

**August 18, 2024**

**GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY**

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

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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 are new or your contact information has changed, please let us know:**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

*If you would like to join BFUMC, please fill out the membership card located in the church pew, or call or email the church office.*

**Church Office**

770-945-7438 ~ office@bufordfirstumc.org

Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 5:00pm

(Closed on Friday)

**Preschool Office**

770-945-4161 ~ preschool@bufordfirstumc.org

**Mailing Address**

PO Box 329, Buford, GA 30515-0329

**Online**

bufordfirstumc.org

facebook.com/bufordfirstumc

instagram.com/bufordfirstumc

x.com/bufordfirstumc

youtube.com/@bufordfirstunitedmethodist8610

**Events of the Week**

**Sunday, August 18**

- 8:00am BUMM Fellowship Breakfast (107, 108)
- 9:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:00am Combined Adult Sunday School (108)
- 10:00am Sunday School (109, 201)
- 11:00am Korean Worship (306)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary & Online
- 5:30pm ESOL **Inglés Tí:ng Anh** (303, 304)
- 5:30pm Sunday Walking Group

**Monday, August 19**

- 11:30am Staff Meeting (G3)
- 5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
- 5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304)
- 7:00pm Chancel Ringers (G1 stage)
- 7:00pm Scouting Pack 1534 (108, 110)

**Tuesday, August 20**

- 9:00am Staff CPR Training
- 2:00pm Grief Share (311)
- 5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)

**Wednesday, August 21**

**NO OPEN GYM**

- 10:00am Knitting for Others (202)
- 10:30am Thrift Shop Volunteers (offsite)
- 5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304)
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:30pm S-Anon (309)

**Thursday, August 22**

- 5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
- 7:00pm Scouting Pack 542 (108)

**Friday, August 23**

- 8:00am-4:00pm CC Home School (CLC)

**Saturday, August 24**

- 8:00am Girl Scout Troop 17629 (107, 108)
- 9:00am Strategic Planning (312)
- 10:30am-2:00pm Sack Kids Hunger (107 & Parking Lot)

**Looking Ahead:**

- **CELEBRATION SUNDAY** – August 25
- Celebration Potluck – August 25, 12:15pm (108)
- ESOL (**Inglés Tí:ng Anh**) – August 25, 5:30pm (303, 304)
- Women's Small Group Dinner – August 25, 6:00pm (offsite)

**Online Calendar**

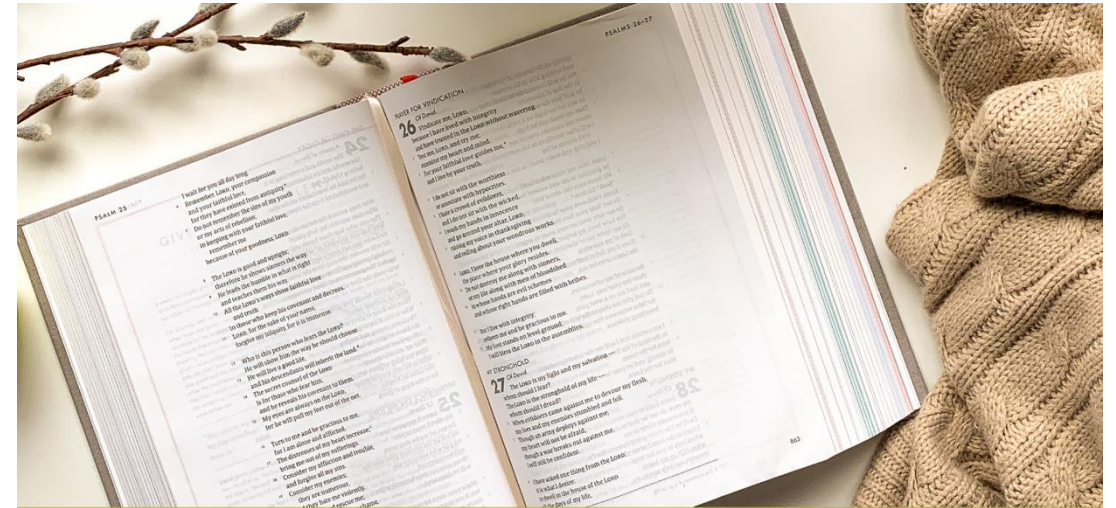
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**BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

PO BOX 329, BUFORD, GA 30515-0329

**MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD**



**I Love This Book: Ephesians**

**WORSHIP PASSIONATELY - SERVE AUTHENTICALLY - DEMONSTRATE UNWAVERING HOSPITALITY**

*Our mission is to empower all people to experience the transformative love of Jesus Christ through service, tradition, and education.*

*Our vision is to serve as a diverse community of faithful people who worship passionately, serve authentically, and demonstrate unwavering hospitality.*

**August 18, 2024**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**I Love This Book: "Equipped to Play"**

## BFUMC Kids



9:00 and 11:00am 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.

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



### Preschool News:

We started off this week with a Welcome Back Orientation Meeting. We are so excited to be back. This week we have CPR Training, and the teachers will be working to get their classrooms all ready.

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

## Student Ministry



### El Salvador Mission Trip Summer 2025

We will be taking a team to El Salvador next summer, the first week in July, to build a home for a family in need and do other outreach work. If you are interested in joining the group, have more questions, or would like to support this mission in some way, reach out to Brendan at [outreach@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:outreach@bufordfirstumc.org)

### Looking Ahead

Youth programming will start September 8

- Sunday School: come fellowship with other youth at 10:00am in the youth room in the CLC.
- Sunday Night Fellowship: Join us for dinner at 5:30pm and then we will have bible study and activities.
- Other events: pick up info page in the narthex or CLC lobby.

For more information, contact Brendan Smith, [studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org)

## Attendance and Giving August 11, 2024

Total in Worship Services	250
Average Worship Attendance	243

*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 2024)

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration.....	\$ 768,170
Year to Date Received for 2024 Budget .....	\$ 427,491
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal .....	\$ 16,222
Amount given on August 11, 2024.....	\$ 11,827

### Building Fund

Building Debt.....	\$ 1,453,586
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$ 375,558
Amount given on August 11, 2024.....	\$ 1,367

1. The amount needed by the last Sunday in 2024 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 number of weeks left as offset by the gifts received.

### Contribution Options

1. You may place your check in the offering plate or mail it to:  
PO Box 329, Buford, GA 30515-0329.  
**MAIL CANNOT BE DELIVERED TO OUR STREET ADDRESS**
2. You may setup online bill pay through your bank.
3. 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.) [bit.ly/bfumc-give](https://bit.ly/bfumc-give)
4. 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.)
5. 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 18, 2024

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

Request

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## Worship Preview

Aug. 25  
Sept. 1

I Love That Book: “**Warning Labels**”  
We Are the Church: “**The Heart of the Matter**”

Ephesians 5: 15-20  
Mark 7:1-8

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 Rindfusz (404-375-6248) or Pat Stanley (404-406-9216).



*The Sanctuary flowers are given by Joan and Gary Burger to the Glory of God, and in honor of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*



Signup online to give Sunday flowers in memory of someone special or in celebration of a significant event. [bit.ly/bfumc-flowers](https://bit.ly/bfumc-flowers) or scan the QR.

### 9:00am Worship

Acolytes: William Womack (*crucifer*), Ava Ross Womack (*light*)  
Ushers: Kenny Karr, Cindy Karr, Mike Casper, Sandra Casper  
Greeters: DeeAnna Page, Pat Stanley  
Welcome/Announcements: Bill Ogles  
Sound: Nora Lirette  
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

### 11:00am Worship

Acolytes: Jacob VanPelt (*crucifer*), Kylie Summers (*light*)  
Ushers: Ken Stewart, Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards, Chris Simonson  
Greeters: Linda Chambers, Linda McQuaig  
Welcome/Announcements: Rick Huckaby  
Sound: John Alford  
Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt  
Camera: Kevin Walch  
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

## Ministry Staff

Senior Pastor	Rev. Jim Buckman	Director of Student & Outreach Ministries	Brendan Rossell Smith
Director of Adult Ministry	Sydney Yancey	Office Manager	Roy Foster
Director of Children & Family Ministry	Susan Rosenthal	Financial Secretary	DeeAnna Page
Director of Music & the Arts	Gary Lenz	Organist	Hank Morgan
Director of Preschool	Leandre Majerus		

## Adult Ministry

**Women's Circle News:** Florence Garner Circle will have a summer pool party at the home of Toni Pirkle on August 28 at 6:00pm. Please bring a dish to share. If you would like more information, please email Barbara Money at [barbara\\_money@yahoo.com](mailto:barbara_money@yahoo.com).

**Special Program 10:00am 8/18, 8/25, & 9/1:** All church members are invited to join together for a combined Sunday School series on Thom Ranier's "Autopsy of a Deceased Church (12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive)" and "Anatomy of a Revived Church: Seven Findings about How Congregations Avoided Death". We will take the ideas from these SHORT books to discuss as a church family what areas our church is strong in and what areas we can grow in. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on August 18, 25, and September 1 during the Sunday School hour. If you are so inclined, bring a snack to share and join in on this discussion.

**Bible Studies:** This Fall we will have two Bible Studies you can choose from!

- **Romans Evening Study** - Brendan will be leading a study on the book of Romans on Tuesday nights from September 3 to October 22. This study will be at 6:30pm in the Media Room (312) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the CLC.
- **1 Corinthians Morning Study** - Pastor Jim will be leading a study on the book of First Corinthians, Wednesday mornings from September 4 to October 23. This study will be at 10:00am in the Media Room (312) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the CLC.

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

## Missions

### Great Day of Service

Our annual Great Day of Service will be **Saturday, September 28**. Register by emailing Sydney! Plan now to help with one of many projects on the list!

### El Salvador Mission Trip Summer 2025

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### Mats for the Homeless

Through our new Mat Ministry, we are working to provide weatherproof sleeping mats for the North Gwinnett Co-Op and Good News at Noon to distribute to the homeless individuals they serve. Please contact Sydney Yancey for more information.

### Sack Kids Hunger Needs

We need volunteers to help pack sacks on Wednesdays 1:30-3:00pm. If you are interested in helping in this ministry area, reach out to Pam Billingsley (404-429-4356).

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

# The Worship of God

August 18, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Thirteenth 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

Chiming of the Hour

Hank Morgan, Organist

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Gary Lenz, Leader

**All: And also with you.**

Prelude "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (arr. Mark Hayes/Douglas E. Wagner) Organist

Welcome and Announcements

(9:00) Bill Ogles  
(11:00) Rick Huckaby

## PRAISING

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 101

**"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"** (all)

DUKE STREET

†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

Hymn of Preparation

UMH No. 402

**"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"** (all)

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

## PRAYING

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

Mike Rosenthal

**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

Offertory

"Meditation on "Canonbury"" (by David H. Hegarty)

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

Gary Lenz

## LEARNING

Message In Song

"The Words I Would Say" (Sidewalk Prophets)

Jacob Lenz

Sermon

I Love This Book!: **"Equipped to Play"**  
Scripture – Ephesians 6:10-17

Joshua Page

## SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship  
UMH No. 514

**"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"** (v. 1, 4)

WEBB

†Benediction

Joshua Page

†Postlude

"Holy Is the Lord" (arr. Harold DeCou)

Organist