

# THE EPISTLE

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April 19, 2024

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*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 Acts 4:5-12, and my title will be “The Trouble With The Truth.”

At first thought, telling the truth should not be difficult. Say what you know for sure. DON'T say anything you can't be sure about. Yet from our earliest attempts at communication (not only as a witness in a trial) we are faced with a troubling choice - do we tell "the whole truth, nothing but the truth so help me, God"? All of our communication relies on people telling the truth to each other but we have lots of excuses for not telling the truth (not hurting other people's feelings, protecting others from unfair criticism, not wanting to incriminate ourselves, etc.).

Early Christians boldly told the truth about Jesus - who he was, his teachings, and his death and resurrection. It cost them dearly. In the Scripture for Sunday, Peter spoke his beliefs before the Jewish authorities and it was a huge risk. They had already been imprisoned, but they could have been subjected to torture or they could have been executed. Peter spoke the truth anyway. That is an inspiration to us. We will discuss truth-telling in the sermon on Sunday.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom

# This Sunday in Worship

April 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The Trouble with the Truth

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

## April is Missions Month

**April 21st** - Jean Fostvedt will speak on  
Habitat for Humanity

**April 27th** - Cook-Out Donations to Missions

**April 28th** - Special Missions Offering

Tom Little will speak on Nourish Up  
(formerly Loaves & Fishes)

## Future Sermons

*April 28 - Seeing in the Dark*

*May 5 - When The Church Changed Its Mind*

*May 12 - Challenge Course*

### ▶ Susanna Wesley Circle

Thursday, May 9, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Room 204 in the Education Bldg.

### ▶ Admin Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Rm 204 in the Ed. Bldg w/Zoom Option

# Upcoming Events

### ▶ Confirmation Class

Sunday, April 21, 2024

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

Fellowship Hall

### ▶ Youth Group

Sunday, April 21, 2024

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

St. Andrews UMC

1901 Archdale Drive

Charlotte, 28210

### ▶ Serve At Rebound-Dinner

Sunday, April 21, 2024

4:45 p.m.

907 W. 1st Street

### ▶ Church Cook Out

Saturday, April 27, 2024

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Front Lawn

### ▶ Serve At Rebound-Breakfast

Sunday, April 28, 2024

7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

907 W. 1st Street

### ▶ Bible Study

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

11:00 a.m. - 12Noon

Fellowship Hall

**Sedgefield Church & Sedgefield  
Neighborhood Cookout  
Saturday, April 27th  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm on the Front Lawn**



**All Donations going to the  
Missions Ministry.**

**Everyone is invited to join us for fun and  
fellowship at our church and neighborhood  
wide Cookout on Saturday, April 27, 2024  
from 11:30am-1:00pm at Sedgefield Church,  
2830 Dorchester Place.**

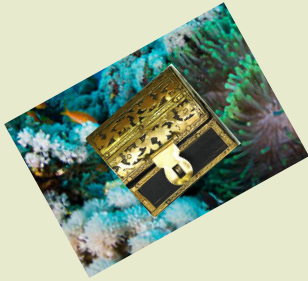
*Bring a Friend or Neighbor!*

**Volunteers and food are needed.  
Please sign up using the link below:**

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/  
20F0D4EACAB23A64-neighborhood3](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAB23A64-neighborhood3)**

**Thank You.**

# Diving for Sunken Treasures!



## Your Trash is our Treasure!

**We are collecting items to help make decorations for VBS.**

**If you have any of the following items that you would like to donate, please place them in our treasure box, in the narthex, on or before May 5th!**

**Items needed:** egg cartons, ribbons (any color or size), cardboard tubes (any size), artificial flowers/plants, plastic, styrofoam or paper bowls (all sizes), caps from plastic bottles, **brightly colored pool noodles, pipe cleaners, cupcake liners, spray paint, straws, netting, and tulle.**

**Also, we need foam balls (any size), curvy packing peanuts (non-biodegradable), long wooden skewers (16" – 36"), and large sheets of foam.**

**I appreciate all donations!**

**Thanks!**

**Mary Jo Bridges  
VBS Director**



**Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
Returns on April 30, 2024**



**Tuesday Morning Bible Study will  
start meeting again on Tuesday,  
April 30th from 11:00 a.m. to  
12 Noon in Fellowship Hall.**

**Everyone is Invited.**

# Altar Flowers



**You can now Order Sunday Altar Flowers online.**

**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 on a special day**

**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.**



## Sedgefield Middle School PTO

### Volunteers Needed for EOY Proctoring

We are in need of around 30 volunteers each day. There will be proctor training in advance of the testing days as well as proctor training on testing days. **You do need to be a cleared CMS volunteer to help us.** We test reading, math and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science. May 28th will be the reading test; May 30th will be the math test and June 4th will be the 8<sup>th</sup> grade science test! Testing times are from 7:45am-12:00pm for all days.

Proctors-

- MUST be 18 years or older and an approved CMS volunteer
- May not be assigned to proctor in a room where a relative is testing
- Read proctor guide
- Receive face-to-face proctor training
- May not assist students nor be left alone with testing materials
- May not read test directions
- Must turn off cell phone and not have access to any electronic devices.

#### EOG Sign Up Link-

<https://forms.gle/PLJr7mV6sH2CtsfSA>

#### CMS Volunteer Link-

<https://www.cmsvolunteers.com/login.php>

We appreciate your willingness to serve as a proctor at our school! You make testing possible!

**Questions?** Contact [Ms. Eldridge](#).

**Email:** [catherine.eldridge@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:catherine.eldridge@cms.k12.nc.us)





# **Save The Dates**

## **for Vacation Bible School at Sedgefield Church**

**Monday-Thursday, July 15–18, 2024**  
**9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

This year's theme for Bible Study is  
*"SCUBA: Diving Into Friendship With God."*

To see a short introductory video  
about this year's program please  
click on the Link Below.

[https://player.vimeo.com/video/834887893?  
h=e87b078ead](https://player.vimeo.com/video/834887893?h=e87b078ead)



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## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Registration is open for rising kindergartners  
to rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders and for Volunteers.**

**Click on the Link Below to  
Register your child or to  
volunteer at VBS.**

**[https://vbspro.events/p/  
c43d9d](https://vbspro.events/p/c43d9d)**

**OR**

**Use the QR Code to  
Register your child or to  
volunteer at VBS**



**Any questions please contact:  
Mary Jo Bridges  
VBS Director  
[marycbridges@yahoo.com](mailto:marycbridges@yahoo.com)  
704-617-4056**

# 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)

Make a credit card  
or electronic  
contribution.



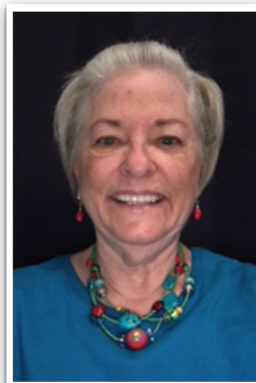
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