calling from God and his obedient response became an example for all people of faith to follow.

In the church, we talk frequently about having a child-like faith. Jesus taught about that. This story of Samuel gives us a picture of what that looked like in his life. We will talk about Samuel's (and our own) “call and response” on Sunday.

We will also recognize and install our 2024 church officers as part of our worship on Sunday.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

January 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

A Child Called By God

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.

Education Building Room 203

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for Sunday,
January 14, 2024 are in loving
memory of Jim "Papa" Thompson
by his family.

Future Sermons

Jan 21 - Jesus Wants You!

Jan 28 - A Positive Influence

Feb 4 - Renewable Energy

- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, January 28, 2024
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street

**The Church will be
closed this Monday,
January 15, 2024 for
Martin Luther King Day.**

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Socks & Gloves Distribution-Missions**
Sunday, January 14, 2024
6:30 a.m.
Meet in Church Parking Lot - Drive to
Overpass at Tryon & 12th St.
- ▶ **Missions Meeting**
Sunday, January 14, 2024
11:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Youth Group Meeting**
Sunday, January 14, 2024
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
St. Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
- ▶ **Bible Study - Hebrews**
Tuesday, January 16, 2024
11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**
Thursday, January 18, 2024
6:30 p.m - 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**
Sunday, January 21, 2024
4:45 p.m.
907 W. 1st Street

Contribution Statements for 2023

**Annual contribution statements for 2023 were
emailed on January 6, 2024.**

**If you have not received your statement , please
call the Church Office at 704-523-0077.**



This Sunday, January 14th, we will host, provide food and serve the RITI guests at Avondale Presbyterian Church.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this possible.

The remaining dates are listed below. Please consider volunteering to host, prepare food or serve at the site using the Link Below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAB23A64-46252965-room>

Location:

**Avondale Presbyterian Church
2821 Park Road
Charlotte, NC 28209**

Remaiming Hosting Dates:

**Sunday, February 11th
Sunday, March 10th**



Chili Cook Off

Save the Date

Saturday, February 3rd

Sedgefield Church is partnering with the
Sedgefield Neighborhood Association in
hosting a Chili Cook-Off from
2:00pm-4:00pm on Saturday, February 3rd

The Contest will feature two categories of Chili.
Traditional Chili and Non-traditional Chili

ALL ARE WELCOME



Altar Flowers



**You can now sign-up for Altar Flowers online.
2024 dates are now listed on the Link.**

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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5AB2AAB9-sedgefield)

**The Altar Flower donation remains the same at \$40
which can be paid online using the Church Website
sedgefieldchurch.org
or by sending a check to Sedgefield Church,
2830 Dorchester Place, Charlotte 28209.**

The Park Road group of churches are offering the following small group study:

JustFaith Course: "Want to talk? Communication tools for divided times"

This small group class will be offered with the other churches on Park Road: 8 weeks, beginning the last week of January. There will be a maximum of 16 people in a group, between our 6 churches.

Tentatively, the group will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00pm-8:00pm - though the group may choose to change this, if there is a better time for participants.

If you are interested in getting more information,

contact Pastor Tom at

pastortom@sedgefieldchurch.org

or call the church office.



Save the Date

Vacation Bible School

at Sedgefield Church

July 15 – 18, 2024

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Registration will open March 1, 2024 for
rising kindergartners – rising 5th graders.**

Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



Online Through

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:

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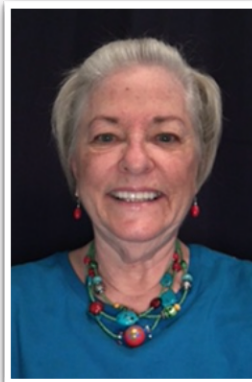
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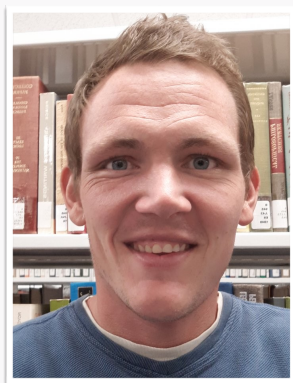
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