



Buford First United Methodist Church

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Our Mission

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

At Buford First UMC, we envision a growing community with open doors, open hearts, and open minds that loves God and others. Using the teaching of Jesus, we strive to nurture one another through worship, service, prayer, forgiveness, and loving compassion.

Sunday Morning Worship Services & Sunday School

Please join us this Sunday for one of our traditional worship services:

8:40 am – Traditional Worship Service – Nursery Provided

10:00 am – Sunday School for all ages – Nursery Provided

10:55 am – Traditional Worship Service – Nursery Provided

Nursery. The Children's Nursery at Buford First UMC is a loving and safe place where children 0-35 months can play and learn about Jesus. We have separate play areas for infants and toddlers and dedicated workers who truly care for our youngest members. Our goal is to "teach children what faith feels like through being nurtured by trusted examples of faithful living".

Sunday Evenings

Youth Band. Our Youth Band practices on Sunday evenings at 3:30 pm. As youth practice the music that they will play during special worship services they also enjoy a time of fellowship.

Tone Chimes is for children in 3rd through 5th grades. Rehearsals for the Tone Chimes are Sunday afternoons (during the school year), 4:45-5:30 pm. For more information, contact Gary Lenz (Tone Chimes Director).

Youth Choir. Rehearsals for the Youth Choir are Sunday afternoons (during the school year), 4:30-5:15 pm. New youth members are always welcome, so join us anytime or contact Diana Foster (Youth Choir Director) or Debra Hogg (Youth Choir Accompanist) for more information.

Stephen Ministry Training meets at 4:30 pm

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" Galatians 6:2

Stephen Ministry is a confidential, one-to-one, pastoral care ministry for people going through a crisis. We provide a trained layperson to walk beside you through grief, separation and divorce, job transition, childbirth, family issues, empty nest, retirement, and any number of challenges life throws at you. These trained laypersons are members of Buford First UMC and will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.

Youth - All students meet on Sunday evenings from 5:15 to 7:00 pm for a night filled with fun and friends. F.L.A.M.E (Following and Living After the Masters Example) starts at 5:15, the students have a light supper in the fellowship hall at a cost of \$2 per person. The rest of the evening is spent on games and a discussion session.

The IMPACT Children's Choir is made up of three groups:

Angelus Choir: 3-4 year olds - Cherub Choir: K-1st graders - Junior Choir: 2nd-5th graders

Monday

First Friends – First Friends is a play group for young mothers and their children ages 0-24 months. They meet every Monday at 9:15 am for fellowship, play, and a light snack.

Youth Handbells - Rehearsals for the Youth Handbells are Monday evenings (during the school year), 6:00-6:45 pm. For more information, contact Louise Nauman or Wesley Welch (Youth Handbells Directors).

Adult Handbells - Rehearsals for the Chancel Ringers are Monday evenings (Labor Day to Memorial Day), 7:00-8:00 pm. For more information, contact Diana Foster (Chancel Ringers Director).

Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday Evenings (during the school year) – Club Youth!

During the school year, middle school students (6th-8th grades) meet on Wednesday nights for Club Youth from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Adam's House. The Adam's House is located at the entrance to the 51 acre property owned by Buford First (4340 Old Hamilton Mill Rd., Buford, GA 30518). During the summer, this schedule often changes so be sure to call 770-945-7438 for more information.

Wednesday Evenings (during the school year) – High School Small Groups

During the school year, High School students (9th-12th grades) meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 pm for High School Small Groups. The students read scripture, discuss it, and share prayer requests. At 7:30 pm, all students head to the DQ (2295 Buford Hwy, Buford) just down the road from church for some cool treats! During the summer, this schedule often changes so be sure to call 770-945-7438 for more information.

Adult Choir - Rehearsals for the Chancel Chour are Wednesday evenings (year round), 7:00-8:30 pm. New members are always welcome, so please join us if you're interested! For more information, please contact Diana Foster (Chancel Choir Director) or Hank Morgan (Chancel Choir Accompanist).

A few of our other Ministries and Missions include:

Buford First UMC Preschool Available Classes & Fees

The Preschool's hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

- Two's — 2 days (M/W) — \$135/mo
- Two's — 2 days (Tu/Th) — \$135/mo
- Three's — 2 days (Tu/Th) — \$135/mo
- Three's — 3 days (Tu/W/Th) — \$165/mo
- Three's — 4 days (M-Th) — \$180/mo
- Pre-K (Certified Pre-K teacher) — 4 days (M-Th) — \$180/mo
- Pre-K (Certified Pre-K teacher) — 5 days (M-F) — \$200/mo
- Extended Day for Three's & Four's (1:15pm – 2:30pm) — (Tu/W/Th) — \$12/day

Available after-school activities include *Creative Movement and Dance* and *Playball*. For more information, contact Preschool Director, Leandre Majerus

Sack Kids Hunger - Sack Kids Hunger started in November 2010 in response to the needs of children who receive breakfast and lunch during the school week, but have limited resources on weekends. Every Saturday from noon to 2:00 pm, volunteers gather at the front steps of Buford First United Methodist Church to hand out sack lunches to children in our community. For more information on the Sack Kids Hunger program, go to the [Sack Kids Hunger](#) page or contact Sack Kids Hunger at sackkidshunger@att.net.

United Methodist Women - The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. – *Article 3 of the UMW Constitution*
The BFUMC United Methodist Women have three women "circle" groups that are always open to membership to women of BFUMC.

Each group of women has their own unique ministry and fellowship to offer. For more information, please stop by one of our circle meetings, contact one of our circle leaders or members, or contact the church office at 770-945-7438. We can't wait to hear from you soon!

- **Effie Wood Circle** meets at 7:00 pm the 1st Tuesday of each month.
- **Florence Garner Circle** meets at 7:00p the 1st Thursday of each month.
- **Carol Scott Circle** meets at 9:30 am the 3rd Friday of each month (nursery provided)

Buford United Methodist Men (BUMM) - Being a "BUMM" means many things:

- BUMM serves as a service and fellowship organization within the framework of the United Methodist Church. In addition to supporting the mission of the church, BUMM seeks to provide physical assistance and financial support to a variety of mission and ministry related activities.
- BUMM works to provide service to those in need – both in the Buford area and beyond.
- BUMM seeks to provide opportunities for support, fellowship, and practical applications of faith in career and family situations.

We also have a monthly breakfast (usually the second Sunday each month, 8:00 am, at the Golden Corral at 4020 Buford Drive in Buford, just off I-985) or dinner meeting, usually with a guest speaker. Come join us!

If you would like more information about all the Missions and Ministries at Buford First UMC, please visit our website: www.bufordfirstumc.org or better yet, join us for worship and become part of our growing church family.

