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Guilford College United Methodist Church strives to be a vibrant Christian community that **transforms** lives, **strengthens** believers, and **equips** disciples to **live beyond ourselves** in the light of Jesus Christ.

Guilford College UMC
Living Beyond Ourselves



July 1: Independence Day Bash, 6:00-8:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

A Brief Program celebrating 250 years of Freedom under God's Faithfulness, Hot Dogs & Hamburgers & Fixings, a Patriotic Sing-a-long, American Trivia, and some outdoor activities.



Apple Pie Baking Contest



Do you have a secret family recipe? A flair for flaky crusts? Or simply a love of baking delicious apple pies? Join us during our 250 Years Independence Day Bash for our Apple Pie Baking Contest, and put your baking skills to the test! Whether you're a seasoned pastry pro or a weekend baker, everyone is welcome to compete for bragging rights and the title of "Apple Pie Champion."

All apple pies should be delivered to the fellowship hall by 5:00 pm on July 1.
Questions? Email Melanie Crump at mcrump@guilfordcollegeumc.org

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Pastor's Pen

Dear Church,

Recently in worship we have been focusing on the Bible's Letter to the Romans. Among the most important concepts in the Book of Romans is the notion of "faith."

Most of us probably imagine that we already know the definition of the word "faith." Within the church, we use the term "faith" all the time, sometimes as a shorthand for our relationship with God, occasionally as a reference to "belief," and at other times as a synonym for "trust."

In Romans, the meaning of "faith" incorporates all those terms: and yet it signifies even more. For the Apostle Paul, faith is not just a mental assent to some idea: it is an expression of whole-hearted commitment. Faith involves an element of trust, yes – but it also means acting in accordance with that trust. Several times in Romans, Paul writes of the "obedience of faith," suggesting that true faith is revealed by faithful actions, by our faithful words and deeds.

To illustrate such faith, in Romans 4 Paul offers the example of the elderly Abraham in the Bible. In Genesis 12, God promised childless and infirm "Abram" (Exalted Father) that he would one day become "Abraham" (Father of a Multitude), the ancestor of a great nation of people who would bless the whole world.

Despite momentary lapses in trust when he tried to take matters into his own hands (see the matter of Hagar and Ishmael), Abram believed God would keep that promise – *and he acted accordingly*. He didn't just trust God's words to him in his heart, he lived that trust by moving from place to place as God led him. He didn't just "believe" in God – he counted on God, relied on God, risked things for God.

Abraham demonstrated the "obedience of faith." He staked his life on the fact that God would honor God's Word – and so he aligned his life with the content of God's promises, even when he could see very little evidence around him or within him of those promises coming to fulfillment.

Faith, in that sense, is a close cousin of hope. So it is that Hebrews 11:1 describes faith as "*the assurance of things hoped for, and the conviction of things not seen.*" We might even think of faith as "future hope enacted in the present."

For Paul and for us, the greatest example of the obedience of faith, and of a human being who enacted future hope in the present, is to be found in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus humbled himself and submitted himself to God's will, even going to the cross – all the while trusting God to vindicate his life and keep God's promises. THIS is faith.

In light of Paul's words about Abraham and Jesus in the Book of Romans, I have come to believe that the best definition of faith is "**trusting faithfulness.**" According to Paul, it is the trusting faithfulness of Jesus to his Father that has opened the door to humanity's rescue. Now it is our response of trusting faithfulness in and to Jesus that unites us to him and allows him to rescue us from all that would keep us from God and from the Life that God longs to give us.

Jesus is how God fulfills God's promises.

Jesus shows us that God is trustworthy.

May you live a life of trusting faithfulness to God in Him.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jeremy

Caring

Prayer Concerns: Marjorie Lyles, Annette Lasley, Kori Petersen, Jack Vanstory, Kelly Alston, Ben Brothers, Brooke Follo, Debbie Jenkins, Mike Ballard, Lynette Whitaker, Maria Maynard, Greg Matthews, Helen Phillips, Bill Blyshak, David Wasserboehr, Tom Jenkins, Lisa Hodges, Jim & Nancy Baity, Cam Waldron

Welcome New Members!

A sincere welcome is extended to Derrick, Chase and Haley Ramsey, who joined GCUMC on May 31. Their address is 404 Fair Mile Drive, Greensboro 27455. Derrick (336-601-7672), Chase (336-601-9096), Haley (336-580-6367)

Prayer Concerns – Extended Family: Todd James, Russ Decker, Jason Hinson; Freddy Foshay; Mo Scaff; Dixon Broach; Sutton Phillips; Linda Payne; Heather Rittner; B.J. & Sean Sullivan; Wyatt Daufeldt; Michael Patterson; Bobby Turbyfill; Jim Miazza; Natalie & David Castro; Darla Freeman; Sarah Lemon, Fay Holliday; Carla Morgan; Heather Taylor; Tammy Smith; Peggy Conaway; Jim Cashman; Jim Eldrett; Shilah George; Judy Journey; Y'Suan & H'Lai Mlo & family; Tammy Strickland, Shannon Wilson; Kathy McFillin



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Congratulations to our 2026 High School Graduates who were recognized on Sunday in worship and Sunday evening during youth group. It was great to have the graduates participate and assist in the worship service. The evening was filled with expressions of love through story-telling and affirmation.

Raegan Gillman, Northwest Guilford
Tinsley Grove, Grimsley
Collin Hicks, Grimsley
Haley Ramsey, Northern Guilford
Daniel Steen, Western Guilford
Kendra Tucker, Southwest Guilford
Sanjay M'lo, Page

Members In Home and Senior Living Facilities:

TerraBella – Paul Long; **Carolina Estates** – Barbara McLeod, Lynn Wall; Sharon Kienholz; **Brookdale Lawndale** – Ann Brantley; **Brookdale NW** - Patsy Wyatt; **Carolina Pines** – Janie Shell; **Clapps Nursing & Rehab, Pleasant Garden** – Sarah Gorham; **Countryside Manor** – Margaret Joyce; **Friends Home Guilford** – Bill & Sarah Brubaker, Karen Lowder, Claudette Kayler, Ellie Dawkins; Linda Metcalf, Barbara Engle, Ray & Judy Harris, Wes Kirkman, Ellen Lancaster, Marilyn & Scott Radley, Emogene Stewart, Rak Kreager; **Friends Home West** – Barbara Jones, Pat Routh, Terry & Joe Ann Weatherford, Bill & Jan Dowdy; **Greenhaven** – Becky Patterson; **Spring Arbor** – Charles Forbes; Doris Linker; **Abbottswood** – Dot Brogan, Gay Brown; Betty Gordon, Barbara Price; **Heritage Green** - Carrie Gowen; **Well Spring** – Barbara Ebert; **Westchester Manor** – Susie Love, Tina Bell Midgett; **In Home** – Bill Blyshak, Sue Causey, Terri Hastings, Helen Phillips, Betty Siders, Marion Sharpe

Note of Appreciation

Dear Friends,

Many thanks for the cards, prayers, memorials and kind thoughts and support in the death of my dear brother, Kenneth Briggs. He had struggled for quite sometime with the effects of Parkinson's Disease, and is finally relieved of his pain and discomfort.

May God bless you all!

Carol Ingram and family

Sincere sympathy is expressed to the family of Maggie Moree, who passed away on May 28. Blessed are they who mourn for they will be comforted.

Sunday Morning Transportation

If you are unable to transport yourself to worship on Sunday mornings, please call the church office by Thursday each week, and we will be glad to arrange a ride for you to worship.

Sunday Morning Drivers:

June 14: Mike Garcia, Jim Taney

June 21: Bryan Cobb, Charlie Groves

Connecting



World Cup Watch Party

Friday, June 12, 8:30-11:00 pm in room A4

USA vs Paraguay. You and your friends are invited to gather at 8:30, to watch the FIFA World Cup. Game

starts at 9:00. There will be wings and sodas. Please bring a snack to share. Park in the back parking lot.

GREENSBORO TARHEEL CHORUS

Make plans to attend a concert here in our fellowship hall on Sunday, July 12, at 7:00 pm for an evening of barbershop music.. This should be an enjoyable program and we invite everyone to attend.



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2:00 PM Greensboro Grasshoppers Baseball Game

GCUMC is headed once again this summer to the Grasshoppers stadium for a great afternoon of baseball! Join us on June 14 for a 2pm game. Tickets are \$11 each. You can contact Laurin Allred to purchase a ticket. You may email her at lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org, stop by, or give her a call. If you'd like to pick your own seat and would prefer to buy online, you can use our purchasing link. Convenience fees may apply.

<https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2new/GroupPortalPEC.asp?HoldID=28333&SponsorID=19411&EventID=356657>



PRISCILLA SHIRER LIVE SIMULCAST WOMEN'S DAY APART –

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 9:00 a.m. EDT and continues until 4:00 p.m. Doors open and check-in begins at 8:15 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 with salad bowl shells or plates, grilled chicken, ground beef, black beans, rice, lettuce, cheese, grilled fajita veggies, salsa, pico de gallo, sour cream, queso, chips, tea, lemonade, and water are provided by Salsarita's Fresh Mexican Grill. Salad bar contains options for vegetarian and gluten free requirements.

Pre-registration and payment are required. Tickets are non-refundable.

Please contact Donna Ford at 336-292-5833 or dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org with questions. We look forward to seeing you on August 22 for this spiritual day apart! Scan QR code to register.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 22-24, 2026

Age 3 as of June 1st through completed Grade 6

Dinner 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Activities 6:15-8:05 p.m.

No cost for dinner and activities

This is a family friendly event for families to participate and enjoy the fun together! There will be shepherds for children who do not have an adult attending with them (please advise need). Scan QR code to register.



Connecting

PASTOR JEREMY'S DISCIPLE SCHOOL Disciple School will be held roughly every other Wednesday throughout the summer at 6:45 pm in the James Tew Classroom (A3) on the following dates: **June 17, July 15, July 29, August 12 and August 26.**

(There will be no Disciple School on July 1 because of the Church Celebration Meal that night in honor of the 250th Anniversary of American Independence Day.)



Our next blood drive will be held on Thursday, June 18. If you would like to make an appointment to donate, please go to www.redcrossblood.org

Should you have questions, please call/text David Saunders at 336-337-3126.

Youth News

Raegan Gillman, Kendra Tucker and Maddie Shearer will be heading to the Western NC Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska on June 18-21. They will be joined by Alex Raper and Zac Wall who will be attending as young adult delegates for the Northern Piedmont District. Please pray for the Conference and their experience.

After Annual Conference, 44 youth and young adults from our church will be going to Asheville for a week-long mission experience. The group will be staying at Acton UMC in Asheville, and will be involved in various work projects in the area. Pray for this trip.

Summer Programming. In the summer the youth group will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm and Thursdays, 6:45 pm.

Lines of Praise Line Dancing will continue on 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, and 7/26 from 3:30-5:00 pm in room C1. We will start with a short devotion 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.

"Again you will take up your timbrels and go out to dance with the joyful." Jeremiah 31:4

SnYP in the Summer- Students & Young Professionals (SnYP) will continue to meet throughout the summer with a full calendar of fun, faith and fellowship. Join us every Wednesday evening for either small group or third space, Sunday evenings in July for Bible Study, and around campus and town for other events such as water park day, a cooking series, and more! Join the conversation and stay in the loop with our GroupMe-

https://groupme.com/join_group/98073115/gjKrqP5l

Hello Friends!

May 29-30 I had the privilege of attending and helping lead the Young Adult Missional Network retreat for our Western NC conference. There were young adults and leaders from across our conference gathered to worship, reflect, imagine and reset together. Hear from Jacob O'Rork, one of our GCUMC young adults, who was able to attend. - Laurin

"Hello y'all! I'm here to talk about what's happening with the Young Adult Retreat. I really enjoyed this young adult retreat. It was eye opening and refreshing. The day we got there we had a worship service and we went on to have some pretty decent food. To wind the day down, some of us went to the hotel's campfire and I handed out snacks. Overall the first day was pleasant.

The second day started around 9:00am with the young adult leaders doing a Q&A panel, the questions being provided by our good friend Laurin Allred and a lady named Katherine Christie. The next event that day was a table discussion about problems that young adults face (ie: young adults getting leadership positions in the church, and how to get young adults to be more engaged in church.) This was all very enlightening.

We closed off the day on Saturday by doing another worship service where we lit candles (I forget the symbolism behind it, but it was a nice centering ritual) and sang some worship songs. Overall I think this trip was eye opening, pleasant, and fun! 5/5 stars!"



Join the Joy Book Club

July 14: *Where the Rivers Merge*, by Mary Alice Monroe

Sept. 14: *The Correspondent*, by

Virginia Evans

Nov. 10: *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post*, by Allison Pataki

We look forward to seeing you! Feel free to contact Cyndi Allen cyndiandscott818@gmail.com.

Connecting



WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL – Registration is open for the 2026-2027 school year. For enrollment information, please go to www.gcumckids.org or contact Shelby Hallquist preschool@guilfordcollegeumc.org.



AFTER SCHOOL MINISTRY – Registration is open for the 2026-2027 school year. *Super Kids After School* serves children attending Claxton Elementary, Guilford Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Pearce Elementary and Greensboro Academy. For enrollment information, please go to www.gcumckids.org or contact Shelby Hallquist preschool@guilfordcollegeumc.org.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP – Age appropriate Children's Worship is provided during the 11:00 am worship for children in Grades K-6. Children are dismissed to Children's Worship after the children's message in the Sanctuary and remain there until the end of worship. Parents may pick up children from the Parlor just outside the Sanctuary. Child care for younger children is available in room C8, first floor children's building.

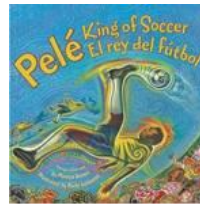
SUNDAY KIDS ZONE for Grades K-6 is provided in Room C14, Second Floor Children's Building from 9:45-10:45 am. Children explore a devotional message and connect through games and activities.

Needed for Day Camp:

Please save any plastic lids or tops for a Day Camp craft activity! They can be any size – from soda bottle, peanut butter lid, medicine bottle, etc. Please wash them and bring to the Day Camp box in the Information Center area by July 12! Thank you! Questions? Please contact Donna Ford.

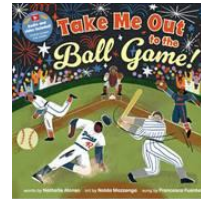
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SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2026

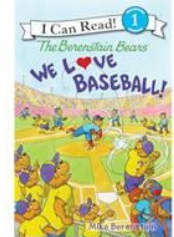


From July 27 to July 30, we will need volunteers to help us read with children and model Christ as we participate in fun activities including music.

Will you volunteer from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Monday through Thursday to engage with the children in our



community with books, reading, activities and a Bible story? If you would like to help, email Jayne Morgan at wolfpackfamily02@gmail.com.



FAMILIES IN TRANSITION TEAM – NEW NEWS!

23! That's the number of apartments set up so far in 2026 (through June 6) for families in transition. From those overcoming homelessness to refugees building new lives, each family has been deeply grateful—and it's all possible because of **your generosity**. If you're able to help, please bring donations to the **Families in Transition Room** (D Hallway, at the bottom of the ramp toward the Fellowship Hall).

Most urgent needs:

- Twin sheets, comforters
- Shower curtains, liners, and hooks
- Pots and pans (especially smaller sizes)
- Drinking glasses
- Lamps

Furniture donations needed:

Couches, dining room tables and chairs, and beds are especially needed—but every item makes a difference. To donate furniture, please contact: Judy Piper (336-312-5562) or Ronica Bowen (336-202-0460). Thank you for your continued faithfulness and compassion. Your support truly changes lives and brings hope to the families we serve.

Lt. Colonel James A. Coleman Legacy Impact

A generous legacy gift to GCUMC is already making a meaningful impact in the life of our church. Following 15 grant requests submitted by members of the congregation, the Church Council has approved several important initiatives that support our ministries, enhance our facilities, and strengthen our financial future.

In the area of **Ministry**, funding has been approved for pre-school and after-school scholarships, transportation assistance, and supplies such as air mattresses to support mission trip participants who stay in our facility.

For **Facilities**, improvements include new carpet, lighter folding tables, sandbox playground covers, water stations and rain barrels, and HVAC upgrades—enhancing both comfort and sustainability.

From a **Financial** perspective, a portion of the gift has been added to the church endowment, while additional funds will support a loan for the Fellowship Hall renovation, saving interest charges.

Other enhancements include the purchase of an iPad for Music/AV use and new Bluetooth sanctuary assist technology to better serve those with hearing aids.

Two additional original grant requests are still under review, and a second round of grants is expected later in 2026 or early 2027.

This generous legacy gift is already strengthening our ministries, improving our shared spaces, and building long-term stability for GCUMC. Legacy giving continues to make a lasting difference in the life of our church.

Have any questions? Interested in including GCUMC in your estate plans?

Contact Bonnie Burkett at 336.420.1770 or bburkett@triad.rr.com or Judy Piper at 336.312.5562 or jrpiper114@gmail.com.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Kenneth Briggs

(Carol Ingram's brother)

Jim and Nancy Baity

Richard and Nancy Blackwelder

Jim and Lyndall Cantrell

Mary Eagle

Mike and Donna Garcia

Minerva Heavner

Len and Sandra Myers

Hank and Marizell Thompson

Terry and Joe Ann Weatherford

In Memory of Ronnie Caldwell

(Ronica Bowen's father)

Jim and Nancy Baity

Richard and Nancy Blackwelder

Mary Eagle

Mike and Donna Garcia

Bob and Jimmy Stimpson

In Memory of Diana Clark

Diana Bruno

In Memory of Joy Collier

(Laurin Allred's grandmother)

Mike and Donna Garcia

Bob and Jimmy Stimpson

In Memory of Maggie Moree

Donna Bowman

HONORARIUM

In Honor of Andres Perez

Steve and Sharon Troxler



July Birthdays

July 1	Bill Foster, Laura Teter
July 2	Diane Derrick, Palmer Gamble, Charles Maseko, Jr.
July 3	Jean Beasley, Charlene Robson, Randy Wall
July 4	Jim Elias, Josh Langenfeld, Liam Langenfeld, Laura Sharpe
July 5	Brenda Bayersdorfer, Clarke Crews, Jamie McClellan
July 6	Jackson Stone
July 7	Johnny Brown, Dwaine Davis, Ruthie Deviney, Wanda Eller, Daniel Gorham
July 8	Will Gorham, Frederick Miller
July 9	Blake Ballinger, Kevin Catacoli
July 10	Lyon Henry
July 11	Austin Marion, Connor Marion, Kendra Tucker, Rachel Wall
July 12	Miki Derrico, Janet Shepherd
July 14	Locksley Hubbard, Delaney Marion
July 15	Chuck Downey, Y'Landon Mlo, Jim Taney
July 16	Margaret Pigue, McKenzie Waldron
July 17	Becky Archer, Barbara Lauritano
July 18	Jim Morgan, Helen Phillips
July 19	Katie Gillman, Mary Beth Williams
July 20	Chris Lohr, Sandy Proctor
July 22	Marian Calzadilla, Holly Pearce, Emily Rivera
July 23	Scott Hancock
July 24	Jean Barrow, Debbie Jenkins, Claire Sacrinty
July 25	Marion McNeal, Hope Turner
July 26	Emma Carpenter, Andrea Glenn, Teri LaRocque, Karen Stone
July 27	Steve McDonald
July 28	Juliet Grove, Mark Townsend
July 29	Archer Joyce, Sanjay Mlo
July 30	Brian Alligood, John Hodges, Tom Sutton, Margaret Troxler
July 31	Derek Young

Guilford College United Methodist Church

Kenya Trip: June 28 – July 10

Prayer Requests

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Kenya Mission 2026</h2>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depart Greensboro approx 10:30am to go to Raleigh for flight • Please pray for safe travels for our team 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive in Nairobi, Kenya • Please pray for safe arrival in Kenya 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel to Meru, Meet with Stephen and Kathie • Please pray that our team will have a servant's heart 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deworming school health programs and VBS in Kinanduba • Please pray for the teachers and children of Kinanduba 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with MTRC, Kitchen Gardens and the Bio Center • Please pray for Methodist Treatment & Rehab Center, the staff, the patients, and the area they serve 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Camp at Lumuru, Mt. Kenya • Please pray that God's work will prosper in the community 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects at the Bio Center and MTRC • Please pray for the staff of the Bio Center and the community it serves
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship in Kinanduba • Pray for God's love to shine as we worship together 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depart Meru for Samburu Game Reserve • Please pray for our drivers who serve with us and protect us 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spend day in Samburu for game drive • Please pray that our team to take time for reflection and to listen for God 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave for Nairobi. • Please pray that our team become "spirit empowered" leaders 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spend day in Nairobi. Leave for USA at 10:50pm • Please give praises for God's work in Kenya 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive in Raleigh approx. 1:45pm • Please pray for safe travels for our team. Give thanks to God for giving us the opportunity to serve 	<p>11</p>