

^Scripture Reading

John 9: 1-16; 24-30, 34-38 (NIV)

Sermon Message

One Thing I Do Know

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^ Closing Hymn

I Know Whom I Have Believed, UMH #714

^Next Steps & Benediction

Postlude

Rose buds on the altar: Congratulations to Jonathan and Meg Clapp upon the birth of their daughter, Alice “Allie” Margaret Clapp, who was born Sept. 30. Proud grandparents are Steve and Tina Sumner. And Congratulations to Rashidi and Christine upon the birth of their daughter, Susan Sarah Rashidi, born on Oct. 6.

FOR NEW FOLKS:

WELCOME TO GUILFORD COLLEGE UMC!

We are so glad that you chose to worship with us this morning. GCUMC is a place for all who long to grow closer to God and others. Please know that you are loved and accepted here.

Whether you're a new guest or a regular worshipper, you matter to us. We want to know that you are here and how we can pray for you. **We hope you will please take a moment to fill out our attendance pad with your name and contact information and leave it in the pew.**

WE LOVE CHILDREN

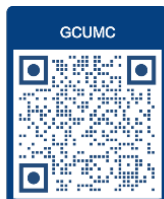
If you brought the kids with you, please know that the noises children make are music in our, and God's, ears. You are welcome to keep your children with you in worship. We also have child care available for infants through age 4 in Room C8 on the first floor of the children's building during the 11am worship service, and a separate children's worship experience at 11am that begins after the children's message for children in grades K-6.

JOIN US FOR “COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS”

Join us in the parlor, just down the hall from the sanctuary, after the worship services **TODAY** for “Coffee with the Pastors.” This informal gathering with Pastors Jeremy and Susan will help you get to know them, meet other newcomers, learn more about our church, ask questions, and talk about how you might become more involved.

PLEASE VISIT US ONLINE

To learn more about us, please visit us either at our website, guilfordcollegeumc.org, through our YouTube Channel, or on our Facebook Page (just search “Guilford College UMC” for each). You may also use your phone's camera or QR app to scan the QR code to the right:



GIVE

MAKE AN OFFERING TO THE WORK OF GOD'S CHURCH

- 1 - Text GiveGCUMC to 73256. Then click on the link provided to give.
- 2 – Visit our website www.guilfordcollegeumc.org to use your credit card or to set up an automatic draft. Immediate receipts are available. You can even use the GCUMC QR code in this bulletin.
- 3 – Log into your REALM account to give through your profile's giving page.
- 4 - Checks can be made out to “Guilford College UMC” and placed in the offering plate and cash is always a good form of giving.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in Room C1 in the Children's building on Thursday, October 16 from 2:00-6:30pm. Please register to donate the gift of life at www.redcrossblood.org.

CHURCH-WIDE SERVING DAY/WEEK

There are many serving opportunities to choose from next week and on our actual Serving Day of Saturday, October 18th. Choose where you would like to serve from the list and **SIGN UP today!** You can find the details under “Events: Day of Service” on our church website. You can also sign up today outside of Pastor Susan's office in the main hallway.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Shoebbox Season Is Here! Collection Sunday is November 23, 2025. You can physically pack a box to bring to the altar on that date OR pack a box online for \$30. Either way, share God's love, pack a box, and change a life! Boxes and information are available outside of the Sanctuary.

CONNECT

PUMPKINS ARE COMING TODAY!

The Pumpkin Unload is scheduled for this afternoon following the 11am worship service. We invite the entire church to lend a helping hand to unload the tractor trailer full of pumpkins and/or volunteer to sell pumpkins through the end of the month. A sign up calendar with shifts for selling can be found in the information center or contact Randy Wall, rwall@guilfordcollegeumc.org.

BOO BASH AND BAKE SALE

Games, Trunk or Treating, Bake Sale and more. Sunday, October 26th from 4-6pm at GCUMC. If you would like your car trunk to participate in the Trunk or Treating line, please contact Cyndi Allen at 703-615-7022 or cyndiandscott818@gmail.com. Bags of individually wrapped candy can be donated in the Jack-o-lantern box in the Information Center. Donations of baked goods can be dropped off on October 25th from 3-6pm in room A4 (Adult hallway). The United Women in Faith will sell the Baked items both Sunday morning and during the Boo Bash.

ANNUAL BRUNSWICK STEW FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 1st | Pick Up 12:00–2:00 PM | At the Church

Tickets are available today for BSA Troop 149's quarts of Brunswick Stew. Each quart is **\$10**, and all proceeds support local Scouting activities and adventures. To reserve your quarts or ask questions, contact **Tom Kobrin at 336-558-1299**. Thank you for supporting our Scouts!

GROW

CPR CLASS

Are you interested in becoming CPR certified? We will host a CPR class on **Friday, October 24, from 9 am-12 pm, in classroom C14** at a **cost of \$50 per person**. This AHA Basic Life Support class will be facilitated by Cone Heath and is a great opportunity to learn a valuable skill. Please contact the church office by email, welcome@guilfordcollegeumc.org, or call (336) 292-5833 to register for the course.

SPRUCE PINE POST-HELENE RECOVERY MISSION TRIP – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th -

A mission trip is being organized to return to Spruce Pine to assist in the rebuilding effort following the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene. Please note that spaces are limited. If you are interested in more information reach out to Pastor Jeremy jtroxler@guilfordcollegeumc.org or Jim Sandknop jim.sandknop@leoterradevelopment.com.

PRAY

SEEKING LAITY SERVICE AWARD NOMINATIONS

If you would like to nominate a church member for the Laity Service Award, please submit their name, a brief description of some of the ways you have observed them serving Christ in the church and community, and why you believe them worthy of special recognition, in an email to donnawgarcia@aol.com no later than SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12. Thank you!

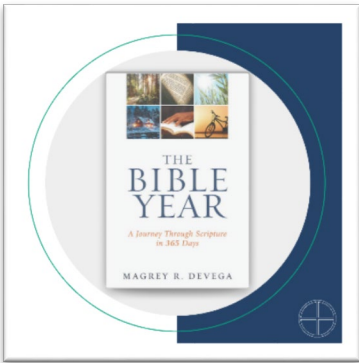
AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: **Those who are Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Charlie Heavner; The Family and Friends of Mary Jane Gordon; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Debbie Jenkins; Suzy Padgett; Barbara Price; Jenn and Theron Miller; Rick Amos; Susan Whitesides; Lynette Whitaker; Gay Brown; Dave Wasserboehr; **Strength & Faith:** Carole Stevens; **Surgery or Tests:** Kathy Raper (shoulder surgery 10/16); Kathy Graham (procedure 10/17); Barbara Jones (knee surgery 10/20); Vicki Kidd (surgery 10/22); David Saunders (surgery 12/15); **Those With Cancer:** Tom Jenkins; Becky Babaoft; Lisa Hodges; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Harold Eagle; Harold Proctor; Doris Linker; Patsy Wyatt; Nancy and Jim Baity; Helen Phillips; Bill Blyshak; Gina Murphy; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings; Y'Josue M'lo (military service in Germany);

Extended Church Family: **Grieving:** Henry Freeman on the passing of his grandfather, Charles Barker; The Family and Friends of Dwight Thomas; The Family and Friends of Judith Woolf (Becky Pearce's mother); The Family and Friends of Billy O'Brien (friend of Elizabeth Heydary); all who are grieving and need comfort; **Cancer:** Tammy Smith; Emily; Alex Brylske; Billy Carey; Jim Cashman; Joanne Burgener; Ron Moser; Debra Rutt; Shilah George; Shannon Wilson; Sammy Williams; Azalea Marbury; Debbie Sexton; Judy Journey; Tammy Strickland; Jerri Ramsey; **Surgery and Awaiting Test Results:** Baby Laurel Richart; Nancy Carver; **Healing:** Harrison Henry Brooks; Helen Allen; Tom Winger (Cheryl Bullard's brother); Lynn Bowman; Shirley Cox; Sue Yeeles; Peggy Conaway; Alannah Romano; **Strength and Guidance:** Fay Barrett and Family; Kathy Williams; Jim Eldrett; Sammy Rodriguez (military in Cuba); Emily Franco; Kenneth Briggs; Christopher Blyshak; Y'Suan Mlo and H'Lai, H'Jina, H'Sally, Bunlim and Darwin (H'Sally and family have received permission to resettle in Australia); our ministry partners in Kenya; **Missionaries:** Liz and David Gamble; **World:** all who are in areas where there is war, famine, drought and natural disasters; victims of violence, famine in Israel, Gaza and Iran

SERMON NOTES

Today in worship we continue with our year-long series called “The Bible Year,” in which we are reading the Scriptures all the way through together, from cover to cover, from Genesis all the way through Revelation. Today we begin the Gospel According to John, the fourth book of the New Testament. John is one of four books of the Bible called “gospels” (the word “gospel” means “good news”) which tell the life story of Jesus, based on the testimonies of eyewitnesses to his ministry. The Gospel of John is in some way the most “theological” of the Gospels. It focuses on reflections about Jesus’ identity as the Son of God – including seven different “I AM” statements that Jesus makes about himself, as well as seven miraculous “signs” that Jesus performs that reveal that identity. Today we are going to read together about the sixth of these “signs” that Jesus performs, the giving of sight to a man born blind – and what the man’s story has to teach us.



Today's Scripture
JOHN 9: 1-16; 24-30, 34-38 (NIV)
KEY VERSES:

“As he went along, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. . . .” ⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. ⁷ “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. . . . ²⁴ A second time (the Pharisees) summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God by telling the truth,” they said. “We know this man (Jesus) is a sinner.” ²⁵ He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!””

THIS WEEK’S READINGS FOR “THE BIBLE YEAR”:

Day 285	Sunday, October 12th	John 1:1 – 2:12
Day 286	Monday, October 13th	John 2:13 – 3:36
Day 287	Tuesday, October 14th	John 4:1 - 54
Day 288	Wednesday, October 15th	John 5:1 – 6:21
Day 289	Thursday, October 16th	John 6:22 – 7:9
Day 290	Friday, October 17th	John 7:10 – 8:59
Day 291	Saturday, October 18th	John 9:1 – 10:42
Day 292	Sunday, October 19th	John 11:1 – 12:50

GCUMC STAFF

Jeremy Troxler, Lead Pastor
Andrés Pérez, Student Assoc. Minister
Randy Wall, Dir. of Youth & College Min.
Shelby Hallquist, Dir. Pre- & AfterSchool
Ginny Williamson, Accompanist
Carol Ingram, Administrative Assist.
Christina & Michael Hull, WNO Coordinators

Susan Suárez Webster, Pastor
Donna Ford, Dir. of Christian Education
Laurin Allred, Young Adult & Connections
Melanie Crump, Director of Music
Amy Wall, Church Administrator
Gloria Brown, Financial Director

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 12
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship
Pumpkin Patch Unload on the front lawn from 12:30pm until finished
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in Room C1 at 5:00pm

Monday, October 13
Scouts in the Children’s Building in the evening
Messy Bun Book Club in the Hilltop Room at 7:00pm
NA in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm

Tuesday, October 14
United Women of Faith meeting at 10:00am in Room B6
Handbell Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 6:30pm
Trustees Meeting in Room A4 at 6:30pm
Serving Team in Room B6 at 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 15
New Direction Nar-Anon Family Group in Room A2 at Noon
Mid-week Prayer Time in the Parlor at Noon
Kids’ Music Club in the Choir Room from 6:10 – 6:40pm
Creation Care Team in Room A4 at 6:30pm
ESOL in Room B6 from 6:30 – 7:45pm
Youth Fun Night meet on the back field from 6:45-7:45pm
Faith Files/Faith Friends gather on playground from 6:45 - 7:45pm
SnYP in Laurin’s office from 6:45 – 7:45pm
Moms’ Group in Room A5 from 6:45 – 7:45pm
Choir Rehearsal in the choir room at 7:00pm

Thursday, October 16
Thriving at 3 in Room C14 at 10:00am
Red Cross Blood Drive on the 1st floor of Children’s building from 2:00-6:30PM
Congregational Care Team in Room A4 at 3:00pm
Girl Scout Troop 30028 in Room C13 at 6:00pm
Stephen Ministry Meeting Rooms A4 & A6 at 6:00pm
Oracion in the Parlor at 6:30pm
NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Saturday, October 18
Church-wide Serving Day from 9am – Noon

Sunday, October 19
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Breakfast Bunch at the Highwoods Panera at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Kenya Team Meeting in Room A7 at 12:15pm
Soccer on the back field at 2:30pm
UMYF (Grades 7-12) in Rooms C10 & C11 from 5:00 -7:00pm

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Guilford College
United Methodist Church
October 12, 2025 – 8:30 & 11:00am

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude
Ginny Williamson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn
I Sing the Almighty Power of God, UMH #152

WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

Children's Message
Donna Ford

*At the 11am worship celebration, Children in Grades K-6 may exit for Children's Worship on the 2nd floor of the Children's building. They can be picked up from the church Parlor after 11am worship.

Stewardship Moment: TIME
Bill Brubaker

Hymn
Take My Life and Let It Be, UMH #399, vs. 1

Offering
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

Offertory
All Because of Your Amazing Grace

Prayers of the People
& The Lord's Prayer

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction to the Scripture Reading
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^ = *Please stand as you are able.*
Our worship services may be recorded and/or live streamed to YouTube, Facebook, and the church's website. Should you need a hearing device, please ask an usher for assistance.