

THE EPISTLE

September 27, 2024

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Sedgefield United Methodist Church

*2830 Dorchester Place
Charlotte, NC 28209*

www.SedgefieldChurch.org

704-523-0077

Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday I will be preaching on Mark 9:38-47 and my title will be “Stumbling Blocks and Hurting Yourself.”

In his teaching, Jesus knew how to use exaggeration for dramatic effect. This week’s Scripture lesson is a great example of that. Jesus was NOT recommending that people harm themselves by cutting off hands and feet and so on. He was making a point - it is frequently our own fault we fall into sinful ways. There is not always someone else who is to blame. We get in our own way when it comes to living a faithful and righteous life.

In this sermon, we will talk about the stumbling blocks we encounter and the ones we create for others. We can be our own worst enemy in trying to follow Jesus and live a God-focused life. I look forward to worshipping with you.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

September 29, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Stumbling Blocks And Hurting Yourself

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers this Sunday, September 29, 2024 are given in honor of Jim Bridges' birthday on September 30th from his family.



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. There a few open dates for this year.

Future Sermons

Oct. 6 - *The Human Dilemma*

Oct. 13 - *More Than We Are Willing To Pay*

Oct. 20 - *Tom Little Preaching*

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday, September 29, 2024
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
St. Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
Charlotte NC 28210
- ▶ **Missions Meeting**
Sunday, September 29, 2024
11:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Bible Study - Book of Acts**
Tuesday, October 1, 2024
11:00 a.m. - 12Noon
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **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
- ▶ **Susanna Wesley Circle**
Thursday, October 10, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Room 204 in the Education Bldg.



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.



**Update from Marwen McDowell
Habitat for Humanity Charlotte Region
September 21, 2024**

Hello All -

Second floor deck is complete! We will be ready for framing on 9/28/2024!

6 volunteers are still needed for this Saturday (9/28/2024) ... our last day for a while! 😊

Marwen

**See next page for the work
schedule and the Link to sign Up.**

**Start of the day prior to installing
the floor joists for the 2nd Floor.**



**The end of the day after the 2nd
Floor Decking was installed.**





2024 Charlotte Church Partners Build Schedule

Registration Instructions

1. Visit the group search page:
habitatcltvolunteers.force.com/apex/VolunteerGroupSearch
2. Search group number: **1686**
3. Select: Charlotte Church Partners Volunteer Team
4. Search for shifts; *simply press 'search' button (no need to enter dates or location)**
5. Check desired shift(s) and click select
6. Log in to an existing account or create a new one
 - a. New user/volunteer: click "new User" to create a new account
 - b. Existing user/returning volunteer: Your email address is your volunteer account username. If you've forgotten your password, you can request a new one by clicking "Forgot Your Password?"

2853 James St. Charlotte, NC 28208

Date	Task	Max # of Volunteers
Saturday, 9/7	Subfloor	12
Friday, 9/13	Framing	15
Saturday, 9/14	Framing	15
Saturday, 9/21	Floor decking	15
Saturday, 9/28	2 nd Story Framing	15
Saturday, 12/7	Drywall	20
Saturday, 1/4	Interior Paint	12
Saturday, 1/11	Interior Paint	12

For any questions about registering for a shift please contact:

Crista Ray cray@habitatCLRegion.org 980.859.5573

Courtney DuBulis cdubulis@habitatCLRegion.org

**This week Sedgefield Church delivered
110 pounds of food to Nourish Up.
Thank you for your generosity.**



Our Food Collection for 2024

January & February - **120** pounds

March & April - **118** pounds

May - **175** pounds

June & July - **170** pounds

August - **77** pounds

September - **110** pounds



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.**

You are invited to bring your food donations forward as you receive Communion on Sunday, October 6, 2024.



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.



Receiving Holy Communion at Home

On Communion Sundays, generally the first Sunday of the month, servers are available to bring Communion to your home.

We encourage you to call the church office at 704-523-0077 or email the church at office@sedgefieldchurch.org if you, or someone you know, would like Holy Communion brought to the home.

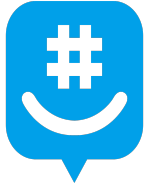
Our next observance of the Lord's Supper is Sunday, October 6, 2024.

Save the Date
Saturday
October 26, 2024

FALL FESTIVAL

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

Food ★ **Fun
for
all** ★ *Games*



**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.

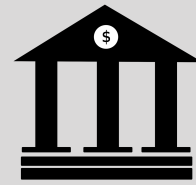
Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



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
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wnccumc.org

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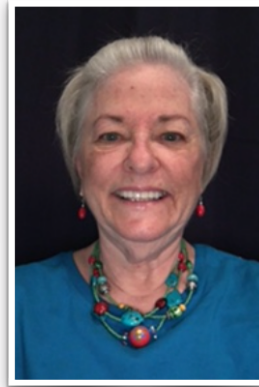
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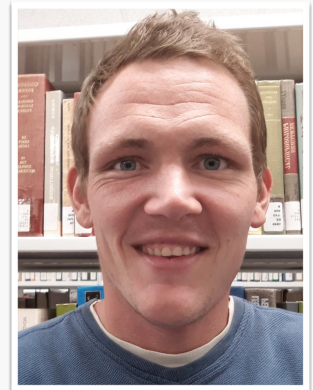
Ron Aldridge
Worship Leader



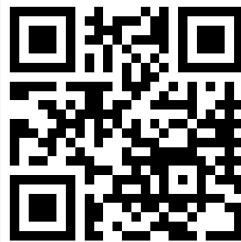
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