

Sermon

“Jacob and Esau (Or, The Root and the Shoot)”

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^Sending Hymn

Blessed Be the God of Israel, UMH #209

^Next Steps & Benediction

Postlude

^ = *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.

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. You are loved and accepted here. **Please take a moment to fill out our attendance pad with your name and contact information and leave it in the pew.**

JOIN US FOR “COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS”

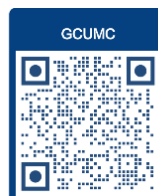
Join us in the parlor, just down the hall from the sanctuary, after the worship service **on August 9** for “Coffee with the Pastors.” This informal gathering with Pastors Jeremy and Susan will help you get to know them, meet other newcomers, learn more about our church, ask questions, and talk about how you might become more involved.

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 childcare available for infants through age 4 in Room C8 on the first floor of the children's building during the 11:00am worship service, and a separate children's worship experience at 11am that begins after the children's message for children in grades K-6.

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:



CONNECT AND GROW

SUMMER TOGETHER

Spend your summer together with your church family and friends with the "Summer Together" event series. Check out the information center or our website for a listing of all events for this season. **We challenge you to attend at least two events and invite a friend!** Track the challenge with attendance stickers in the information center.

WATCH PARTY - WORLD CUP FINAL

Sunday, July 19, 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. You and your friends are invited to pick a team to cheer on during the final game of the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Please bring a snack to share and join us for our viewing party.

CHRISTIAN LINE DANCING

“Again you will take up your timbrels and go out to dance with the joyful.”

Jeremiah 31:4

Lines of Praise Line Dancing will meet on 7/26 from 3:30-5 in room C-1. We will start with a short devotion for dancers and then learn some line dances to praise God. It's not too late to join us and feel free to bring a friend. If you have questions, contact Sara Hardin at hardinx4@bellsouth.net

DISCIPLE SCHOOL

Disciple School meets again on Wednesday, July 29. Disciple School will be held roughly every other Wednesday throughout the summer at 6:45pm in the James Tew Classroom (A3), on the following days: **July 29th, August 12th, and August 26th**. Disciple School is an hour on Wednesday night when we learn how to become better followers of Jesus together. No advance reading is required, and all are welcome.

AUGUST FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Plan to join us on Wednesday, August 5th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide chicken fingers and dessert. We ask you to bring the side dishes to share potluck style. This is a church wide event. Come and bring a friend. We are sure to have a marvelous time of fellowship together!!

PRISCILLA SHIRER LIVE SIMULCAST WOMEN'S DAY APART

Saturday, August 22, 2026 - Registration is open. Join other women from around the world for this inspiring one-day event with Priscilla Shirer! You are invited to be part of this global simulcast to deepen your faith in Christ! The event begins at 9:00am EDT and continues until 4:00pm. Doors open and check-in begins at 8:15am. The event contains three teaching sessions featuring Priscilla Shirer and worship with Anthony Evans and the Priscilla Shirer Live praise team. Tickets are \$30 per person which includes morning coffee, snacks, and lunch. Fresh taco salad bar lunch provided by Salsarita's Fresh Mexican Grill. Pre-registration and payment are required. Tickets are non-refundable. Bring a friend and savor this spiritual day apart.

CDs OF HYMNS

Pastor Andrés left a limited number of CDs of hymns he has arranged and played. If you would like one, go by Pastor Susan's office and pick one up.

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.

CARS NEEDED

Reliable transportation is one of the greatest barriers our refugee families and those transitioning from homelessness face. While many have successfully secured jobs, a large number of those positions are located in Stokesdale and Whitsett—areas not served by public transportation. If you have a dependable vehicle you no longer need, would you consider donating it? If a donation isn't possible, selling a vehicle at a reduced price would also make an incredible difference. To learn more or discuss a vehicle donation, please contact: Judy Piper (336.312.5562, jrpiper114@gmail.com) or Ronica Bowen (336.202.0460, rongaze@aol.com)

PRAY AND WORSHIP

AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: **Those who are Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Bobby Davis; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Janet Shepherd; Ellen Lancaster; Linda Royal; Jennifer Hernandez; Nancy Baity; Allen Cheek; Mary Eagle; Marjorie Liles; Brooke Follo; Jack Vanstory; Lynette Whittaker; **Surgery and Awaiting Tests:** Debbie Jenkins; Donna Steele; **Strength & Faith:** Cam Waldron, Y'Josue (military); **Those With Cancer:** Tom Patterson; Mike Ballard; Tom Jenkins; Greg Matthews; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Becky Archer; Helen Phillips; Kelly Alston; Doris Linker; Dave Wasserboehr; Patsy Wyatt; Jim Baity; Charles Forbes; Bill Blyshak; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings;

Extended Church Family: **Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Mike Ham; All those who have lost a loved one; **Cancer:** Steve Lahr; Wally Jarrell; Freddy Foshay; Heather Rittner; Sean Sullivan; Ike Santiago; Rachel Gault; Darla Freeman; David Castro; Sarah Lemon; Fay Holliday; Janelle Reichl; Sutton Phillips; Linda Payne; Carla Morgan; Tim Vail; Sharon Guarino; Casey; Tammy Smith; Emily; Billy Carey; Jim Cashman; Ron Moser; Debra Rutt; Judy Journey; Tammy Strickland; **Surgery and Awaiting Test Results:** Lilly Cheek (heart surgery); Todd James (surgery 7/20); Michael Patterson (awaiting a heart transplant); **Healing:** Pat Abondolo; John Scialpi; Jean Greene; Ana Marie Hampu; Natalie Castro; Sherry Reittinger Kirch; Mo Scalf; Kathy McFillin; Heather Taylor; **Strength and Guidance:** Karan Dewar (hospice); Russ Decker; Jenny Clapp (brain tumor); Victoria Pigford; Peggy Conaway; Bobby Turbyfill; Jason Morgan; Christopher Blyshak; Y'Suan Mlo and H'Lai, H'Jina, H'Sally, Bunlim and Darwin Leng; **Missionaries:** Liz and David Gamble; **World:** our ministry partners in Kenya; all who suffer from war, famine, drought and fires; devastation in Venezuela after earthquakes; humanitarian crisis in Cuba

SERVICE NOTES

Today in worship we continue in our summer sermon series entitled "All God's Beloved: Paul's Letter to the Romans." The letter to the Church in Rome is among the most significant books in the Bible. Down through the centuries, the study of Romans has led to reformations and revivals in the church as well as to renewal of faith for countless Christians. Romans invites us to ponder deeply the mysteries of sin, of faith, of salvation, and of all that God has done, is doing, and will do for us in Christ. Today we will be looking at the very complicated 9th through 11th chapters of Romans, in which the Apostle Paul meditates on the mystery of the relationship between Israel and the Church. The neglect of these chapters has led to the historical mistreatment of Jewish people at the hands of ignorant Christians – perhaps our study of it will help to promote greater understanding of how the Bible understands the relationship among God's covenant peoples.

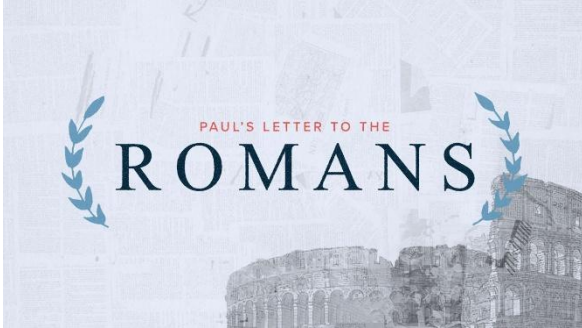
Today's Scripture:

Selected Verses from Romans 9 - 11

KEY VERSES:

"I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. . . . I ask then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . . ¹⁶ If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy. ¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ do not boast over the branches. If you do boast, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. . . . So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved . . . for the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable."

NOTES:



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 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
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in the Rock at 12:30pm
World Cup Viewing Party in the Fellowship Hall at 3:00pm
SnYP Bible Study in the Hilltop Room at 6:00pm
Building Team meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm

Monday, July 20

Preschool Camp Week #4
NA in the Rock at 7:00pm

Tuesday, July 21

Finance Committee in Room A4 at 6:30pm

Wednesday, July 22

Youth Group – Harvest of Hope trip departure
New Direction Nar-Anon Family Group in Room A2 at Noon
Mid-week Prayer Time in the Parlor at Noon
SnYP in Hilltop Room from 6:45 – 7:45pm

Thursday, July 23

Nar-Anon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Saturday, July 25

Funeral for Bobby Davis in the Sanctuary at 1:00pm

Sunday, July 26

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Christian Line Dancing in Room C1 at 3:30pm
SnYP Bible Study in the Hilltop Room at 6:00pm

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Guilford College United Methodist Church July 19, 2026 – 8:30 & 11:00am

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of her son, Ralph Ellis Wall, by Rev. Lynn T. Wall.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Ginny Williamson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer

Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn

How Firm a Foundation, UMH #529

Julian McKinney

^Statement of Faith, UMH #887

WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

Children's Message (11am only)

Donna Ford

*After the video at the 11am service, 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 the service.

Offering + Offertory

Laurin Allred

Call to Prayer

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart, UMH #500 vs. 1 & 4

Prayer of the People & The Lord's Prayer

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction to the Sermon Series & Scripture Reading

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^Scripture Reading

Selected Verses from Romans 9-11 NRSV