

January 5, 2025

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 are new or your contact info has changed:

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

FACILITY CONCERNS

facility@bufordfirstumc.org

MAILING ADDRESS

PO Box 329, Buford, GA 30515-0329

(MAIL CANNOT BE DELIVERED TO OUR STREET ADDRESS)

ONLINE

bufordfirstumc.org facebook.com/bufordfirstumc

instagram.com/bufordfirstumc

youtube.com/@bufordfirstunitedmethodist8610

Events of the Week

SUNDAY 1/5

- 9:00 am WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
- 10:00 am SUNDAY SCHOOL (109, 201, CLC 3RD FLOOR)
- 11:00 am FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (SETUP - 108, 110)
- 11:00 am KOREAN WORSHIP (306)
- 11:00 am WORSHIP (SANCTUARY & ONLINE)
- 12:15 pm REMOVAL OF THE GREENS (SANCTUARY)
- 2:00 pm FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (108, 109, 110, 202)
- 5:30 pm SUNDAY WALKING GROUP

MONDAY 1/6 - Epiphany

- 11:30 am STAFF MEETING (OFFSITE)
- 5:30 pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 5:30 pm AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
- 7:00 pm CHANCEL RINGERS (G1)

TUESDAY 1/7

- 10:00 am PRAYER MEETING (OFFSITE)
- 5:00 pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 6:30 pm 1 CORINTHIANS BIBLE STUDY (312)
- 7:00 pm CUB SCOUT PACK 542 (108, 305, 306, 308, 309)

WEDNESDAY 1/8

NO OPEN GYM

- 10:00 am KNITTING FOR OTHERS (202)
- 10:00 am ROMANS BIBLE STUDY (312)
- 11:30 am LUNCH BUNCH (OFFSITE)
- 1:00 pm PRESCHOOL BALLET (110)
- 1:30 pm PACK SKH MEALS (107)
- 5:30 pm AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
- 7:00 pm CHANCEL CHOIR (SANCTUARY)
- 7:00 pm SPANISH BIBLE STUDY (303)
- 7:30 pm S-Anon (309)

THURSDAY 1/9

- 1:00 pm PRESCHOOL PLAYBALL (110)
- 5:00 pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 6:30 pm FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (23, 108, 202)
- 7:30 pm FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (SANCTUARY)

FRIDAY 1/10

- 8:00 am CC HOME SCHOOL (CLC - UNTIL 4:00 pm)

SATURDAY 1/11

- 9:30 am GIRL SCOUT COOKIE RALLY (108)
- 10:00 am SACK KIDS HUNGER (107, PARKING LOT)

LOOKING AHEAD

- 1/12 G.L.O.W. RETURNS
- SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH RETURNS
- WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP RETURNS

ONLINE CALENDAR

<https://bit.ly/bfumc-calendar>



BUFORD FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PO BOX 329, BUFORD, GA 30515-0329

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD



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.

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Epiphany Sunday

Revive: "One Thing"



Children's Moment

Children Pre-K to 5th 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



We wish you a Happy New Year and a blessed 2025!

The Ladies at BFUMC Preschool

For more information, contact Leandre Majerus, preschool@bufordfirstumc.org

Student Ministry



EI Salvador Mission Trip Summer 2025

We will be taking a team to EI Salvador this 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.

No Youth Programming

We will start youth back again on January 12.

Youth programming

- Sunday School: Come fellowship with other youth at 10:00am in the youth room (109) in the CLC.
- Sunday Night Fellowship: Join us for dinner at 5:30pm followed by a Bible study and activities.

For more information, contact Brendan Rossell Smith, studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org

**Attendance and Giving
Christmas Eve – December 24**

Total in Worship Services 428

One Service – December 29

Total in Worship Service 105
Average Worship Attendance 212

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

Offerings & Needs (as of 12/22 for 2024 Budget)

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration \$ 768,178
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal..... \$ 23,977

Building Fund

Building Debt \$ 1,423,823
Available Funds for Building Debt..... \$ 446,050

1. The amount needed by the last Sunday of the year is a combination of all financial needs, including our Conference Apportionments.
2. The Amount Received should be the complete total of funds received for budgetary purposes.
3. The Consistent Weekly Need to reach the Yearly Goal will change each week based on the number of weeks left in the year, offset by all financial 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.)
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

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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

Our prayer volunteers and staff will be praying for your request. Confidential prayer requests will be given to the pastor only.

Confidential? _____ Yes

Request

Worship Preview

Jan. 12
Jan. 19

Revive: **“Worship Passionately”**
Revive: **“Serve Authentically”**

Psalm 100:1-5
Mark 10:41-45

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 Susan Rosenthal to the Glory of God, and in celebration of Mike Rosenthal's birthday on January 6.

Give Sunday flowers in memory of someone special, or in celebration of a significant event.

3 WAYS TO SIGN UP

- 1 VISIT <https://bit.ly/bfumc2025flowers>
- 2 SCAN the QR code → → → →
- 3 CALL the church office at 770-945-7438



9:00am Worship

Acolytes: William Womack (*crucifer*), Ava Ross Womack (*light*)
 Ushers: Kenny Karr, Cindy Karr, Ed Krauth, Herman Runyan
 Greeters: Jean Hudson, Cindy LaTouf
 Liturgist: Joyce Siegele
 Sound: Nora Lirette
 Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes: Lilly Claire Scott (*crucifer*), Jacob Van Pelt (*light*)
 Ushers: Eric Lynskey, Mike Grant, Dick Atcheson, Kevin Gohman
 Greeters: Marsha Huckaby, Linda Chambers
 Liturgist: Niki Redstrom
 Sound: Dave Reynolds
 Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt
 Camera: Kevin Walch
 Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

12:15 Today in the Sanctuary

Taking down the Christmas Tree and removal of the greens.



Ministry Staff

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

Adult Ministry

Sunday Night Women's Group starts back January 12 at 5:30pm: This group is comprised of women from many different life stages, from moms with kindergarteners to grandmothers and ladies without kids. All ladies are welcome. If you can come one week but can't come for a few after that, no worries! Jump in when you can. We do not follow a specific study book or go through a book of the Bible chronologically. Instead, each week is its own stand-alone topical Bible study where we look at multiple pieces of scripture that are connected to that week's topic.

Young at Heart - Bunco & Lunch: Tuesday, January 21, in the Fellowship Hall (108) from 11:00am to 2:30pm. The cost is \$15 which includes a box lunch, drink, and prizes. Please RSVP by January 14 by giving your choice of a Ham & Swiss **or** a Turkey & Cheddar sandwich. RSVP with Debbie Atcheson at 770-965-3729 or djatcheson@gmail.com.

Bible Studies - NOTE THAT THE TOPICS & FACILITATORS ARE THE SAME AS IN FALL 2024 BUT THE MEETING TIMES HAVE BEEN FLIPPED: This January we will start two Bible Studies you can choose from. No special books are necessary; all you need is your Bible!

- **1 Corinthians Evening Study** - Pastor Jim will be leading a study on the book of First Corinthians, Tuesday evenings from January 7 to February 25. This study will be at 6:30pm in the Media Room (312) on the 3rd floor of the CLC.
- **Romans Morning Study** - Brendan will be leading a study on the book of Romans on Wednesday mornings from January 8 to February 26. This study will be at 10:00am in the Media Room (312) on the 3rd floor of the CLC.

For more information, contact Sydney Yancey adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org

Missions

Blessing the Bags Event - Sunday, January 19: People of all ages are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm as we come together to decorate and write notes of encouragement on the sacks for Sack Kids Hunger. We will pray over the sacks and for the children who will be receiving them. We expect to distribute over 9,000 sacks in 2025! This is a great event where every member of the family can come together and participate. Reach out to Sydney if you have any questions!

Knitting for Others: This group knits and crochets items for Sack Kids Hunger and various other non-profits in the area. **They are running low on yarn** so if you would like to donate some, there is a donation basket for this in the lobby of the CLC!

Mats for the Homeless: Through our 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

The Worship of God

January 5, 2025

9:00 am & 11:00am

Epiphany Sunday | Liturgical Color: White

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

Prelude

“Behold That Star” (arr. Robert M. Thompson)

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

PRAISING

† Call to Worship (p. 817)

Psalm 97:1-6

(9:00am) Joyce Siegele
(11:00am) Niki Redstrom

† Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 250

“Once In Royal David’s City” (v. 1, 2, 4)

IRBY

† 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

Rev. Buckman

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

Simeon's Song (by Gregg Sewell)

Organist

If you would like to make a donation to our “Good Samaritan Fund” you may place your offering in the offering plate or on the altar rail. Be sure to mark it for the “Good Samaritan Fund”.

† Doxology No. 95

OLD 100th

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

Rev. Buckman

LEARNING

Message in Song

“The Lord is My Light” (by Craig Courtney)

Gary Lenz

Sermon

Revive: “**One Thing**”

Scripture – Romans 15:5-13

Rev. Buckman

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

SERVING

† Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 206

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” (all)

HOUSTON

† Benediction

Rev. Buckman

† Postlude

“Join the Triumph of the Skies” (by Douglas E. Wagner)

Organist