

# THE EPISTLE

April 5, 2024

*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, April 7, we will have a special guest preacher - Joe Hamby, Director of Community Education from Roof Above. Our church is involved with Roof Above through the Room in the Inn program. Joe will preach on Mark 6:7-13 and his title will be "Don't Sell Yourself Short."

Here is a little bit about Joe and Roof Above:

Roof Above is North Carolina's largest comprehensive homeless services provider. Joe has been with Roof Above for over 10 years, most of that time in their emergency shelters as Director of Income Services helping guests find employment. He has also directed a successful transitional housing program for working men that Roof Above operated during COVID. Joe assumed the role of Roof Above's Director of Community Education in 2022. Joe sends out a twice-monthly email, the "2x4," on Roof Above's mission to solve homelessness. You can subscribe to it by going to [Roofabove.org](https://Roofabove.org) and clicking on "Join Our Learning Community" at the top of the page.

Before coming to Roof Above, Joe was the Minister to Youth and their Families at Myers Park United Methodist and Providence United Methodist in Charlotte. He is a proud Wake Forest and Duke (M. Div.) graduate. You may also be interested to know that Joe has volunteered in our NC prison system with incarcerated youth for almost 25 years.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tom

# This Sunday in Worship

April 7, 2024  
10:30 a.m.

Joe Hamby - Don't Sell Yourself Short

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

We will not be serving Communion this  
Sunday but feel free to come forward  
with your donations for Loaves & Fishes.

## April is Missions Month

April 7th - Joe Hamby of Roof Above Preaching

April 27th - Cook-Out Donations to Missions

April 28th - Special Missions Offering

## Altar Flowers

The flowers on Sunday, April 7,  
2024 are the Easter Lilies.

## Future Sermons

*April 14 - AJ Thomas, Guest Preacher*

*Choosing the Better Part*

*April 21 - The Trouble with the Truth*

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

# Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Youth Group**  
Sunday, April 7, 2024  
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
St. Andrews UMC  
1901 Archdale Drive  
Charlotte, 28210
- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**  
Wednesday, April 10, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Susanna Wesley Circle**  
Thursday, April 11, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Room 204 in the Education Bldg.
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, April 16, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom
- ▶ **Confirmation Class**  
Sunday, April 21, 2024  
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **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



**Our condolences to the family of Jeff Hinkle, a former member of our church who passed away on Sunday evening following a period of declining health. Plans for a celebration of life have not been finalized at this time. Family members include his brother Hamp Hinkle, his nephews Charlie and Josh Hinkle, and his niece Ginnie Hinkle.**

**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.**

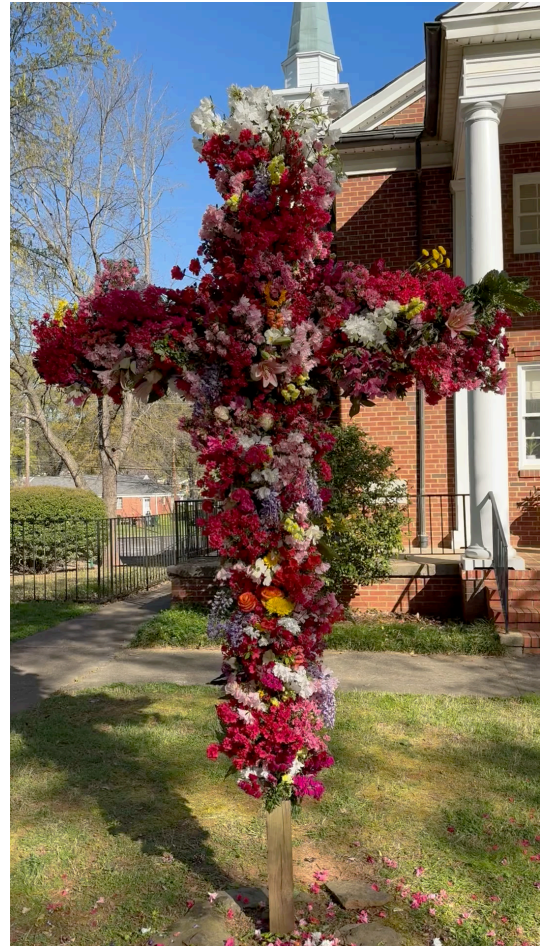
*Bring a Friend or Neighbor!*

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

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAB23A64-neighborhood3>**

**Thank You.**

# The Flowering of the Cross





## 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)

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

**OR**

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





# 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.**

# 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



## Church

Mail your check to:

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

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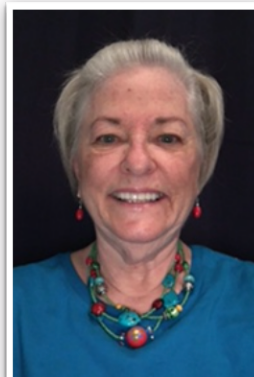
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