

THE EPISTLE

September 13, 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 James 3:1-10 and my title will be “You Are What You Say.”

I mentioned a few weeks ago that within a short period of time I would be preaching two different sermons about our words and the harm they can do.

This week’s sermon is the second of those two

sermons. Especially in this campaign season in our

country, we should be aware of what we say, how we say it, and when we say it (if we say something at all).

James claimed that the "tongue is a fire." His image was that a small spark, a small blaze, can set a forest on fire. So it is with our words. We can say a wrong word or a sentence or a paragraph within the wrong setting and we can start an argument, a fight, or worse. The words that come out of our mouth represent us. They represent the state or our heart. We will talk about these issues on Sunday.

Blessings,

Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

September 15, 2024
10:30 a.m.
You Are What You Say

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers this Sunday,
September 15, 2024 are in
celebration of Justin and Shea
Clarke's 17th Wedding 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.

Future Sermons

Sept. 22 - People of Peace

*Sept. 29 - Stumbling Blocks and
Hurting Yourself*

Oct. 6 - The Human Dilemma

▶ Admin Council & Charge Conference

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Room 204 in Ed Bldg w/Zoom Option

▶ Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Celebrating Robin Moore**
On Sunday, September 15, 2024
please join us for a reception
immediately after the service in
honor of Robin. She recently left her
position as our Nursery Caregiver.
We will miss you Robin.
- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday, September 15, 2024
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
St. Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
Charlotte NC 28210
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**
Sunday, September 15, 2024
4:45 p.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**
Tuesday, September 17, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Rm 204 in Ed. Bldg. w/Zoom Option
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, September 22, 2024
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Nominations Committee Meeting**
Sunday, September 22, 2024
2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Bible Study will return on**
Tuesday, October 1, 2024
11:00 a.m. - 12Noon
Fellowship Hall



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.

Year-to-Date Contribution Statements

Year-to-Date Contribution Statements were emailed to you on Wednesday of this week.

These statements will include offerings received as of 9/8/2024 and online offerings as of 8/31/2024.

End-of-Year Contributions will be emailed to you in January 2025.

Save the Date
Saturday
October 26, 2024

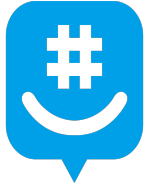
FALL FESTIVAL

A decorative banner featuring the words "FALL FESTIVAL" in a bold, black, serif font. The text is overlaid on a background of various autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red, with some green leaves still visible.

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sedgefield Church
Court Yard & Front Lawn
Everyone Welcome!

Food ★ **fun for all** ★ *Games*

The text "Food" and "Games" is written in a green, cursive font. Between them are two orange stars. In the center, the words "fun for all" are written in a bold, orange, 3D-style font with a white outline, set against a red and orange gradient background.



**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.

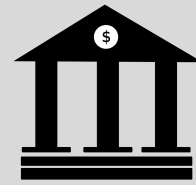
Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



Online Through

sedgefieldchurch.org

Make a credit card
or electronic
contribution.



Bank Draft

Set up automatic
contributions
through your
bank's Online
Bill Pay.



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Mail your check to:

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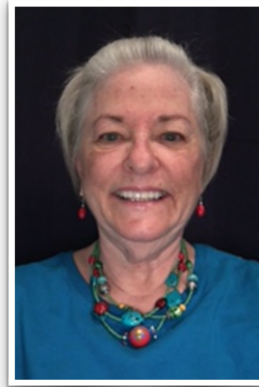
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