

# The Epistle

November 8, 2024



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**Sedgefield United Methodist Church**

**2830 Dorchester Place**

**Charlotte NC 28209**

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

## Reflections From Pastor Tom



This Sunday I will be preaching on Psalm 127 and my title will be “A Formula for Success.”

No matter what our definition of success is, we all try to be successful. We try to achieve our goals. We try to finish what we start. The people in Bible times were no different. The writer of Psalm 127 used the image of building a house: “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” Think about that for a minute. It challenges the way we think. We could look at some project as finished or accomplished, but it all could be in vain without God’s involvement. We will be talking about that on Sunday. I hope to see you there!

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom

# This Sunday in Worship

November 10, 2024  
10:30 a.m.  
A Formula for Success

Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m.  
in Room 203 in the Education Bldg.

## Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers this Sunday,  
November 10, 2024 are in honor  
of Johnny and Kelli Horn's  
Anniversary.



Do you want to honor or remember  
someone by donating Altar Flowers?  
You can do so by using the Altar Flower  
Sign-Up Page in this Epistle or call the  
church office at 704-523-0077.  
There are a few open dates for this year.

## Future Sermons

*Nov. 17 - Meet Me At Church*  
*Nov 24 - Treasure Hunt*  
*Dec. 1 - Hope: The Revised Version*

# Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Youth Group**  
Sunday, November 10, 2024  
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.  
St. Andrews UMC  
1901 Archdale Drive  
Charlotte NC 28210
- ▶ **Bible Study**  
Tuesday, November 12, 2024  
11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon  
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Susanna Wesley Circle**  
Thursday, November 14, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Room 204 in the Education Bldg.
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**  
Sunday, November 17, 2024  
4:45 a.m. - 5:45 a.m.  
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, November 19, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Room 204 in Ed Bldg w/Zoom Option
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**  
Sunday, November 24, 2024  
7:45a .m. - 8:45 a.m.  
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Thanksgiving Breakfast**  
Thursday, November 28, 2024  
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall



## Operation Christmas Child

**Operation Christmas Child boxes are available in the narthex for you to take home and pack. The boxes are due back to the church on or before Sunday, November 24th.**

**Please look inside the box for details and directions.**

*Click on the Picture Below to watch a Video on Operation Christmas Child. The Video is quite loud. Please lower the volume on the Video or your PC or Phone.*



**Blessings!**  
**Mary Jo Bridges**  
**Children's Program Director**  
**704-617-4056**



## Children's Time With Pastor Tom

Sunday,  
November 3, 2024

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*CONGRATULATIONS to Camilla Thompson Gilbert  
who was voted Teacher of the Year by the faculty  
and staff at Pinewood Elementary School, Mt. Holly,  
NC where she teaches 3rd grade. Cam is the daughter  
of Ms. Tam Thompson and the late Jim Thompson.*



## Christmas Poinsettia Information



**Order forms to purchase poinsettias are available in the Narthex. The cost per Poinsettia is \$12.**

Please place your completed Order Form in the Black Box in the Church Lobby with payment **by Sunday, December 1st** or you can pay online using your usual method of giving. Please note paid online on the Order Form. **Please note for Flower Fund** on whatever payment method you use.

**Note: An Order Form must be completed to acknowledge the honoree.**

**If you want to purchase a Poinsettia but cannot attend Church,** please email the Church Office at **office@sedgefieldchurch.org** and provide all the information listed below so we can acknowledge the honoree(s), or call the Church Office at 704-523-0077 by **Monday, December 2nd.**

**Your Name**  
**Your Telephone Number**  
**Number of Plants Ordered**  
**Given in Honor of**  
**and/or**  
**Given in Memory of**

**The cost per Poinsettia is \$12.** Payment can be made by mailing a check payable to Sedgefield UMC, 2830 Dorchester Place, Charlotte, NC 28209 or pay online using your usual method of giving. Please note for Flower Fund on whatever payment method you use.



## Join the Collection Drive!

**Sedgefield Church is *supplying Rebound with Razor Packs (Disposable) for the month of November.***

***Drop your Packs in the Buckets placed in the Narthex or near the door to the Fellowship Hall.***

***These will be delivered to Rebound throughout the month of November.***

## Charlotte Rescue Mission

### Mission Statement

Charlotte Rescue Mission is transforming lives in the name of Christ by serving people struggling with addiction, poverty, or hopelessness with the goal of returning them to society as productive, self-sufficient citizens.

### Vision

Charlotte Rescue Mission will be recognized as a leader in providing Christian-based residential recovery programs that help people struggling with the disease of addiction achieve long-term sobriety, find employment and stable housing, and restore and build healthy relationships.

### Our History

Founded in 1938, the Charlotte Rescue Mission has a long history of reaching out to the homeless and those battling addictions. Over the years, the Mission has been located in several different uptown Charlotte buildings and had several different names, but our commitment to serving the homeless and sharing the gospel of Christ has never changed.

Many people who came to the Mission for help during these early years were struggling with addiction. In 1990, the Mission made a commitment to hire a Christian staff trained in professional substance abuse recovery services. With this, Charlotte Rescue Mission launched a 90-day residential program empowering individuals to move beyond cycles of homelessness and addiction to become productive citizens in the community. This program is known as Rebound and has helped thousands of men over the years. In 2016, this program grew to become a 120-day program.

Rebound served men struggling with addiction and homelessness, but, despite a staggering community need, there was no similar program for women. In 1992 Charlotte Rescue Mission launched the Dove's Nest program. Similar to Rebound, Dove's Nest provides comprehensive addiction recovery services for women. In 1995, Rebound men's Halfway House opened its doors. The Halfway House provides further opportunities for Rebound graduates to maintain long-term sobriety as they transition out of dependency on community programs and transition into self-sufficiency.



**Join us for Thanksgiving Breakfast  
Thursday, November 28, 2024  
Drop by from 8:00am - 9:30am  
Sedgefield UMC  
2830 Dorchester Place  
in Fellowship Hall**

**For over 50 years The Men of Sedgefield Church  
have served breakfast to our families, guests and  
friends on Thanksgiving morning.**

**It is a time to visit with old friends and new alike  
over a delicious breakfast of eggs, bacon,  
sausage, pancakes, grits, Betty's biscuits, juice,  
milk and "bottomless" cups of coffee!**

**Breakfast is Free.  
Donations are accepted.**





**Sedgefield Church will once again be hosting four Sunday nights at Room In the Inn. We need Church members and volunteers to host, prepare food and serve on those nights.**

**We will be using the facilities at Avondale Presbyterian Church, 2821 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28209**

**Our hosting dates, the second Sunday of each month, are listed below.**

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

**Sunday, January 12, 2025**

**Sunday, February 9, 2025**

**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

**We need your help. Please use the Sign-Up Link below to volunteer or to fill a need.**

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

**If you have any questions, please email Ellen Lankford at [ewlankford@gmail.com](mailto:ewlankford@gmail.com).**

**Thank you.**



## **Sedgefield Youth Event**

Rise Against Hunger events provide lasting, real-life impact as your group works together for a start-to-finish meal assembly experience to combine rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a packet of 20 vitamins and minerals into life-changing meal packages. The food stores easily, transports quickly and has a long shelf-life to help meet the immediate nutritional needs of people facing food insecurity.

**Join our youth and help them pack 4000 meals for people around the world experiencing food insecurity.  
All ages welcome.**

**Date: Sunday, December 8, 2024**

**Time: 12Noon - 2:00 p.m.**

**Location: Rise Against Hunger  
10825 Texland Blvd - Unit A  
Charlotte, NC 28273**



## Sedgefield Middle School

### Request from Sedgefield Middle School for Donations to their Care Closet.

There will be a basket in the Narthex this Sunday,  
October 27th through Sunday, November 20th for  
you to place your donations.

## STOCK THE SEDGEFIELD CARE CLOSET



Donate gently used or new adult-sized  
clothing to support all students.

Items needed most include boys and girls  
underwear, sweatpants, sweatshirts,  
leggings, and winter coats.

Sizes needed are Adult S-XL. All underwear  
must be new and in packaging.



Oct 21 - Nov 20, 2024



Items may be  
dropped off in the  
SMS front office.



Scan for  
Amazon  
Wishlist



**Update from Marwen McDowell October 26th.**

Good evening team!  
Made a stop up on James today and happy to show you we are roofed in!  
Enjoy your weekend!



**Reminder: Sedgefield will serve as the Site Managers and will provide lunch on Saturday, December 7th DRYWALL DAY. Volunteers are still needed. Please help if you can.**

**Update from Rob Neill on Wednesday, October 24th**

Hello All – Trusses were installed today on our Habitat House – picture attached. Roofers are planned for tomorrow – then the HVAC, Plumbing, and Electrical. Contractors can do their work.





# Altar Flowers

**Use the Sign-up Genius Link  
Below to Order Flowers.**

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

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

**Or you can just call the Church Office  
at 704-523-0077 to order flowers.**

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

**Please note “for flowers” online or your check.**



## How To Help With WNCCUMC Hurricane Helene Relief

### **Step 1: Sedgfield UMC Will Collect Supplies.**

Current list of supplies needed:

- Water
- Flood Buckets
- Non-perishable food
- Diapers
- Baby Formula
- Cleaning Supplies

**Absolutely NO clothes or food items that need refrigeration.**

We will work on a more detailed list over time. This list may change quickly, and we will keep you updated.

Please leave your donations under the sign next to the stairs in the Narthex.

### **Step 2: We Will Deliver Our Donated Supplies to:**

**Woodlawn Community Fellowship** (our District Collection Hub).

Ann Davis - Collection Hub Coordinator

704-502-9265 (Please text.)

Call Woodlawn Coordinator to schedule a time to drop off supplies.

### **Donate directly to WNCCUMC**

**Online:** Use this Link: <https://bit.ly/WNCCHurricaneReliefDonations>

**Checks:** Checks can be made out to WNCC Treasurer and mailed to PO Box 2757, Huntersville, NC 28070 with memo Disaster Response.

You can also donate through Sedgfield UMC by whatever method you currently use (**note for Disaster Relief**). We will forward to WNCCUMC.

## 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  
PI  
Charlotte, NC  
28209



### Online Through

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

Make a credit card  
or electronic  
contribution.



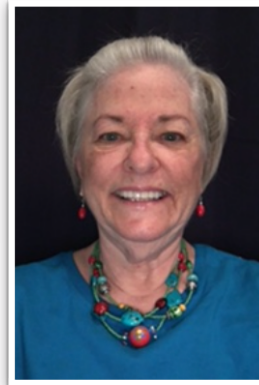
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