

Welcome to Buford First!

Our Mission

The United Methodist Church: Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

Sanctuary Flowers

Thank you to Buford Florist for providing the sanctuary flowers.



The rose bud on the altar is in honor of Charles "Charlie" David Redstrom who was born January 20, 2012.

Congratulations to Charlie's parents Mark and Niki Redstrom and big sister, Sarah Redstrom. Congratulations!

Today's Worship Assistants

8:40 a.m. Announcements ~ 8:45 a.m. Worship

Greeters: Sydney Yancey & TBA
Ushers: Olivia Correa & TBA
Acolytes: Olivia Correa, Crucifer & Sydney Yancey, Light
Sound: Wesley Welch
Children's Church: Heather Hagler
Nursery: Kim Griffin & Susan Crowson

Fellowship & Refreshments

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Join us in the fellowship hall for coffee and light refreshments.

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:55 a.m. Announcements ~ 11:00 a.m. Worship

Greeters: Ashley Nauman & Henry White
Ushers: Mary Elizabeth Countess, Alexis Nauman, Morgan Thomas, and Sarah Farr
Acolytes: Ethan Norton, Crucifer & Elam Rothweiler, Light
Sound: Cooper Yang
Children's Church: TBA
Sunshine Church: TBA
Nursery: Susan Rosenthal, Barbara Money, Kim Griffin, Susan Crowson
Altar Guild: Bob & Linda Hummer

Children and Worship

A nursery is provided for children 2 and under. You can find our nursery by going through the door behind the organ and down one flight of stairs.

8:45 a.m. – Kid's Club- Children 3 years through 5th grade go to Rm. 203 after the Children's Sermon, and may be picked up there after the service.

11:00 a.m. – Sunshine Church – Preschoolers (3 years through Pre-K) meet in Rm. 105 during the service. Children's Worship – Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade go to Rm. 203 after the Children's Sermon, and may be picked up there following the service.

Ministry Team



Working Together for God

James Adair, Custodian
Sylvia Beard, Pianist
Suzanne Clegg, Director of Youth Ministry
Diana Foster, Director of Music and the Arts
Heather Hagler, Director of Children and Family Ministry
Debra Hogg, Music Associate
Sondra R. Jones, Senior Pastor
Cindy LaTouf, Office Manager
Leandre Majerus, Interim Director of Preschool
Hank Morgan, Organist
Susan Rosenthal, Director of Nursery

The Worship of God

January 29, 2012
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Please place your cell phones and pagers on silent mode during today's worship service.

Welcome to the time of worship! We are so honored that your have chosen to worship with us today. "Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation." Psalm 111:1

We Gather in Fellowship...

The Welcome and Registration of Attendance Rev. Sondra Jones
The Announcements and Sharing of Concerns and Celebrations
The Greeting of Your Neighbor

We Gather to Worship...

The Chiming of the Hour Hank Morgan, organ
The Prelude *All Glory Be to God on High* J. G. Walther

We Gather to Praise...

*The Call to Worship 8:45 Josh Page ~ 11:00 Harry Wilkins
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord in the heights!
Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above the earth and heaven.

*The Hymn of Praise #57 *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*The Affirmation of Faith #881 **The Apostles' Creed**

*The Gloria Patri #70 **Glory Be to the Father**

The Children's Sermon "The Beginning of Wisdom" Heather Hagler

We Commune in Prayer...

The Prayer of Confession Rev. Jones
Lord God, from the abundance of your mercy enrich your servants and safeguard us. Strengthened by your blessing, may we always be thankful to you and bless you with unending joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Time of Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Present our Tithes and Offerings...

The Stewardship Moment Lynne Bryan

The Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory *Poeme* Mark Thewes

*The Doxology

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.

*The Prayer of Consecration

We Gather to Learn...

*Reading of the Holy Scripture: Psalm 111

The Special Music *Consecration* John Ness Beck
Diana Foster

The Anthem *A Spiritual Psalm* arr. Benjamin Harlan
Chancel Choir with Dick Atcheson and Gary Lenz, percussion

The Sermon "Praising Jesus" Rev. Jones

We Depart to Serve...

*The Hymn of Discipleship #369 *Blessed Assurance*

*The Benediction

The Postlude *Postlude in G Major* J. Cramer

**If you are able, please stand.*

**Please Do Not Fold.
Thank You!**

***Praise the Lord!
May my worship be
pleasing to God!***

January 29, 2012

**GUEST & MEMBER
REGISTRY**

I attended the 8:45 service _____

I attended the 11:00 service _____

Name _____

Name _____

Children _____

Children _____

Guest of _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

___ First Time Visitor

___ New Resident in Community

___ Wish to Know More About
the Church

___ Desire a Call

___ Wish to Join the Church

___ Attend, but Not a Member

___ Member of this Church



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

If you would like to join Buford First United Methodist Church today, please fill out the membership card located in the church pew or you may call the church office, 770-945-7438.

Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



“...but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God.”

Philippians 4:6

January 29, 2012

Your Name _____

If you would like us to send a note of encouragement, please provide the name and address of the person in need.

____ Yes, please send a note to

Our prayer volunteers and staff will be praying for your request. Confidential prayer requests will be given to the pastor only.

Confidential _____ Yes
_____ No

Request

Sunday School News!

Starting Sunday, February 5, we are launching a new Sunday School class, geared primarily toward young adults, ages 20's-40's. Our College and Career Class will also be merging with the New Spirit Class. Suzanne Best will facilitate the class. The class is discussion oriented with the focus: *Christian Living in Today's World*. The class will include single and married adults. If you are interested in attending the class or have additional questions, please contact Suzanne Best at jsabest@yahoo.com. We want to have enough materials and chairs for everyone who will be in attendance.

Yes I/we plan to attend!

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Events of the Week

January 29 2012 – February 4, 2012

Today

- **Today is 5th Sunday Missions!** Everyone is invited to meet at 10:00a in the fellowship hall to see what missions are offered at BFUMC. There is something for everyone.
- **The Church Board** will meet at 12:30p in the Beacon Rm.
- **Youth Band** meets at 3:30p in the fellowship hall. All 6th - 12th graders are welcome.
- **Youth Choir** starts at 4:30p in Rm. 202.
- **Tone Chimes** start at 4:30p in Rm. 203.
- **Stephen Ministry** meets at 4:30p in the Benson House.
- **All 6th through 12th graders are invited to FLAME** tonight at 5:15p! FLAME stands for Following and Living After the Master's Example. Join us for supper (\$2) and recreation and a lesson. Middle Schoolers are discussing Family Relationships, and the High School students are talking about Faith in Christ. Don't miss it! (We will not have FLAME on Feb. 5th)
- **IMPACT** meets at 5:30p in the sanctuary.

Monday

- **First Friends** meets at 9:15a in Rm. 203.
- **Staff Mtg. at 11:30a.**
- **Strength Training** meets at 5:00p in the fellowship hall.
- **Youth Hand Bells** meet at 6:00p in Rm. 203.
- **Chancel Ringers** meet at 7:00p in Rm. 203.

Tuesday

- **Knitting for Others** meets at 9:30a in the Benson House.
- **Strength Training** meets at 5:00p in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday

- **Preschool Ballet** is at 1:00p in the fellowship hall.
- **Youth will have Club Youth** for 5th through 8th Graders and Small Group for High School students this Wednesday at 6:30p. Middle School students are reading and discussing *The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis and meet at the Adams House at 6:30p. High School students are using The Workbook of Spiritual Gifts by Maxie Dunnam and meet at the church in the youth room at 6:30p.
- **Chancel Choir** is at 7:00p in Rm. 202.

Thursday

- **Girl Scouts** meet at 4:00p in Rm. 104.
- **Strength Training** is at 5:00p in the fellowship hall.
- **Florence Garner Circle** meets at 7:00p in the Benson House.

Friday

- **Youth meet at 5:00p for the Ski Trip to Lake Junaluska.** A packing list is on the youth table in the fellowship hall. This group will return on Sunday, Feb. 5th at 4:00p.

Saturday

- **Sack Kid's Hunger** is from 12:00-2:00p every Saturday. Join us in reaching out to our neighbors!

In the News

- **Plan to give at the next Blood Drive!** The LifeSouth Unit will be here Sunday, Feb. 5th at 8:30a-12:30p. Help save lives!
- **Preschool Registration is in full swing!** If you are a church member or a returning student, you may register now. Registration is open to the public on February 6th. For more information please go to the church website.
- **Camp Glisson Spiritual Life Retreat** for youth is March 16-18, 2012. Sign up with a \$20 deposit. The retreat is \$110 each. Siblings get a \$10 discount each. This is a great retreat for Middle School and High School students. Church groups from all across North Georgia will be with us. See the church website for all the details.

- **Young At Heart volunteers in March!** On Thursday, March 22, meet at the church at 10:30a to go to lunch and then to MedShare in Decatur. MedShare is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the redistribution of surplus medical supplies and equipment to healthcare facilities in developing countries. We will help sort and pack supplies from 1:00-3:30p. Plan to be back at church by 4:30p. Cost is \$4.00 for van gas, and bring money for lunch. Sign up with Debbie Atcheson at 770-965-3729 or richardatcheson@bellsouth.net
- **Confirmation Classes** for students in 6th grade and up will begin on February 12, and conclude on May 20, when the students may join the church. The class will meet at 10:00a on Sunday mornings. There is a sign up sheet on the Youth bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- **BFUMC is forming a team of volunteers** to serve Saturday, March 10 at the UM Children's Home in Decatur. Sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall if you want to help. Adults, youth, and children accompanied by a parent are all welcome! We will need a pressure washer, folks with experience building porches, those willing to help with light yard work, and painting. Plans are to meet at 9:00a and return at 4:00p. Gerry Mattox is the Project Director. Let him know if you can help!
- **Rising 9th through graduates** are going to Epworth By The Sea in May! Dates are Saturday, May 26-May 28. More information soon!
Lost & Found –You might want to look and see if your lost items have been found and placed in the lost & found basket located in the narthex.

Our Record of Faithfulness for 2012

Amount Needed For Mission, Ministry, & Administration (2011 Budget)	
Year to Date amount Received for the 2012 Budget	\$555,352.75
Weekly need to reach 2012 Budget (based on year to date received)	\$38,687.14
Amount given on 01-22-2012	\$10,763.87
Balance in Building Fund	\$6,578.93
Amount given on 01-22-2012	\$464,458.47
	\$812.00

1. The amount needed by the last Sunday in 2012 should be an aggregate total of our financial needs including Conference Apportionments as well as all other needs.
2. The Amount Received should be the aggregate total of funds received for budgetary purposes.
3. The CONSISTENT WEEKLY GIVING GOAL TO REACH THE YEARLY GOAL will change each week depending upon the amount of weeks left as offset by the gifts received.

Attendance: January 22, 2012

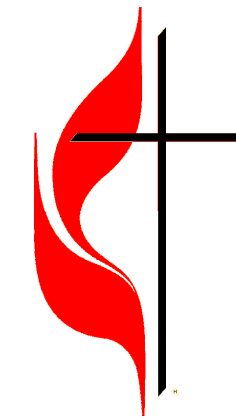
8:45 a.m. Worship Service	53
10:00 a.m. Sunday School	82
11:00 a.m. Worship Service	256
Total in Worship Services	309

Focus on Missions

January Missions Disposable Diaper Collection The United Methodist Children's Home office in Gainesville, GA has a ministry that gives diapers to families that are Hall County residents. All during the month of January we will be collecting disposable diapers. We need all sizes for both boys and girls. A collection box is located in the fellowship hall. We will also take monetary donations to purchase diapers. Checks may be made out to Carol Scott Circle and mark it "diaper drive".

ALSO... Come and see what Missions we support at Buford First on January 29 during the Sunday School hour (10:00 am). See the bulletin insert for more information.

Looking Ahead to February – Sunday, February 5th is Super Bowl Sunday! It's also "Souper Bowl" Sunday. Youth all over the U.S. will collect an offering to feed the hungry. Our offering will go the Women's Community Kitchen in Atlanta which feeds homeless women and children lunch five days a week. We ask that each person in worship give \$1.00 toward this cause. Last year youth groups in the U.S. raised over 10,000,000.00! Please plan to give.



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Welcome to Our Church



The Power of Praise