

THE EPISTLE

July 5, 2024

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

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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 Mark 6:7-13 and my title will be “Time To Move On.”

Transitions are hard. It doesn't matter whether you are moving out or moving in, changing jobs within the same field or changing fields altogether, retiring or working your first job, or learning to drive or giving up driving - it is always challenging. Transition anxiety is real and we all experience it at one time or another in our lives.

Jesus experienced the anxiety of transition. He returned to his hometown after having achieved some notoriety elsewhere. It didn't go well. Jesus “was amazed at their unbelief.” Next, Jesus instructed his disciples before sending them out to teach and to heal. Part of those instructions included what to do if you are treated badly or not received well in a certain place. Move on. Don't keep trying to convince people who clearly don't want to be convinced. We will talk about this advice on Sunday.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

July 7, 2024
10:30 a.m.
Time To Move On

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

Altar Flowers

We will not have altar flowers this Sunday,
July 7, 2024 as the florist is closed for
vacation. Flowers will resume next week.

We have some open dates in August and
September if you want to donate flowers in
honor or in memory of someone or something.

Please see the Altar Flowers page in the
Newsletter to sign up or call the church office.

Future Sermons

July 14 - The Obscene and the Absurd

July 21 - Gift Exchange

July 28 - You'd Better Sit Down

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Summer Fun Wednesday**
July 10, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
Playground, Front Lawn
and Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Vacation Bible School**
July 15 - 18, 2024
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Education Building, Courtyard,
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**
Wednesday, August 7, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom
- ▶ **Susanna Wesley Circle**
Thursday August 8, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Room 204 in the Education Bldg.
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**
Thursday, August 15, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Charlotte Rescue Mission

Sedgefield will not be serving breakfast and
dinner at Rebound during June and July
while they transition to their new building.

Serving of meals will resume in August.
Thank you for your help with this ministry.



Pictures of the June 29th Sedgefield Neighborhood Cookout. Thank you for your donations to the Charlotte Rescue Mission and thank you to all who helped make this a fun-filled event with delicious food and great fellowship.



Summer Fun Wednesdays at Sedgefield Church

2830 Dorchester Place

Fellowship Hall and Front Lawn

Ages Preschool – Elementary Children+

(Parents are asked to stay with their children for the program.)

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. – Playground Fun

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. – Program

11:45 – Noon – Popsicles on the Playground

July 10 – Exotic Encounters – Come learn about exotic animals!

July 17 – No Summer Fun Wednesday – **Vacation Bible School Week**

For ages - Rising Kindergarten – Rising 5th Graders. Middle and High School students (and adults) can register as volunteers!

Go to www.sedgefieldchurch.org for details and to register.

July 24th – Brown’s Sounds – Dance Party – Come and dance - Limbo, Chicken Dance, Musical Chairs, etc. Fun for both boys and girls!

July 31st – Reedy Creek Nature Center – Come learn about bugs and creepy crawlers!

August 7th – Jumpin’ Jacks Waterslide – Come prepared to get wet! Parents may want to bring a lawn chair and beach towel.

Questions – Call Mary Jo Bridges – Children’s Program Director
704-617-4056

Sedgefield Church is hosting two Back-to-School Store Events on behalf of Sedgefield Middle School in August.

Students and families will be able to shop for school supplies free of charge.

You can help by donating School Supplies or if you want to volunteer at the store, please contact Pastor Tom.

You can purchase supplies from Amazon by using the link below:

[Link to Back to School Store:](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/dmTwmPt?ref=wl_share)

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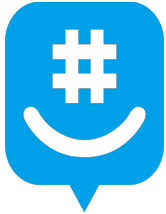
Or, if you prefer, you can shop on your own. In any case, supplies must be brought to the Church and put in the designated box in the Narthex on or before Sunday, August 4,

Thank you.

School Supplies Needed

- Pencils – any kind**
- Spiral Notebooks – 1 subject**
- Pens – black or blue ink**
- Color Pencils**
- Markers**
- Glue Sticks**
- Post it Notes (any color)**
- Highlighters**
- Pencil Pouch**
- Loose Leaf Paper- college or wide**





**You are invited to join the
Sedgefield Church
Group Me Prayer Group.**



Sedgefield Church has a notification platform through Group Me which enables Pastor Tom to let people know when someone from our congregation is in need of prayer.

Many of you already receive these notifications.

If you would like to be part of this group, please email

PastorTom@SedgefieldChurch.org

and give him your cellphone number (preferred) or your email address and he will add you to this group.

This is an opportunity to minister to each other through prayer.



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 or by sending a check to Sedgefield Church, 2830 Dorchester Place, Charlotte NC 28209.

Please note “for flowers” online or your check.

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.



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Mail your check to:

Sedgefield
UMC
2830
Dorchester Pl
Charlotte, NC



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wnccumc.org

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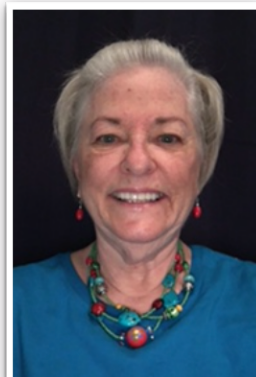
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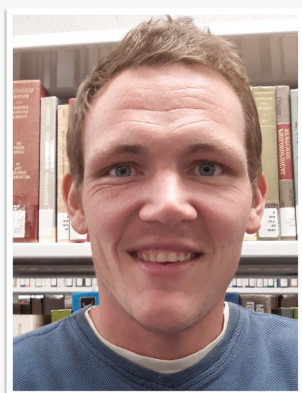
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