

THE EPISTLE

August 16, 2024

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

*2830 Dorchester Place
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 Ephesians 5:15-20 and my title will be “The Best Use of Your Time.”

Everyone loves a bargain. Usually we think of bargains in shopping and spending money. We want to pay as little as possible to receive as much as possible. We also want a good deal when it comes to our time. We want to get the most out of the time we spend. For instance, we don't want to spend the entire day at an amusement park standing in line.

Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians, “Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, ...” We should contemplate what Paul is talking about when he says “making the most of the time.” We should be wise with the way we use our time. Is that what we are doing in our lives? Are we budgeting our time wisely? Are we being guided by God's Spirit in how we use our time? We will talk about that on Sunday.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

August 18, 2024
10:30 a.m.
The Best Use of Your Time

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers this Sunday, August 18, 2024 are from Jim and Mary Jo Bridges in honor of all teachers, school staff and students.



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.

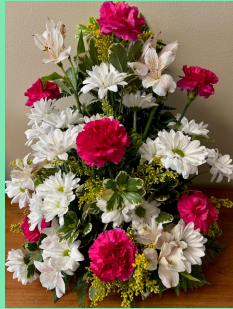
Future Sermons

Aug. 25 - What To Wear
Sept. 1 - Don't Know Much
Sept. 8 - Playing Favorites

- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**
Wednesday September 4, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**
Sunday, August 18, 2024
4:45 p.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Church Cookout**
Saturday, August 24, 2024
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Front Lawn
Including Water Slide for Kids
(11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, August 25, 2024
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Blessing of the Backpacks**
Sunday, August 25, 2024
10:30 a.m.
Sanctuary
- ▶ **Celebrating Robin Moore**
Sunday, August 25, 2024 is Robin's last day serving as our Nursery Caregiver. Please join us for a Reception in Robin's honor following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
- ▶ **Youth Group Starts on**
Sunday, August 25, 2024
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
St. Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
Charlotte NC 28210



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

Please note “for flowers” online or your check.

Final Summer Cookout on Saturday, August 24, 2024

**Sedgefield Church & Sedgefield
Neighborhood Cookout**

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm on the Front Lawn
2830 Dorchester Place, Charlotte 28209**



**PLUS A WATER SLIDE
FOR THE KIDS.**



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

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/
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/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAB23A64-neighborhood3/122828026#/)**

**Everyone is invited!
Enjoy good food, fun and fellowship.**

Bring a Friend or Neighbor

Please note these three events taking place on Sunday, August 25, 2024

Celebrating Robin Moore

Sunday, August 25, 2024 is Robin's final day serving as Nursery Caregiver for SUMC. Please join us for a reception in Robin's honor after the 10:30am Worship Service.



**Sedgefield Church's Annual Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 25th
10:30 am in the Sanctuary**



**Youth Group Meets
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Sunday August 25, 2024
at St. Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
Charlotte NC 28210**





On Communion Sundays we have a tradition of collecting food for Nourish Up our neighborhood food pantry. Items most needed are: canned meat, canned fruit, peanut butter, boxed or canned pasta, and canned vegetables. **Powdered milk and shelf milk are also needed.**

**This week we delivered 77 pounds of food to Nourish Up.
Thank you for your donations.**

Our Food Collection for 2024

January & February - **120** pounds

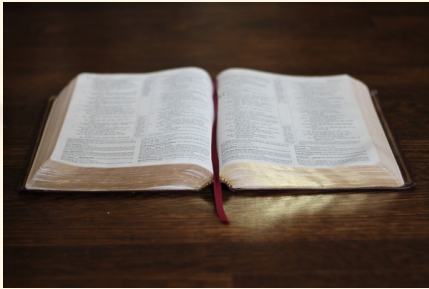
March & April - **118** pounds

May - **175** pounds

June & July - **170** pounds

August - **77** pounds

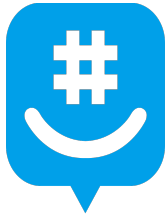
The collection of non-perishable food items is an ongoing mission opportunity. Collection baskets are in the lobby each Sunday. Food donations can also be dropped off at the church office from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday.



**Tuesday Morning Bible Study
will return in September.**

**We will begin meeting on Tuesday
September 3, 2024 at
11:00am in Fellowship Hall.**

Everyone is Invited.



**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.

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:

Sedgefield
UMC
2830
Dorchester Pl
Charlotte, NC



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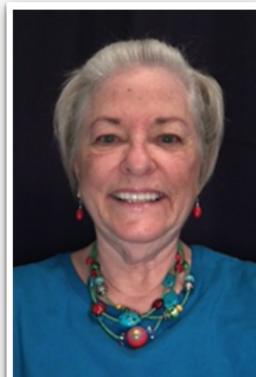
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