

**August 13, 2023**

**GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY**

I attended the 9:00am service \_\_\_\_\_

I attended the 11:00am service \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Guest of \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ First Time Visitor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend, but Not a Member
- \_\_\_\_\_ New Resident in Community
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wish to Know More About the Church
- \_\_\_\_\_ Desire a Call
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am a Member of this Church

**\*\*If you have any changes**, please provide us with your current address, phone, and email addresses for your family.

**For Guest Information or Changes**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to join BFUMC, please fill out the membership card located in the church pew or you may call the church office **770-945-7438**.

**Office Hours:**

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
The Church Office is Closed on Friday

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**Events of the Week**

**Sunday, August 13**

9:00a           Worship-Sanctuary  
**9:00a-2:00p**   **Blood Drive**  
10:00a           Sunday School  
11:00a           Worship-Sanctuary & Online  
**12:15p**           **Church Board Mtg.-Rm. 312**  
5:00-6:00p       The Gathering-Rm. 110  
5:00-6:30p       GLOW-Rm. 201, 307, 110  
5:30-7:00p       ESOL-Rm. 303 & 304  
6:00p            Sunday Night Youth-Rm. 109

**Monday, August 14**

No Staff Mtg. Today  
5:00p            Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1  
5:00-7:00p       AA Mtg.-Rm. 304  
5:00-7:30p       Pickleball-Rm. 110  
7:00p            Chancel Ringers-Rm. G1

**Tuesday, August 15**

2:00-4:00p & 7:00-9:00p   Grief Share-Rm. 311  
5:00p            Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1  
5:00-7:30p       Pickleball-Rm. 110  
6:00p            Youth Bible Study-Rm. 109  
6:00p            YAH Dinner and Planning Mtg.-Rm. 108  
7:00p            Young Adult Bible Study-Offsite

**Wednesday, August 16** *Preschool Teacher Training Offsite*

10:00a           Knitting for Others-Rm. 202  
11:00a-4:00p     Thrift Shop Volunteers  
5:00-7:00p       AA Mtg.-Rm. 304  
7:00p            Chancel Choir-Sanctuary  
7:00-9:00p       S-Anon-Rm. 309

**Thursday, August 17**

10:30a-12:00p & 6:00-7:30p   Invitation to John-Rm. 312  
12:00p           September Calendar Info is Due  
5:00p            Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1  
5:00-7:00p       Pack 1534 on the lawn of the CLC  
5:00-7:30p       Pickleball-Rm. 110

**Friday, August 18**

8:00a-4:00p     CCS-Rm. 107-108, 110, 306, 308, 313  
10:00a           Carol Scott Circle-Rm. 201

**Saturday, August 19**

9:00-11:30a     Al-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 311  
10:30a-2:00p    Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & Parking Lot  
1:00-4:00p       Pack 542-Rm. 108 & CLC Lawn



**BUFORD FIRST**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD



**S.H.I.N.E.**

SERVE – HOST – INSPIRE – NURTURE – EDUCATE

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.

*Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16

**August 13, 2023**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**“The Book Bag”**

## BFUMC Kids



### 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Children's Moment

Children Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join Ms. Susan for the Children's Moment and then depart to room 201 for Children's Church. We will do a Bible story, craft, and games. Parents may pick up their children in room 201 in the Christian Life Center at the end of each worship service.

**On Communion Sunday:** Children will return to the Sanctuary and be seated with their parents where they will receive Communion and remain for the rest of the worship service.

### G.L.O.W. God Lights Our World - G.L.O.W. Schedule for August - September

August 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> - G.L.O.W. 5:00-6:30 p.m.

*No G.L.O.W. on September 3<sup>rd</sup>*

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> - G.L.O.W. 5:30-7:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Susan Rosenthal, [children.director@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:children.director@bufordfirstumc.org)



### Preschool News:



For more information, contact Leandre Majerus, [preschool@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:preschool@bufordfirstumc.org)

## Student Ministry



Stay in the loop about youth events and happenings!

Join our Student Ministry

Remind Group to stay up to date!

**Text @bfumcsm to 81010 for weekly updates and reminders!**

## JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY & SUNDAY NIGHT!

Tuesday Night Bible Study  
from 6:00p till 7:00p

Sunday Night Worship @5:00p

Sunday Night Youth  
from 6:00p till 7:00p

For more information, contact Joshua Page, [Joshua@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:Joshua@bufordfirstumc.org)

## Attendance and Giving August 6, 2023

Total in Worship Services	296
Average Worship Attendance	297

*How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.*  
Psalm 36:7

### Offerings & Needs (Budget for 2023)

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration	\$814,886.00
Year to Date Received for 2023 Budget	\$413,599.79
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$19,108.87
Amount given on 08-06-2023	\$13,012.08

### Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,528,215.56
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$316,778.12
Amount given on 08-06-2023	\$2,122.00

- The amount needed by the last Sunday in 2023 should be an aggregate total of our financial needs including Conference Apportionments as well as all other needs.
- The Amount Received should be the aggregate total of funds received for budgetary purposes.
- The Consistent Weekly Need to reach the Yearly Goal will change each week depending upon the number of weeks left as offset by the gifts received.

### Contribution Options

- You may place your check in the offering plate or mail it to our Post Office Box 329, Buford, GA 30515.
- You may set up online bill pay through your bank.
- Give through our online giving on our website. We accept Electronic Fund Transfers from checking accounts, as well as debit and credit cards. (Please note that you will get full credit, but the church will not receive your full donation as the church is charged a fee for this transaction.)
- Give By Text. You simply text the amount you wish to give to 770-628-0752. (Please note that you will get full credit, but the church will not receive your full donation as the church is charged a fee for this transaction.)
- BFUMC Charitable Fund. It allows you to increase your giving and tax deduction by donating stocks, bonds, and mutual funds directly to the church. Another opportunity to give and reduce taxable income is for anyone over the age of 72, who is required to take annual minimum distributions out of their IRA, may designate all or part of that amount to our church.

## Prayer Requests

*"...but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God."*

Philippians 4:6

## August 13, 2023

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

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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

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## Worship Preview

August 20<sup>th</sup> *Celebration Sunday* Broken: “**Inseparable**” Romans 8:26-39  
August 27<sup>th</sup> Broken: “**You Mean Everyone**” Romans 10:5-15

Stephen Ministers for this week: If you would like someone to pray with you over the phone, discuss concerns in your life, or just learn more about the Stephen Ministry please contact Deena Rindfus (404-375-6248) or Pat Stanley (404-406-9216).



*The Sanctuary flowers are given by Mike and Susan Rosenthal to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 19<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, August 14<sup>th</sup>.*



Join us this evening for The Gathering worship service at 5:00pm. Today Brendan R. Smith will bring the message. “God Commands Rest” Matthew 11:28-30

### 9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Lara Franklin  
Acolytes/Ushers: Cindy & Kenny Karr  
Ushers: Celina Countess  
Greeters: Amy & David Reed  
Sound: Nora Lirette  
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

### 11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Sarah Van Pelt  
Acolytes/Ushers: Chris Simonson, Brad Thomas  
Ushers: Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards  
Greeters: Butch Ballin, Amy Simonson  
Sound: Dave Reynolds  
Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt  
Camera: Kevin Walch  
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

## Ministry Staff

James Adair	Custodian	Leandre Majerus	Director of Preschool
Sylvia Beard	Pianist	Hank Morgan	Organist
Rev. Jim Buckman	Senior Pastor	DeeAnna Page	Financial Secretary
Suzanne Clegg	Director of Missions	Joshua Page	Director of Student Ministry
Cindy LaTouf	Office Manager	Susan Rosenthal	Director of Children & Family Ministry
Gary Lenz	Director of Music and the Arts	Brendan Rossell Smith	Director of Online Worship
		Sydney Yancey	Director of Adult Ministry

## Adult Ministry

**Bible Study Coming in the Fall:** Starting in August we will be going through the “**Invitation to John**” Bible study made by the same creators of the Disciple Bible Study curriculum.

- This Bible study will be facilitated by Brendan Smith and will have 11 sessions.
- When: Thursdays starting August 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be offering two sessions on Thursdays so that you can pick which time works best for you: 10:30 AM- 12:00 PM and 6:00 - 7:30 PM.
- Where: Room 312 on the third floor of the CLC
- How much: Each participant book is \$15.00

If you would like to sign up for either session of this Bible study, contact Sydney Yancey.

**Circle Spotlight- Carol Scott:** Are you looking to join a small group? Please come and enjoy fellowship with us on the 3rd Friday of each month at 10:00 AM. Suzanne Clegg is leading us this year. During the meetings we enjoy catching up with each other, having brunch, learning from a program, and working on mission projects in our community and abroad. We also support and pray for each other and others and have a card ministry. Please come and join us Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Whether you have just joined the church or have been a member for years, we would love for you to join us.

**For more information, contact Sydney Yancey, [adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org)**

## Missions

**Blood Drive:** The LifeSouth Bus is on Hill St. today from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We hope the extended time will enable more to give! Please plan to stop by the bus and donate. The blood supply always dwindles in the summer months, so donations are especially helpful!

**New Ministry! - Mats for Homeless:** Are you interested in helping start a brand-new mission for our church? We hope to start a ministry of crocheting plastic grocery sacks into thick mats for the homeless. The North Gwinnett Co-Op will distribute these as they encounter folks sleeping on the street. Start saving those plastic grocery sacks! Place them in the bin in the CLC Lobby. Our training session will be Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please email Suzanne Clegg if you plan to attend, or if this is a project you’d like to help us organize.

**FREE English Class:** Please consider supporting our ESL class! We had 16 students register last week! This is the largest group we’ve ever had register. See Suzanne to find out how you can help with this important ministry. You don’t have to commit to every week. The classes are Sundays from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**Sack Kids Hunger** needs creamy peanut butter and grape jam. A bin for donations is in the CLC!

**HOME Project:** We will have a **H**ands **O**n **M**ission **E**xperience Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Help us paint a small apartment for the Gateway Shelter in Gainesville. See Suzanne to sign up.

**For more information, contact Suzanne Clegg, [mission@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:mission@bufordfirstumc.org)**

# The Worship of God

August 13, 2023

9:00 & 11:00 am

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost | Liturgical Color: Green

Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex.  
If you have trouble hearing the sound, please alert an usher for help.

**Please place your electronic devices on silent mode and refrain from flash photography during worship.**

† Stand as you are able.

## GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

(9:00) Joshua Page  
(11:00) Susan Rosenthal

## PRAISING

Chiming of the Hour

Hank Morgan, Organist

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.** Gary Lenz, Leader

Prelude

“Join We All With One Accord” (arr. Károly Köpe)

Organist

†Call to Worship (p. 748)

**Psalm 16:5-8**

(9:00) Lara Franklin  
(11:00) Sarah Van Pelt

†Hymn of Praise UMH No. 529

“How Firm a Foundation” (v. 1-3, 5)

FOUNDATION

†Affirmation of Faith No. 881

“The Apostles’ Creed”

Leader

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

†Gloria Patri No. 70

“Glory Be to the Father”

MEINEKE

**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.**

Children’s Moment

Susan Rosenthal

## PRAYING

Time of Silent Prayer · Pastoral Prayer · The Lord’s Prayer

Sydney Yancey

**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.**

## GIVING

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

“Promised Land” (arr. Don Phillips)

Organist

†Doxology No. 95

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

**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.**

†Prayer of Consecration

## LEARNING

Message in Song

“Welcome to God’s Love!” (by Mark A. Miller)

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Susan Rosenthal

“The Book Bag”

Scripture – John 14:2-3

## SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship UMH No. 701

“When We All Get to Heaven” (all)

HEAVEN

†Benediction

(9:00) Joshua Page  
(11:00) Susan Rosenthal

†Postlude

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” (by Adam Geibel, arr. Harold DeCou)

Organist