

Buford First United Methodist Church, Church Board Covenant

By God's Grace, we seek to let our mission and vision direct us in all our decision-making.

Mission of Buford First United Methodist: *To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

God's Vision for Buford First United Methodist: *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.*

By God's Grace, we seek to offer to God, Buford First UMC and the community a united front agreed upon in private, honest discussions where we:

1. Listen to one another and understand one another's perspectives.
2. Speak "our truth" in love.
3. Disagree agreeably, finding opportunities for win-win.
4. Keep staffing discussions confidential.
5. Have each other's heart (vision) and back.
6. Support the decision of the Church Board.

By God's Grace, we seek to be committed to the team by making our meetings a priority. We will attend unless we are sick, out of town or an unexpected pressing issue suddenly arises. We will communicate our expected absence to Pastor Jim or the Chairperson. If the team doesn't hear from one another, we will appoint a representative to contact.

By God's Grace, we will be prepared for our meetings. We will review the meeting packet prior to the meeting. While present, we will devote our whole attention to the Holy Spirit and one another. We will approach matters of disagreement with transparency and maintain our missional focus as a Church Board.

By God's Grace, we will strive to be role models for the congregation. We will model mature discipleship by being present in worship, have an active prayer life, be involved in a faith development group, and seek to share our faith with others.

By God's Grace, we will encourage and support our pastor and fellow board members. We will hold one another in prayer while we hold each other accountable.

If we are no longer able or willing to serve on the committee, we will contact the Chairperson and/or Pastor Jim, and meet with the team to "finish well" with the blessing of the team.