

The Epistle January 23, 2026



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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 Matthew 4:18-22 and my title will be “The Second Choice.”

In our lives, we have many choices to make. Even though we sometimes feel like so much is beyond our control, we still have some choice in what we do and say. We have a choice in how we react to situations and other people. If someone says something unkind to you, you have the choice how to respond.

We know that Jesus had a powerful influence on the people he met. Most people were impressed with him, but not everyone. We know that many followed him, but many did not. This week, we will talk about the response Jesus got from the first disciples he recruited, and we will talk about how God continues to recruit us and call us to be disciples. I look forward to seeing you at church.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

Inclement Weather Headed Our Way

Dear Church

Inclement weather is headed our way this weekend. Depending on how serious it becomes pastor may send out a communication via email canceling our Service and Sunday School.

Stay safe and tuned.

This Sunday in Worship

January 25, 2026
10:30 a.m.
The Second Choice

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

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for Sunday, January 25, 2026 are from Anne Lafferty
in memory of my mother, Marie Henderson, on her 100th birthday

Future Sermons

Feb 1 - Irreplaceable You
Feb 8 - Better Than Good
Feb 15- The Second Mile

- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**
Thursday February 12, 2026
6:30 p.m.
Zoom Only
- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**
Tuesday February 17, 2026
6:30 p.m.
Zoom Only

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, January 25 2026
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street
- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday, January 25, 2026
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
South Park Church
3151 Apex Drive
Suite 100
Charlotte, NC 28211
- ▶ **Bible Study**
Tuesday, January 27, 2026
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **SAIL Fitness Class for Older Adults**
Thursday January 29, 2026
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **Room In The Inn**
Serve Dinner and Host
Sunday, February 8, 2026
5:30 p.m.
Avondale Presbyterian Church
2821 Park Rd, Charlotte 28209
- ▶ **Susanna Wesley Circle**
Thursday, February 12, 2026
5:30 p.m.
Room 204 in the Ed. Bldg.

SCAM ALERT!!!

Our church is being targeted by scammers. If you receive a questionable call, text, or email please call the church office at 704-523-0077.

Do not provide confidential information without verifying the request.



Thank you for your participation in Operation Christmas Child 2025. Thanks to your support, South Charlotte contributed approximately 31,000 shoeboxes, surpassing our community goal by more than 11%. The 2025 global tally for Operation Christmas Child is in process, however Samaritan's Purse expects to reach more than 12 million children.

We are truly grateful for your generosity, enthusiasm, and prayers—your involvement in Operation Christmas Child has made a profound impact. Because of your commitment, children around the world are not only receiving a shoebox filled with gifts, but something far greater—the opportunity to receive the greatest gift of all.

Each shoebox you packed carries more than toys or school supplies. It carries hope. It carries love. It carries the message that every child is seen, valued, and cherished by God. Through your participation, these children are also being invited to take *The Greatest Journey*, a discipleship program that helps them learn about Jesus, grow in their faith, and share His love with others.

Your church has played a beautiful role in planting seeds of the gospel in places many of us may never visit, yet your impact reaches across oceans and cultures. Thank you for being a light, for giving joy, and for helping children experience the life-changing message of Christ.

We are truly grateful for your partnership in this ministry. May God continue to bless your congregation as you serve Him with such compassion and purpose.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Anthony Hudson
Area Coordinator
Operation Christmas Child



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, February 1, 2026.



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



You are invited to bring your food donations forward as you receive Communion on Sunday, February 1, 2026

Our Food Collection for 2026

January **94** 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.



Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, February 21st

Sedgefield United Methodist Church is partnering with the Sedgefield Neighborhood Association in hosting our 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off.

Date: Saturday, February 21st

Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm

Place: Fellowship Hall - Sedgefield Church



If you want to participate as a Chili Chef Contestant and vie for 1st Place for the Best Chili, please email Dan Kapfhammer at kapfhammerdaniel@gmail.com.

Or, if you prefer, you can email the church office at office@sedgefieldchurch.org and your message will be passed on to Dan.

Everyone is Welcome.

Please come and join us for this fun event.

(If you just want to join us to taste the chili have fun there is no need to send an email.)





Sedgefield Church will once again be hosting four Sunday nights at Roof Above. We need Church members and volunteers to host, prepare food and serve on those nights.

We will be using the facilities at Avondale Presbyterian Church, 2821 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28209

Our hosting dates, the second Sunday of each month, are listed below. Arrival time is 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Sunday, March 8, 2026

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 contact Ellen Lankford
Email: ewlankford@gmail.com
Cellphone: 980-722-8435**

Thank you.

Susanna Wesley Ladies Circle – Join Us!

Thursday Feb 12 at 5:30pm in the Education Building
Room 204

The Susanna Wesley Ladies Circle is a wonderful opportunity to connect, grow, and serve together as women of faith. We meet once a month, **every 2nd Thursday at 5:30 PM** in the **Education Building**, and we'd love for you to join us!

What's Happening?

We're excited to announce the start of a **Women's Bible Study!** Our first book will be "*I Second That Emotion: Untangling Our Zany Feelings*" by Patsy Clairmont. If you'd like to participate, please reach out to **Jean Fostvedt** at jazziejaf@aol.com so we can order the right number of books.

Our Mission of Service

The Ladies Circle is active in supporting our community and church. Some of our projects include:

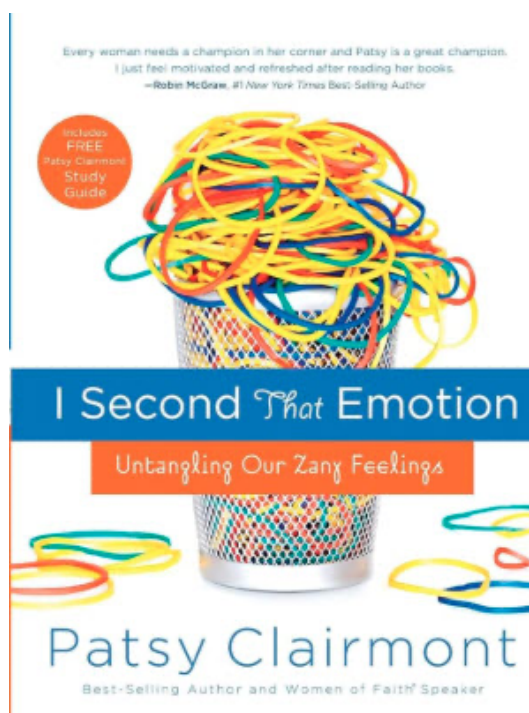
Teacher Appreciation and Teacher of the Month at Sedgefield Middle School
Helping prepare for Vacation Bible School, the Fall Festival and Operation Christmas Child

Congregational Care- sending cards, flowers, meals
Collecting donations for organizations

Why Join?

Each meeting includes light refreshments and plenty of fellowship. It's a great time to meet with other women in the church, share encouragement, and make a difference together.

We hope to see you at our next meeting! If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact **Shea Clarke** at sclarke15@gmail.com.





Sedgefield Church Nursery

In addition to Adriana, our Nursery Attendant, every Sunday we need an adult volunteer to help in the Nursery during worship service to meet our Safe Sanctuary guidelines.

We need volunteers for January!

Please consider signing up to volunteer in the Nursery on a Sunday using the Sign-Up link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4DA5AE29AAF94-59236691-nursery#/>

Thank You.

Gloves & Socks Collection



We will be collecting Gloves & Socks for people in need.

You can drop your donated Gloves & Socks in the containers in the Church Narthex or anytime in the Black Trash Bin on the front porch of the Church.

If you prefer, you can make a donation to the Church; please write for Gloves & Socks in the memo of your check. You can also donate online using your usual method be sure to include for Gloves & Socks.

All monetary donations will be used to purchase Gloves and Socks in bulk.

We will be collecting these items through Sunday, January 25, 2026.

Please feel free to call the church at 704-523-0077 or email office@sedgefieldchurch.org if you have any questions.



Donate Altar Flowers

**Use the Sign-up Genius Link Below
to Donate Flowers in 2026.**

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/
10C0D4DA5AB2AAB9-60388805-2026](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5AB2AAB9-60388805-2026)**

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

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

**In order for your flowers to be announced in the Newsletter
and in Church on a particular Sunday, your order must
be placed by Wednesday morning of that week.**

**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.**



Serving Meals at Rebound part of the Charlotte Rescue Mission

Rebound provides Christian residential recovery services at no cost for men seeking freedom from drug and alcohol addiction.

A team from Sedgefield Church serves meals twice a month at Rebound, 907 W. 1st Street:

**On the 3rd Sunday of each month
we serve dinner from 4:45pm - 5:45pm.**

**On the 4th Sunday of each month
we serve breakfast from 7:45am - 8:45pm.**

If you are interested in serving at one these meals, please go to the Church Website and click on the Ministries tab, click on Outreach from the dropdown tab, click on the Charlotte Rescue Mission. If you have not volunteered through this Website before, you must create an account.

If you have any questions, please call the Church Office at 704-523-0077 during Office Hours:
Monday-Friday, 8:00am-1:00pm.

Thank you.

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



Church

Mail your check to:

Sedgefield UMC
2830 Dorchester Pl
Charlotte, NC



Online Through

wnccumc.org

Make a credit
card or
electronic
contribution.



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