

April 26, 2017

From the pastors' Heart & Soul

COMING UP

Wednesday, April 26

5:30p Family Fellowship Supper
and Activities

(Last Wednesday Fellowship Supper
and Program until September)

7:30p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 28

7p Young Adults meet

at Anders and Becca's home

Topic: Money: The Joy of Sharing

Sunday, April 30

9:30a Deacon Prayer

Deacon of the Week: Dona Leonard

9:45a Sunday School and

Sunday Connection Groups

11:00a Worship

5:00p Christ-centered Yoga Class

\$50 Deposit due for Camp Prism

Sunday, May 7

9:30a Deacon Prayer

Deacon of the Week: Chris Woolley

9:45a Sunday School and

Sunday Connection Groups

11:00a Worship

5:00p Christ-centered Yoga Class

\$50 Deposit due for Unidiversity

Save the Date: Friday, May 13

Children's Movie Night

**Remembering
Our Friends at Home**

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One of the most well-known stories in the Bible is the story of the Good Samaritan. We love this story because it just makes such good sense to us. It is so clear that when one is in need our role is to help. Many years ago, a Good Samaritan Fund was established at Park Road to help church members in need. Some years later it was renamed the Magolene "Mack" Cameron Good Samaritan Fund because Mack's family made a nice gift from her estate to the church to help subsidize this fund. Over the years, thousands of dollars and many, many church families have been assisted by this fund. No matter where we stack on the socio-economic ladder, situations arise that are out of our control and beyond our capacity, and sometimes we need help.

Because of the confidential nature of this fund's ministry, I am not at liberty to share who has received what. But you should know that there are many folks who sit alongside you in the pews and work alongside you in ministry and mission who have been the beneficiaries of the Mack Cameron Good Samaritan Fund.

Every fifth Sunday, which happens 3-5 times in a given year, our undesignated mission offering goes to continue to fund our Good Sam monies. Two thousand seventeen happens to have five fifth Sundays – and this coming Sunday is one of them! I am highlighting this mission to say: get out your checkbooks and pack your spare change when you come to church this Sunday. The fund is running a bit low these days as there were several large expenses last year, and we need to replenish.

Sometimes the needs are out of the blue and no one saw them coming, but the church was there to help. Sometimes it was an emergency, and the Church was there to help. Sometimes it's more of an on-going need of helping those among us who simply do not have enough to make ends meet. The Church is here to help. Here we sit in South Charlotte, arguably one of the wealthiest places in our city, and many are in great need. And some of those are in our Church. In those situations, the Church is called upon to play the role of that Good Samaritan that stopped to offer care. First he saw the need and decided to do something. He bandaged the wounds and gave the one hurt a ride. He found him a place to recover, and he covered the cost. If that's what it means to be the Church, count me in.

Being generous with what we have and who we are is always expected if we claim to follow Jesus. This coming Sunday, I hope you will be especially generous in your extra giving when the plate is passed. Or you can send a donation anytime directly to the Mack Cameron Good Samaritan Fund.

Jesus told this story in response to a simple question: *Who is my neighbor?* After telling the story, Jesus got the answer for which he was looking: *The one who showed mercy.* And Jesus' simple response: *Go and do likewise* is all the instruction we really need. Hope to see you Sunday. May we all be found faithful . . . and generous.

Amy

**No matter where
we stack on the socio-
economic ladder,
situations arise . . . and
sometimes we need help.**

Sharing the Good Word
about God's creation and
how we should protect it . . .

Our Youth, guided by our
own Joey Haynes, gave our
congregation much to ponder
as they excellently led us in
worship last Sunday with
confidence and knowledge.





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Sedgefield Opportunities

Teacher/ Staff Appreciation Luncheon

This annual event will be Wednesday, May 3 beginning at 9:30a. Ken Reynolds, Director of Corporate Partnerships, has once again generously offered to provide delicious food from Bojangles. In addition, we signed up to provide mini-muffins. If possible, please bring bite-sized spice, corn and/or blueberry muffins to the church office before May 3. Let Dan know if you can help.



Volunteer Reception Any Sedgefield volunteers this school year may attend a reception for you! The school will host a volunteer session on **May 9 from 10:00a - 12:00p**. During that time, participants will enjoy refreshments, engage in activities, socialize and hear positive messages from the students. Learn more and RSVP by clicking this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sedgefield-volunteer-reception-tickets-33777578647>

EOG Proctors End Of Grade testing will be May 24, 25 and 26, Wednesday through Friday. Volunteers will serve from 8a until noon. The school will provide an orientation session. You'll need to be on your feet most of the time. Otherwise, it's an easy (if boring) and necessary job! Sign up using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/reRAxHXxGYVIsH7g2>

End-of-Year Book Drive Don't forget to donate your slightly used children's books. The time for the book distribution is fast approaching! Also George Miles would appreciate help in identifying the reading level for the books that have already been received. Contact George at giles85@hotmail.com.

Saturday, May 13: Children's Movie Night!

Join us from 5:30-7:30p in the Youth Building for movie night and dinner. This will be a great opportunity for parents to plan a date night. Please RSVP to Joey!

Patterson Scholarship

Over the last 16 years, Park Road Baptist has utilized the generous scholarship left by John and Ola Patterson more than the other three churches who are part of this generous vision. Students attending one of four Baptist churches are eligible: Wake Forest, Campbell, Meredith or Furman. The deadline for submission is May 15. Interested students are asked to submit an application ASAP.

February Mission Offering Thanks

Thank you for your gift of \$1,423 to support Queen's annual student mission trip to Guatemala. This ten day mission trip centered on intercultural understanding and strengthening the faith of participating students. While in Guatemala, they took part in a work project defined by our partners there, visited social justice groups, worshiped with local congregations and learned about Guatemalan culture. Such experiences have a life-long impact for the students. Yearly they return to Queens with a deeper understanding of the power of faith to transform lives. The trip always encourages authentic relationships among people of diverse cultural, ethnic and economic backgrounds.



Spring in Bloom: Fun Food Friday featured a visit to Memorial Gardens in Concord last Friday.

Hosting for Salvation Army City of Hope

During the summer, the housing demand increases for homeless women and children in Charlotte. The City of Hope was built to house 250 people, and, at times, up to 400 women and children seek shelter there. In order to assist with this need for housing, Park Road will host 12 women in our Youth Building from Sunday evening, June 11 until Saturday morning, June 17. Volunteers will provide evening meals from Sunday through Friday and grab-and-go breakfasts each morning, Monday through Saturday. Also, we'll need at least one woman to serve as an overnight host each night. If you can help with this important ministry, please contact Dan.

Garden Update

Our garden is up and running thanks to the efforts of 6 dedicated members on Saturday, April 22. The beds were weeded and raked, holes dug and fertilizer added, and young plants planted and watered.

Now we wait, watch, weed, water and hope!