

Sermon
From Judges to Builders
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^ Sending Hymn
Help Us Accept Each Other, UMH #560

^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”

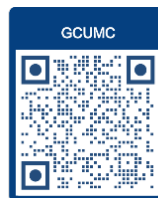
Join us in the parlor, just down the hall from the sanctuary, after the worship service **on August 16** for “Coffee with the Pastors.” This informal gathering with Pastors Jeremy and Susan will help you get to know them, meet other newcomers, learn more about our church, ask questions, and talk about 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

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join us for a churchwide social event TONIGHT at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Ice Cream and toppings will be provided. If you wish, you are invited to bring your homemade ice cream to share. Bring a friend!

LIAM PURCELL & CANE MILL ROAD

August 19 @ 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to see you at this FREE concert with bluegrass charting artist Liam Purcell & Cane Mill Road.

PRISCILLA SHIRER LIVE SIMULCAST WOMEN'S DAY APART

Join other women on Saturday, August 22, 2026, 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. Register on the church website.** Tickets are non-refundable. Bring a friend and savor this spiritual day apart.

PASTOR JEREMY'S 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 will be held next on August 26th at 6:45pm in the James Tew Classroom (A3). Fall dates will be out soon.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Begins August 30: Young Adults (18-35ish) are invited to a weekly Sunday evening Bible Study. We'll meet at 6pm on Sundays beginning August 30th in the Hilltop Room. What do you need to participate? A Bible and journal—though we have some if you need them! Downloading the Connected Faith app will also be helpful if you want to keep up with the daily readings and spiritual faith practices throughout the week. Questions or want to be added to the communication list? Find Laurin: text 336-688-8396 /email lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org / GroupMe DM / Discord (lorphin13) / Ready to dive in?

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.

ORDER YOUR T-SHIRT FOR FAITH IN ACTION SERVING DAY – DEADLINE TODAY

Serving day is September 13th. We will express our worship in service to God and others. The 8:30 worship service will meet and then our worship through service will be taken “outside of the walls of the church.” Many projects are available and online sign ups are now open. Before then, buy the t-shirt!

T-shirts that say: “Faith In Action/ GCUMC” are available for purchase online **by August 16th**. **The purchase link is found in our Thursday email The LINK.** There are three colors to choose from. Prices may vary slightly but the cost is around \$12. Shirts will be handed out at church after the order deadline.

PRAY AND WORSHIP

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 23 - We're sending GCUMC students of all ages, teachers and administrative staff back to school with our prayers and blessings! Bring your backpacks to the 11:00 a.m. worship service to receive a blessing from the congregation as we cover you in prayer for the new year!

AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: **Those who are Grieving:** The Family and Friends of Bill Blyshak; Judy and Ray Haberer on the passing of their sister in law, Sheila Noeson; Debbie Tucker and Family on the passing of her brother, Bobby Turbyfill; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Linda Jobe; Debbie Jenkins; Jack Vanstory; Becky Archer; Linda Royal; Allen Cheek; Mike Duncan; Mary Eagle; Marjorie Liles; Lynette Whittaker; Brooke Follo; **Surgery and Awaiting Tests:** Donna Steele; Mike Garcia (8/20); Tom Jenkins (surgery 8/26); Maria Maynard; **Strength & Faith:** Cam Waldron and Y'Josue (military); **Those With Cancer:** Becky Pearce; Tom Patterson; Mike Ballard; Tom Jenkins; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Ellen Lancaster; Helen Phillips; Dave Wasserboehr; Jim Baity; Charles Forbes; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings;

Extended Church Family: **Grieving:** All those who have lost a loved one; **Cancer:** Chip Tanneberger; 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:** Martina (brain tumor); Susan Scott (heart surgery 8/13) Lilly Cheek (heart surgery); Michael Patterson (awaiting a heart transplant); **Healing:** Diana Roman; Jasmine (stroke victim); Jean Greene; John Scialpi; Todd James; Jim Eldrett; Ana Marie Hampu; Sherry Reitinger Kirch; Mo Scalf; Kathy McFillin; Heather Taylor; **Strength and Guidance:** Vivian Bullard (hospice); Rick LeBaube; Gayle Parrish; Don Shuff; The Tyson Family; Kayla and Archie Bingham; Karan Dewar (hospice); Jenny Clapp (brain tumor); Peggy Conaway; Jason Morgan; 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 in war zones; famine, drought and fires; devastation in Venezuela after earthquakes; humanitarian crisis in Cuba

SERMON 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 14th and part of the 15th Chapters of Romans, in which the Apostle Paul turns to address some particular issues that have been dividing the Roman Christians, particularly related to whether Christians should eat meat that had been sacrificed at a pagan or idol shrine. In the context of addressing this question, Paul issues a call for Christians to refrain from judging one another, to accept their differences of conviction, and to focus on building others up instead of upon their own needs.

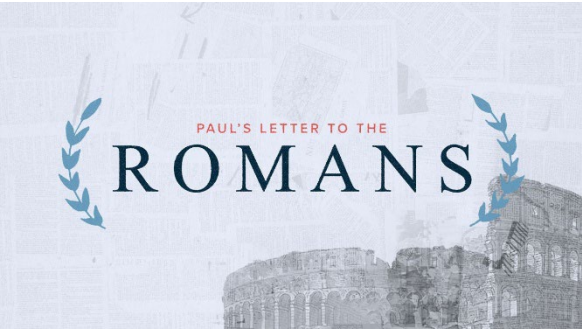
Today's Scripture:

Romans 14: 1-15; 19; 15:1-2; 5-7 (NRSV)

KEY VERSES:

“Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. . . . Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another. . . . Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.”

NOTES:



THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 16

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship
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
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in the Rock at 5:00pm
Churchwide Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm

Monday, August 17

NA in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm
Scouts in the Children’s Building in the evening

Tuesday, August 18

New Beginnings Class in the Rock at Noon
SnYP Discord Game Night 6:00-8:00pm
Finance Committee in Room A4 at 6:30pm

Wednesday, August 19

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
Liam Purcell & Cane Mill Road concert in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm

Thursday, August 20

Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall from 1:30-6:00pm
Stephen Ministry Meeting Room A4 at 6:00pm
Youth Group meet in rear parking lot at 6:45pm
Nar-Anon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Friday, August 21

Wacky Wheels Playdate in the back parking lot at 6:00pm

Saturday, August 22

Priscilla Shirer Live Simulcast in the Sanctuary from 9:30am – 5:00pm

Sunday, August 23

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Blessing of the Backpacks during worship at 11:00am
UMYF (Grades 7-12) in Rooms C10 & C11 from 5:00 -7:00pm
Building Team meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm

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Guilford College United Methodist Church August 16, 2026 – 8:30 & 11:00am

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Scott Allen by Cyndi Allen.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude
Robyn Martin

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer
Laurin Allred

^Fellowship Greeting & Opening Hymn
Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed, UMH #359, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

^Statement of Faith, UMH #884
Melanie Crump

WE PRAISE GOD AND PRAY

Children's Message
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
Sweet Hour of Prayer, UMH #496

**Prayers of the People &
The Lord’s Prayer**
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

^Scripture Reading
Romans 14: 1-15; 19; 15:1-2; 5-7 (NRSV)

^ = Please stand as you are able.