

THE EPISTLE

September 6, 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 2:1-10 and my title will be “Playing Favorites.”

I frequently tell my daughter she is my favorite daughter. I tell my son that he is my favorite son. I also tell my cat, Theo, that he’s my favorite cat and Amelia she’s my favorite wife (OK, not out loud). None of these family members appreciate these comments, because each is the only one of their category. There is no competition in calling them favorites.

There are many stories in the Bible about people playing favorites - most of them end up paying a high price for it. Sometimes it’s the recipient of the favoritism that pays that price (see Joseph and his brothers in Genesis). In James’s community, they had been dealing with the problems of favoritism. Many churches, from the earliest days to our time today, have had these issues come up. We should treat everyone with love and hospitality but we often treat some better than others. We will talk about these challenges in my sermon.

Blessings,

Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

September 8, 2024
10:30 a.m.
Playing Favorites

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers this Sunday, September 8, 2024 are from Ellen Freitas in deep appreciation for the members and staff of Sedgefield UMC.



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. 15 - You Are What You Say

Sept. 22 - People of Peace

Sept. 29 - Stumbling Blocks and Hurting Yourself

- ▶ **Admin Council & Charge Conference**
Tuesday, October 1, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Room 204 in Ed Bldg w/Zoom Option

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Missions Meeting**
Sunday, September 8, 2024
11:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday, September 8, 2024
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
St. Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
Charlotte NC 28210
- ▶ **Bible Study**
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
11:00 a.m. - 12Noon
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Susanna Wesley Circle**
Thursday, September 12, 2024
6:30 p.m
Room 204 in the Education Bldg.
- ▶ **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



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.

An Invitation from United Methodist Men of St. Andrews UMC

My name is Chris Picha and I attend St. Andrew's UMC. David Lewyn and myself are starting up a United Methodist Men's Group here at St. Andrews. We wanted to reach out and see if any men from your church would be interested in joining us.

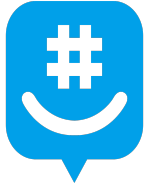
We are planning to meet at St. Andrew's Family Life Center at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2024 for breakfast.

This will be just an informal get together to meet each other.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email at sweetss1@comporium.net or by phone/text 704-340-3706.

Thank you.

**Chris Picha
St. Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
Charlotte, NC 28209**



**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



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sedgefieldchurch.org

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bank's Online
Bill Pay.



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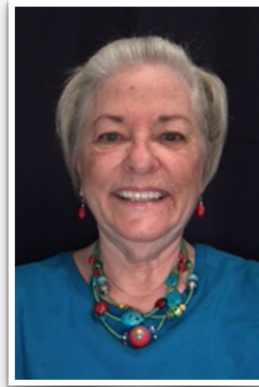
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Worship Leader



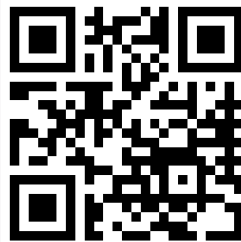
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