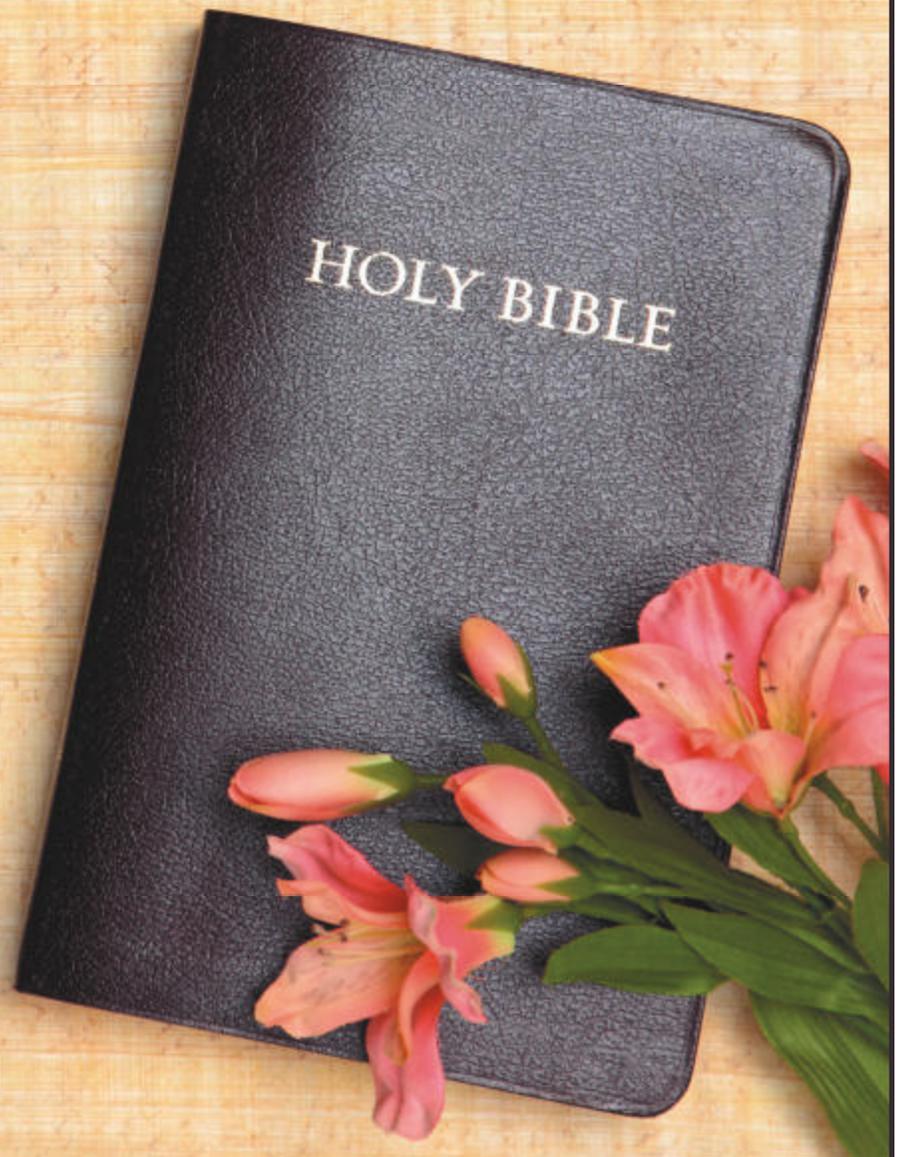
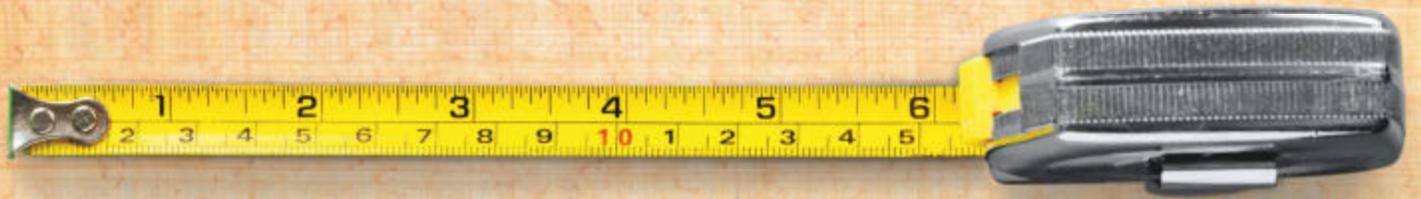


**August 22, 2021**



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**Sermon Notes and Growing as Disciples: August 22, 2021**  
**Jesus, Judging, and the Golden Rule / Matthew 7:1-5, 12**

**Key Verse:** “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”  
Matthew 7:12 NIV

**I. Don't Judge Me!**

- A. Everyone seems to know this passage.
  
- B. These words are among the most misinterpreted in the Bible.

**II. What is “judging” and are we really forbidden to say anything to people about their lives?**

- A. It isn't a prohibition against discerning “right and wrong.”
  - “The command “do not judge,” should not be taken as a prohibition of all judging or discerning of right and wrong, since elsewhere in Matthew's record of the teaching of Jesus there are many examples of discerning right and wrong. [See Matthew 7:6; 7:15-20; 10:11-15; 16:6, 12; 18:17-18].” Donald Hagner in Word Biblical Commentary, p. 169.
  
- B. It doesn't prohibit helping others overcome their faults.
  
- C. It is about taking a good look at one's own life.
  - It is a warning against self-righteousness.
  
- D. It is about relationships within the Christian community.

**III. The Golden Rule**

- It isn't an excuse for wrong.
  
- “Love your neighbor as yourself.”
  
- God's mercy is available.

**Growing as disciples:** “O God, the King eternal, who divides the day from the darkness, and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far off from us all wrong desires; incline our hearts to keep your law; and guide our feet into the way of peace, that having done your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” [Book of Worship, 1965, p. 169 #3 modified.]

**Sunday:** Ruth 1-2  
**Monday:** John 8  
**Tuesday:** John 9

**Wednesday:** John 10  
**Thursday:** John 11

**Friday:** John 12  
**Saturday:** Ruth 3-4



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## Welcome to Morrison

Thank you for spending part of your weekend with us. If you are new to Morrison and would like to learn more about our programs and community, please visit our website at [www.morrisonumc.org](http://www.morrisonumc.org).

### Contemporary Worship 9:00 AM

The worship band will kick off the service with a few songs. Feel free to sing and to clap and move to the music as you feel comfortable. After the music, you will hear a great message. We will close with communion where all believers are welcome to participate. With that being said, feel free to grab a cup of coffee and a donut from the back, then find your seats, if you haven't already. The service will begin shortly. All -in-all, we'll be here for a little under an hour.

### Traditional Worship 11:00 AM

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

Kreutz

*The first note of the prelude is our call to silent meditation.*

#### INVOCATION

**"O God, the King eternal, who divides the day from the darkness, and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far off from us all wrong desires; incline our hearts to keep your law; and guide our feet into the way of peace, that having done your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."** [Book of Worship, 1965, p. 169 #3 modified.]

#### HYMN 158

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

SPANISH HYMN

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 "The Apostles' Creed"

#### GLORIA PATRI 71

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

## OFFERING

We have several giving options available during this challenging time. You can mail your check to the church, or drop it in the mail slot in the front door of the office. Several options for electronic giving can be found by clicking on the giving button under the worship tab on our website at [www.morrisonumc.org](http://www.morrisonumc.org). Thank you for your support.

## OFFERTORY

“Sonata in D Major”

Piano Duet with Quinn Moss and Sharon Jones

Mozart

## DOXOLOGY 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

## MISSION STATEMENT

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:1-5, 12

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## SERMON

*Jesus, Judging, and the Golden Rule*

Pastor David

## HYMN 430

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

MARYTON

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

“Chorale Prelude”

Bach

Our 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM worship services are streamed live via our Facebook page, YouTube, and our website, [www.watchmorrison.com](http://www.watchmorrison.com).



## Today’s Reader:

Cindy McLaughlin



## Today’s sanctuary flowers

are given in loving memory of Robert Wright—wishing him a heavenly 80th birthday on 8/14/2021, by his wife, Patricia Wright.



**We still have available slots for 2021 sanctuary flowers.** Please call Terri Hester in the office (787-3786) if you would like to sign up for one of the available Sundays.

## TODAY

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship  
10:00 AM Connect Sunday School Classes  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

10:00 AM In-person Bible Study  
2:30 PM Op Shop Board

## WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM Bible Study on Zoom  
8:00 PM AA, Al-Anon

## THURSDAY

6:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice  
6:30 PM Worship Band Practice  
6:30 PM Trustees

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

**Morrison UMC has an app!** You can find it on the App Store and Google Play. If you have any questions, contact Terri Hester in the church office at 352-787-3786.

**Church office hours** are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and by appointment at other times. Face-coverings are requested when visiting the office.

**Special Note:** Because of the high number of COVID cases, all scheduled church activities are subject to a last minute change.

### Worship Opportunities:

- **On Sundays**, we are offering contemporary worship at 9:00 AM and traditional worship at 11:00 AM, in person and online. In response to the recent rise in COVID-19 cases, face masks are encouraged for everyone. We ask that you please respect one another's comfort levels concerning social distancing.
- **Holy Communion:** We celebrate Holy Communion weekly at our 9:00 AM service, and on the first and third Sundays of each month in the traditional service (11:00 AM). If you are worshipping at home, please plan to have grape juice and some form of bread available. Pre-filled communion cups will be available for those attending in-person. If you would like pre-filled communion cups for home use, you may come by the office and we will be glad to provide them for you.

### Discipleship Opportunities:

- **Adult Connect Sunday School classes:** For more information, call the church office at 352-787-3786.
  - ◇ The Inquirers' SS class - building 4, room 103
  - ◇ The Early Risers' class - building 4, room 206
  - ◇ The Connect Around the Table class - building 4, room 208
  - ◇ The Connections class - building 4, room 106
- **Bible Study:** Join us in-person on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Inquirers' classroom, or on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM via Zoom. If you would like to participate on Zoom, email Pastor David at [dstauffer@morrisonumc.org](mailto:dstauffer@morrisonumc.org) for the link. Here are the upcoming studies and dates:
  - ◇ **Revelation** – We will complete the study this week.
  - ◇ **Scripture and the Skeptic** by Eric Huffman will be our next study. This will be a four-week study. The book is available at Amazon.com in both paperback and Kindle versions, and at Cokesbury.com. This study will begin August 31/September 1. If you will be joining us for the first time, please contact Pastor David at (352) 787-3786 so he'll know to expect you (this is especially true if you are joining us via Zoom on Wednesday evening).

### Fellowship Opportunity:

- **We have a fellowship time** in the Family Life Center (building 3) between the two worship services. You are invited to join us for coffee and donuts and conversations with friends.

### MEMBER DEATH NOTICE

Beulah Barlow, August 8

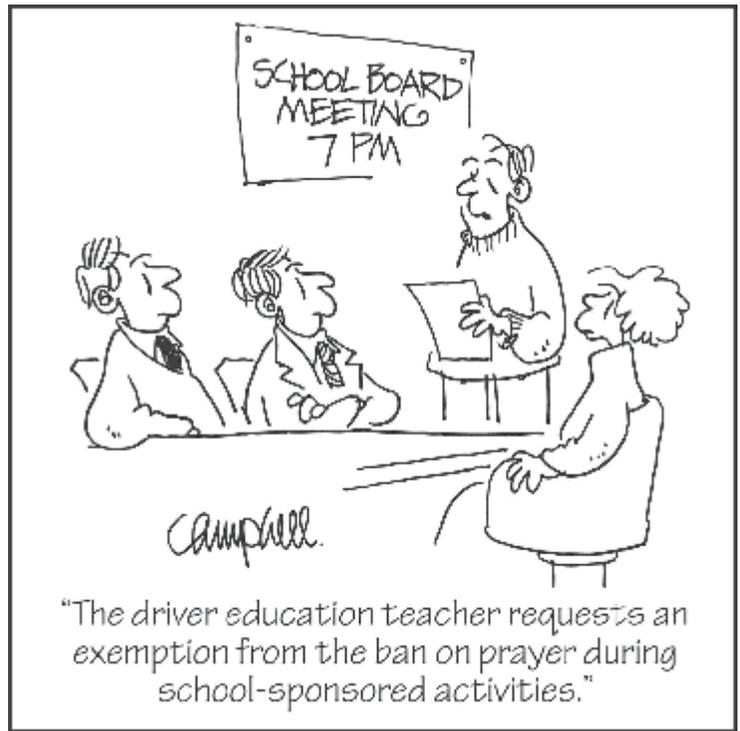
**Service Opportunities:**

- **Forward Paths Sunday is today.** Morrison UMC is proud to support Forward Paths, a ministry that is transforming the lives of homeless youth and young adults. Please consider making a financial donation or serving as a volunteer. Checks may be made payable to Morrison and noted "Forward Paths."
- **Invitation to join our prayer ministry:** Do you pray? Do you pray for others? Would you be willing to have prayer concerns emailed to you several times a week? And if so, would you pause to pray for those concerns? If your answer is yes, please join our email prayer chain. Send an email to [dstauffer@morrisonumc.org](mailto:dstauffer@morrisonumc.org) or call the church office at (352) 787-3786 and request to be added to our prayer ministry email chain.
- **Join our Worship Technology Team.** We are looking for attentive and willing volunteers to assist with computer presentations, live-streaming, audio, etc. in our worship services. **Advanced technology skills are not required for all tasks.** A willingness to serve where needed is a plus. If you are interested, contact Jared Hester, Director of Worship Technology, at 787-3786 or [jhester@morrisonumc.org](mailto:jhester@morrisonumc.org).

**Please sign up on our website to be on our email list.** Go to [morrisonumc.org](http://morrisonumc.org) and click on the link to subscribe to the list. If you would like us to put you on the list, contact Terri Hester at 787-3786 or [thester@morrisonumc.org](mailto:thester@morrisonumc.org).

**You can submit your prayer requests** online by going to [www.morrisonumc.org](http://www.morrisonumc.org) and clicking on the link to submit prayer requests or through the link on our new app. If you prefer, you can call the church office with your prayer concerns.

**Prayer for Christian Worship:** "We exalt you, our God and King; we will praise your name forever." We pray that our worship services and our very lives will give you glory and will "extol your name forever and ever." We honor you and your great works. We celebrate your "abundant goodness" and "gracious compassion." Thank you for being near to "all who call on" you. All glory and honor are yours. Amen. [Loosely based on Psalm 145]



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