

**FINANCIAL REPORT – As of August 7, 2017**

**Offerings & Needs (Budget for 2017)**

Needed For Mission, Ministry, & Administration.....	\$762,815.90
Received for Mission, Ministry, & Administration toward Yearly Goal.....	\$395,485.70
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal.....	\$18,832.65
Amount given on 08-06-2017 .....	\$18,994.48

**Building Fund**

Balance in Building fund.....	\$624,270.14
Amount given on 08-06-2017 .....	\$8,087.00

1. The amount needed by the last Sunday in 2017 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 Need to reach the Yearly Goal will change each week depending upon the amount of weeks left as offset by the gifts received.

**CHURCH STAFF**

<b>James Adair</b>	<b>Custodian</b>
<b>Sylvia Beard</b>	<b>Pianist</b>
<b>Jim Buckman</b>	<b>Senior Pastor</b>
<b>Sandra Casper</b>	<b>Financial Secretary</b>
<b>Suzanne Clegg</b>	<b>Director of Adult Ministry</b>
<b>Tyler Garden</b>	<b>Worship Leader &amp; Media Communications Director</b>
<b>Cindy LaTouf</b>	<b>Office Manager</b>
<b>Leandre Majerus</b>	<b>Director of Preschool Ministry</b>
<b>Hank Morgan</b>	<b>Organist</b>
<b>Mark Ridings</b>	<b>Director of Music and the Arts</b>
<b>Susan Rosenthal</b>	<b>Director of Children &amp; Family Ministry</b>
<b>Bradley Trammell</b>	<b>Accompanist for Children and Youth</b>

**September Missions**

**GREAT DAY SERVICE** is Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Sign up to help us serve our community. We meet at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and prayer, then work until around 3:00 p.m. See the form on the back of your September Calendar to sign up! **Deadline to register is September 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sack Kids Hunger** needs creamy peanut butter this month! Drop donations in the box in the Narthex or CLC Lobby. We make around 120 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches every Saturday. Also- help is needed from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. every Saturday! Use Sign Up Genius to sign up! [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) and enter this email address: [jsabest@yahoo.com](mailto:jsabest@yahoo.com)

**The United Methodist Children's Home** serves "the least of these." UMCH helps families and children who don't have access to other help. The people they serve (abused children, troubled teens, and struggling families) are often overlooked and underestimated until they come to the Children's Home. Your support will benefit families who have nowhere else to turn. **On September 17<sup>th</sup>, please plan to give to the Work Day Offering.**



**The Connection**

**To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World**



*To shine the light of Jesus so that children, youth, and adults grow in the knowledge and love of God through missions, evangelism, worship, nurture, and Christian education.*

The Weeks of September 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017

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**September 10, 2017**

**Senior Adult Recognition Sunday!**



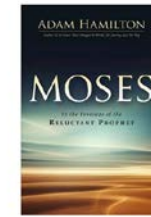
*Wisdom is with the aged, and understanding in length of days*  
Job 12:12

**Covered Dish Luncheon  
12 noon  
Fellowship Hall**

**Everyone** is invited to come and celebrate Buford First's most distinguished members.

**Bring a dish to share and plan to stay and eat!!**

**We will be honoring these members with a short presentation. The luncheon will end by 1:00 p.m.**



Pastor's Study  
**MOSES** by Adam Hamilton  
6 weeks of class that will begin the week of September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.  
Student Book is \$15.00

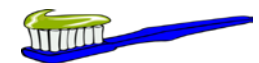
It doesn't get much more dramatic: rescued baby, life in the courts of Pharaoh, parting the Red Sea, leading his people out of Egypt...Moses' life was one challenge after another, but although he resisted God's calling, by the end of his life he successfully fulfilled the role he was given. Come learn about this reluctant prophet, and how God used him in mighty ways.

Sign up to join a class by August 20<sup>th</sup>. Please email Suzanne Clegg at [adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org), or call her in the office at 770-945-7438.

Your \$15.00 payment is due at the first class. Make checks to BFUMC.

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**Connection Group Project**



Our Connection Group is helping the Gateway House in Gainesville provide some of the women there toiletries and bedding. The 10 churches in our group are all collecting items to be organized into 100 toiletry kits and 50 bedding kits. Our assignment is to collect the following:

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 65 12oz Shampoos     | 50 12 oz Body Wash    |
| 65 12oz Conditioners | 65 plastic shoe boxes |

Please drop off donations in the boxes located in the Narthex and CLC Lobby. We have until October 31<sup>st</sup> to collect these items. We will pack the kits together on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Plan now to come and help!

**Return Service Requested**

**Buford First United Methodist Church**  
285 East Main Street, P.O. Box 329  
Buford, Georgia 30515-0329  
770-945-7438 ~ [www.bufordfirstumc.org](http://www.bufordfirstumc.org)  
Preschool 770-945-4161

**Non-Profit Org.**  
**U.S. Postage**  
**PAID**  
**Buford, GA**  
**Permit No. 26**



# A Word From The Pastor

## “Changes”

*I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*

*Philippians 4: 12-13 New International Version*

Changes can be difficult. That's an understatement, isn't it? We have all experienced changes in our lives. We have even gone through some changes at the church ourselves; with getting accustomed to the new space, beginning a new worship service, and having staff changes. Change is tough because we lose a sense of control and we do not know what to expect. So, how do you deal with change?

For me, I go walking. It's my way of unplugging from the world, have some music on and slip my brain in neutral for about an hour just to be still and let God speak to me. And one of the side effects of Caleb having two hour football practices is that it allows me to walk while he's getting yelled at by the coaches (you have to love youth football). While I was walking one evening I heard an interview with Bono, singer for the group U2 which has always been one of my favorite rock bands. He was speaking about their song, "Rejoice", and said this:

"There is a line in the song that we used to believe that says, 'I can't change the world, but I can change the world in me.' However now we believe that while I can perhaps change the world, I can't change the world in me. How deep is that?"

I spent rest of my time walking thinking what he said and there is a lot of truth in his words. Bono, who is a Christian, has discovered what many of us have. While we can try to control and change many of the things around us, there comes a time when we realize we cannot change us by ourselves. That's when we turn to our Lord and Savior and say I need your help. That's when we realize that there are some things we can do, but there are some things only God can do. That's why one of my favorite sayings is, "There's God's part and there is our part".

I am still learning how to handle change, because some of that change I may not like. But I have become confident that no matter what changes occur, whether in the church or in our life, I can be content because we have a God who loves us and promises to be with us giving us the strength we need. I hope you have found that contentment also. If you have not found it yet, keep turning to, and relying, on our God. You will.

In His Grace  
Pastor Jim



*Thank you for your donations given to the Glory of God and in memory and in honor of friends and family.*

\*A donation has been given in memory of Dorothy Cheeley Willis by Donnie & Linda McQuaig, Pat Stanley, Rick & Marsha Huckaby, Jim & Meredith Holt, Bobby & Estelle Dobbs, Harla Samples, Terry Ellis, Eugene & Kathleen Walls, Dwane & Mary Duncan, Leanna Brown, Neil Pierce and Bill & Sylvia Noonan, and Mary Alice Beard & Cindy LaTouf.

\*A donation has been given in memory of Bob Hummer by Linda Hummer, Brenda Billiter, Bobby & Estelle Dobbs, Mary Van Strasser, Donnie & Linda McQuaig, Chuck & Carol Cook, Leanna Brown, Ray & DeeAnna Page, Jean Hudson, Rick and Marsha Huckaby, Gerry & Janet Mattox, Jim & Meredith Holt, Effie Wood Circle, Milton & Mary Carlton, and Ann Reichert.

\*A donation has been given in memory of Bob Preston by Jean Hudson.

\*A donation has been given in memory of John Garrard by Bobby & Estelle Dobbs.

\*A donation has been given in honor of George & Joan Moore by Bobby & Estelle Dobbs.

\*A donation has been given in honor of DeeAnna Page by Rick & Marsha Huckaby.

Dear Church Friends

I am so very thankful for all your prayers for Bob and myself through the many years that he struggled with Alzheimer's disease. Your hugs, cards, phone calls and visits with Bob have been most encouraging, and I will always be grateful for the love you have shown to both of us and our family.

May God bless all of you,  
Linda Hummer

Dear BFUMC,

My family and I want to thank the minister, staff, and congregation for the outpouring of love and support shown to us after my Dad's passing. We are also so appreciative of the Beacon Sunday school class for providing the food for the reception after Dad's service. In addition, I would also like to thank everyone for the love you extended to both of my parents, Bob and Norma Preston, when they moved from Florida to Sugar Hill in 2009. That was a difficult move for them after living in Florida for 42 years, but they wanted to be near family. BFUMC made them feel welcome from day one, and extended that love through worship, music, meals, visitations and the extension of radical generosity that this congregation is known for. From the bottom of our hearts, we love and appreciate all of you.

Leanna Brown and Family

**Effie Wood Circle** meets on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM in room 108, Fellowship Hall.

**Florence Garner Circle** meets on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM in room 108, Fellowship Hall.

**Carol Scott Circle** meets on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in room 108, Fellowship Hall.

**UMM** meets for breakfast on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM in room 108, Fellowship Hall.

### BFUMC Charge Conference

Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

at 7:00 p.m. @ Sugar Hill UMC

We encourage everyone to join us for a time of worship and celebration as we share our mission and ministry with the other churches in our Connection Group.

Music Ministry

Rise Worship Ministry  
Isaiah 60:1

Youth Ministry

Children & Family  
Ministry

“Everyone who sings,  
prays twice.”

St. Augustine,

354-430, A.D.

*Adapted to get your attention.....join a choir today!*

We in the Rise service invite everyone to like BFUMC's Facebook page (facebook.com/bufordfirstumc), where you will be able to see all that we are doing in the church! We are always uploading videos and pictures, and posting about all the exciting things going on here! One easy way you can be involved and help the church is to like and share those posts so we can reach more of our community. The more we get our name out there, the more effective our ministries will be. You can also help us in the same way by following our church on Twitter (twitter.com/buford1stumc).



Also, if you have not checked out the Rise service, we invite you to join us for worship at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday!

### Youth News!

The youth are in full swing with Sunday Night WAKE and Wednesday Night Bible Studies. All 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for these

opportunities to enjoy fellowship and grow in their faith.

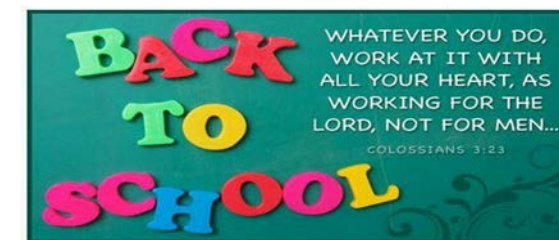


Wednesday Nights, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Open Gym 8:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday Nights 5:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Open Gym 7:00-8:00 p.m.



Mark your Calendars!!

Sunday School Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

RISE Service 9:45 a.m.

Children's Church and Sunshine Church at 11:00 a.m.

September 10<sup>th</sup> - G.L.O.W. Kickoff

October 28<sup>th</sup> - Fall Festival



Welcome Back!  
September Preschool Happenings

5<sup>th</sup>: First Day of School

7<sup>th</sup>: Chapel with Ms. Susan in the Sanctuary

10<sup>th</sup>: Teachers Commissioned at 11 AM Service

11<sup>th</sup>: Morning Carpool Begins

14<sup>th</sup>: Wear Red To School

18<sup>th</sup>: Grandparent Day Breakfast 9 AM FH

19<sup>th</sup>: First Fire Drill

25<sup>th</sup>: Fundraiser Goes Home

27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>: Early Release at Noon

### Women's Retreat to Twin Rivers November 3-5

Put it on your calendar now and turn in a \$55.00 deposit to save your spot. This is a great time of building friendships and faith. We will have two sessions led by Heather White on "Finding Joy in Life's Seasons". Registration forms are in the narthex, and on our website. The cost will vary depending on your preferences. See the registration form for the information.



### Upcoming Activities

Athens, Georgia Historic Homes' Tour on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Reservations are due by Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$20. Load the vans at 9:30 A.M. and return around 3:00 P.M.

Fiddler on the Roof play production at Cumming Playhouse theatre on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Reservations are due by Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$30 + \$1.00 for gas in van.

All reservations due to Debbie Atcheson at [djatcheson@gmail.com](mailto:djatcheson@gmail.com) or 770-965-3729. The YAH flyer is available in the Narthex and the CLC lobby for more details.

### Celebrate Freedom Concert 2017 Saturday Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>



Hear great Christian bands all day! Admission is free! (Sponsored by 104.7 The FISH) Go to their webpage at [www.celebratefreedom.com/cfat/](http://www.celebratefreedom.com/cfat/) Meet at BFUMC at 11:00 AM and return at 10:00 PM. Bring \$ for your meals--there are no coolers allowed in the park (but we can keep coolers on the van if you want to pack a lunch). Bring a chair or a blanket to sit on. Please sign up with Lenna Applebee at [chuckandlenna@yahoo.com](mailto:chuckandlenna@yahoo.com) by Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>!



### Kroger Community Rewards Program

We have earned over \$500 for the Sack Kids Hunger ministry through this opportunity. If you have not enrolled, please do so now. If you have already been enrolled, you must re-enroll each August to continue earning rewards for our church. Go to this website-- [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) to register or to update.