

The Epistle January 30, 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, we will have Holy Communion and a special children's time in worship. I will be preaching on Matthew 4:18-22 and my title will be "The Second Choice."

If that sermon title and Scripture sound familiar, you may have read this column a week ago. I didn't get to preach this sermon last Sunday due to the ice storm, but I am undeterred. It's a sermon about choices and I am CHOOSING to attempt to preach it again.

We think of Jesus as so powerful and persuasive that he was able to get people to listen to him and follow him. And that was true some of the time and with some of the people but not all of the time and not with all of the people. In this week's Scripture lesson, four men chose to follow him when he invited them. We should also remember that others like the rich young man walked away (Matthew 19). The Pharisees and Sadducees heard what Jesus said, but they chose to reject him and plot against him. We will keep this in mind in worship on Sunday. I look forward to seeing you there.

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

Inclement Weather Headed Our Way

Dear Church

Inclement weather is headed our way once again 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

February 1, 2026
10:30 a.m.
The Second Choice

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

Holy Communion and
Food Drive for Nourish Up
this Sunday, February 1st, 2026

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for Sunday, February
1st are in honor of all the new
members who joined Sedgefield
Church in the past year

Future Sermons

Feb 8 - Better Than Good
Feb 15 - The Second Mile
Feb 22 - The Devil's Tricks

- ▶ **Admin Council Meeting**
Tuesday February 17, 2026
6:30 p.m.
Zoom Only
- ▶ **Chili Cookoff**
Saturday, February 21st, 2026
2:00 p.m.
Fellowship hall
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Breakfast**
Sunday, February 22nd 2026
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
907 W. 1st Street

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Welcome Reception**
The Reception for Gladys has
been rescheduled for March
- ▶ **Youth Group**
Sunday, February 1, 2026
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
St Andrews United Methodist
1901 Archdale Dr
Charlotte NC 28210
- ▶ **Bible Study**
Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.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.
- ▶ **Trustees Meeting**
Thursday February 12, 2026
6:30 p.m.
Zoom Only
- ▶ **Serve At Rebound-Dinner**
Sunday, February 15th 2026
4:45pm.
907 W. 1st Street



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.



Vacation Bible School at Sedgefield Church

Monday-Thursday, July 13–16, 2026
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration opens February 1, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.
for rising kindergartners
to rising 5th graders and for Volunteers.

Click on the Link Below to **OR**
Register your child or to
volunteer at VBS.

Use the QR Code to
Register your child or
to volunteer at VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
2026 - RAINFOREST FALLS

Any questions please contact:
Mary Jo Bridges
VBS Director
marycbridges@yahoo.com
704-617-4056





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 this 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.)



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:

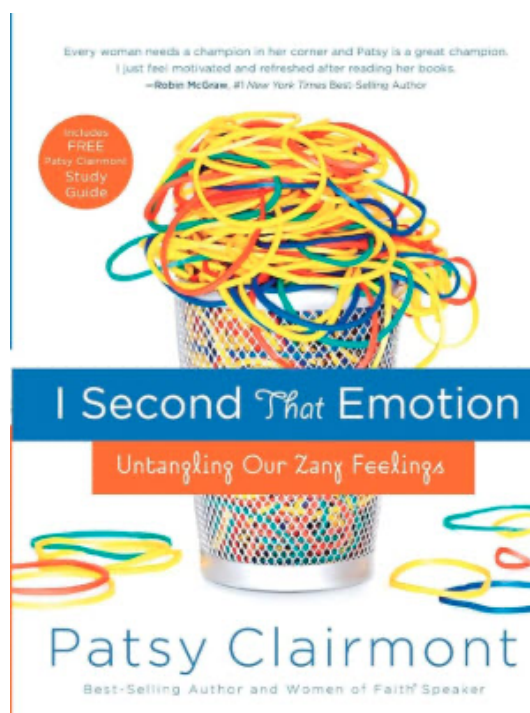
Teacher Appreciation and Teacher of the Month at Sedgefield Middle School
Helping prepare for Vacation Bible School, the Fall Festival and Operation Christmas Child

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 February!

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.



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
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contribution.



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