

^Hymn Chorus

Goodness is Stronger than Evil, TFWS #2219

^Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-2, 9-21 (NRSVue)

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Sermon

“How Christians Overcome Evil”

Rev. Jeremy Troxler

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^Sending Hymn

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me, TFWS #2153

^Next Steps & Benediction

Postlude

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”

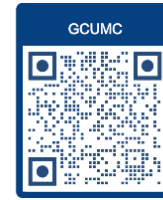
Join us in the parlor, just down the hall from the sanctuary, after the worship service **on August 9** for “Coffee with the Pastors.” This informal gathering with Pastors Jeremy and Susan will help you get to know them, meet other newcomers, learn more about our church, ask questions, and talk about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

SNYP SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday evening Bible study has been going so well—opening our eyes to grace in the Bible and helping us to engage in really good conversation. It’s not too late to join for the last two sessions. Sunday, July 26 and Sunday, August 2nd at 6:00pm in the Hilltop room. All young adults 18-35 are welcome!

CHRISTIAN LINE DANCING

Lines of Praise Line Dancing will meet this afternoon 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.

DISCIPLE SCHOOL

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. 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.**

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

TIME CHANGE – Saturday, August 22, 2026 - Registration is open through our website. 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 **10:00 a.m. EDT and continues until 5:00 p.m.** Doors open and check-in begins at 9:15 a.m. 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.

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:** Rashidi Kabwe; Janet Shepherd; Don Madren; Linda Royal; Nancy Baity; Donna Steele; Allen Cheek; Mary Eagle; Marjorie Liles; Brooke Follo; Jack Vanstory; Lynette Whittaker; **Surgery and Awaiting Tests:** Bonnie Burkett (7/29); Debbie Jenkins; **Strength & Faith:** Cam Waldron and Y’Josue (military); **Those With Cancer:** Tom Patterson; Mike Ballard; Tom Jenkins; Greg Matthews; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Ellen Lancaster; 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:** Wally Jarrell; Freddy Foshay; Heather Rittner; Sean Sullivan; Wyatt Daufeldt; 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); Michael Patterson (awaiting a heart transplant); **Healing:** Jean Greene; John Scialpi; Todd James; Jim Eldrett; Ana Marie Hampu; Sherry Reittinger Kirch; Mo Scalf; Kathy McFillin; Heather Taylor; **Strength and Guidance:** Kayla and Archie Bingham; Karan Dewar (hospice); Russ Decker; Jenny Clapp (brain tumor); 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 (conflict in Iran), famine, drought and fires; devastation in Venezuela after earthquakes; humanitarian crisis in Cuba

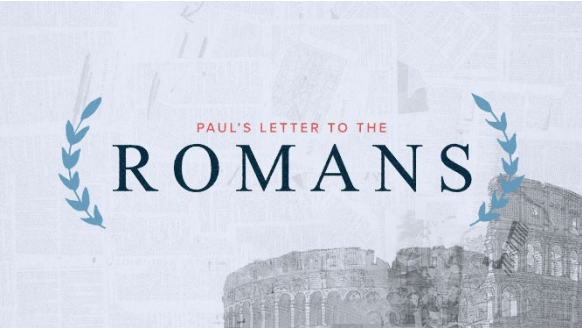
SERVICE NOTES

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 encounter the beautiful 12th Chapter of Romans, where Paul describes how persons freed from the power of sin and guided by the power of the Spirit are meant to live: these are, according to the headings which some Bibles add to this chapter, “The Marks of a True Christian.”

Today's Scripture:
Romans 12: 1-2, 9-21 (NRSVue)
KEY VERSES:

“12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God’s mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. . . .9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;do not claim to be wiser than you are.17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. . . .21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

NOTES:



THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

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

Monday, July 27
Summer Reading Program in the Children’s building starting at 9:00am
NA in the Rock at 7:00pm
Scouts in the Children’s Building in the evening

Tuesday, July 28
Summer Reading Program in the Children’s building starting at 9:00am
Church Council in Room A4 at 6:30pm

Wednesday, July 29
Summer Reading Program in the Children’s building starting at 9:00am
New Direction Nar-Anon Family Group in Room A2 at Noon
Mid-week Prayer Time in the Parlor at Noon
Youth Group in the Hilltop Room starting at 1:00pm
Disciple School in the James Tew Classroom from 6:45 – 7:45pm
SnYP in Hilltop Room from 6:45 – 7:45pm

Thursday, July 30
Summer Reading Program in the Children’s building starting at 9:00am
Youth Group meet in rear parking lot at 6:45pm
NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Friday, July 31
SnYP meet up at Salsarita's at 6:00pm

Sunday, August 2
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm

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Melanie Crump , Director of Music	Ginny Williamson , Accompanist
Amy Wall , Church Administrator	Carol Ingram , Administrative Assist.
Gloria Brown , Financial Director	

Guilford College United Methodist Church July 26, 2026 – 8:30 & 11:00am

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Lehman Johnson, a daughter, a sister, a wife, a mother of two wonderful children, and a grandmother of two beautiful grandkids. She is missed by all. From the Lehman and Johnson Families.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude
Ginny Williamson

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer
Laurin Allred

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn
He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought, UMH #128

^Statement of Faith, UMH #885
Melanie Crump

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
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

^Doxology, UMH #95

Prayer of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Introduction to the Sermon Series & Scripture Reading
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

^ = *Please stand as you are able.*