

The Epistle January 10, 2025



Sedgefield United Methodist Church

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Rev. Tom Stinson-Wesley, Pastor

Reflections From Pastor Tom



Dear Friends,

This Sunday I will be preaching on Mark 10:35-45 and my title will be “Power Trip.”

In the last 10 or 15 years, the term “tone deaf” has made its way into our mainstream conversational English. It refers to someone who fails to perceive their social surroundings and as a result, the person says something insensitive or ridiculous. James and John were demonstrating “tone deafness” in this week’s Scripture lesson. Jesus had just shared with them that he would have to suffer and die and the next topic they asked to discuss with him was what status he would grant them. That’s a little like a friend telling you, “I am very sick, and I might die,” and you respond by asking, “can I have your car?”

We don’t know exactly what was going through the minds of James and John at that time, but it wasn’t good. It came out sounding selfish and power hungry. High stress situations can bring out the worst in us, but we don’t have to speak up. We don’t have to call attention to our inappropriate and insensitive thoughts.

Jesus wanted them and wants us to focus on what is most important. He wants us to be Kingdom oriented. On Sunday, we will talk about how we can do that. I look forward to seeing you at church.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

This Sunday in Worship

January 12, 2025
10:30 a.m.
Power Trip

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

Altar Flowers

Do you want to honor or remember someone by donating Altar Flowers?

You can do so by:

- Signing Up on the Altar Flower page in this Epistle
- Email the Church Office at office@sedgieldchurch.org
- Call the office at 704-523-0077.

The flower donation remains at \$40.

Future Sermons

Jan 19 - Treasure In Clay Pots

Jan 26 - Living The Word We Hear

Feb 2 - Turning A Crowd Against You

Upcoming Events

▶ Youth Group

Sunday, January 12, 2025
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
St. Andrews UMC
1901 Archdale Drive
Charlotte NC 28210

▶ Room In The Inn

Serve Dinner and Host
Sunday, January 12, 2024
5:30 p.m.
Avondale Presbyterian Church
2821 Park Rd, Charlotte 28209

▶ Bible Study - Romans

Tuesday, January 14, 2025
11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
Fellowship Hall

▶ Serve At Rebound-Dinner

Sunday, January 19, 2025
4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
907 W. 1st Street

▶ Admin Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Room 204 in Ed Bldg - Zoom Option

▶ Serve At Rebound-Breakfast

Sunday, January 26, 2025
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street



Members of Sedgefield Church will again be hosting at Room in the Inn on the 2nd Sundays in January, February and March.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Remaining Dates</u>
Avondale Presbyterian Church 2821 Park Road Charlotte, NC 28209	Sunday, January 12, 2025 Sunday, February, 9, 2025 Sunday, March 9, 2025

We need Church members and volunteers to host, prepare food and serve on these dates.

We need your help. Please use the Sign-Up Link below to volunteer or to fill a need.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAB23A64-46252965-room>

If you have any questions, please email Ellen Lankford at ewlankford@gmail.com.

Thank you.



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- **pick an available date**
- **write a message to let us know who/what you want to memorialize, honor or celebrate**

**You can also call the just Church Office
at 704-523-0077 to order flowers.**

**The Altar Flower donation remains the same at \$40.
Payment can be made by mailing a check payable to Sedgefield
UMC, 2830 Dorchester Pl, Charlotte, NC 28209 or
pay online using your usual method of giving.
Note for “Flower Fund” on the payment method you use.**



Well team ... I just can't tell you how great these past 2 days, January 3rd and 4th, have been! Who would have ever thought we could rally the troops to have 2 holiday days with 20 volunteers both days with several churches represented! But we did!

Today was chilly but no wind and a beautiful blue sky with the sun shining... with 20 painters inside, there was plenty of warmth. Three coats of wall paint were applied! Westminster Presbyterian hosted.



The devotion reflected on scripture and Jimmy Carter's legacy of serving others as his body was en route to Atlanta today for a service at the Carter Center. I took several volunteers over to the Meadows to show the Carter Work Project we helped with last year .

What a build it has been... and guess what... we are going to have a Bonus day! Wil (the Site Superintendent) has asked if we could come back to help in February ... of course we can! Tabitha's house still has a ways to go.. So stay tuned on that!

Meanwhile... thanks for all your work hosting, praying, and just being the best team ever! Couldn't do this without you all!

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VBS 2025

Dear Church Family,

Please save the items listed below for Vacation Bible School this summer. You may leave the items on the stage in the Fellowship Hall or call me and I will pick them up.

Thanks!

Mary Jo Bridges
VBS Director
704-617-4056

VBS Donations

Green Artificial
Christmas Trees

Empty Wrapping
Paper Tubes

Empty Popcorn Tins





How To Help With WNCUMC Hurricane Helene Relief

Step 1: Sedgfield UMC Will Collect Supplies.

Current list of supplies needed:

- Water
- Flood Buckets
- Non-perishable food
- Diapers
- Baby Formula
- Cleaning Supplies

Absolutely NO clothes or food items that need refrigeration.

We will work on a more detailed list over time. This list may change quickly, and we will keep you updated.

Please leave your donations under the sign next to the stairs in the Narthex.

Step 2: We Will Deliver Our Donated Supplies to:

Woodlawn Community Fellowship (our District Collection Hub).

Ann Davis - Collection Hub Coordinator

704-502-9265 (Please text.)

Call Woodlawn Coordinator to schedule a time to drop off supplies.

Donate directly to WNCUMC

Online: Use this Link: <https://bit.ly/WNCCHurricaneReliefDonations>

Checks: Checks can be made out to WNC Treasurer and mailed to PO Box 2757, Huntersville, NC 28070 with memo Disaster Response.

You can also donate through Sedgfield UMC by whatever method you currently use (**note for Disaster Relief**). We will forward to WNCUMC.

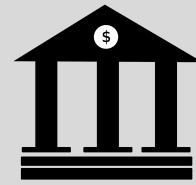
Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



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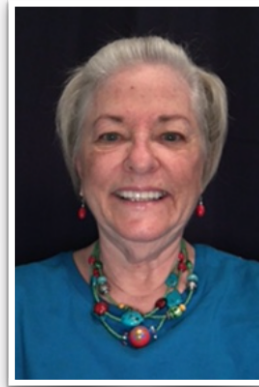
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