

January 26, 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 1/26

- 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 ACOLYTE TRAINING (SANCTUARY)
- 2:00 pm FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (108, 109, 110, 202)
- 5:30 pm ESOL [LEARN ENGLISH] (303, 304)
- 5:30 pm G.L.O.W. (110, 201, 307)
- 5:30 pm SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH (107, 108, 109)
- 5:30 pm SUNDAY WALKING GROUP
- 5:30 pm WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP (311)

MONDAY 1/27

- 11:30 am STAFF MEETING (G3)
- 5:30 pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 5:30 pm AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
- 7:00 pm CHANCEL RINGERS (G1)

TUESDAY 1/28

- 2:00 pm GRIEF SHARE (311)
- 5:00 pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 6:30 pm 1 CORINTHIANS BIBLE STUDY (312)
- 6:30 pm PRAYER TIME (SANCTUARY)
- 7:00 pm CUB SCOUT PACK 542 (108)

WEDNESDAY 1/29

- 10:00 am ROMANS BIBLE STUDY (312)
- 1:00 pm PRESCHOOL BALLET (110)
- 1:30 pm PACK SKH MEALS (107)
- 5:30 pm AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
- 6:30 pm OPEN GYM (110)
- 7:00 pm CHANCEL CHOIR (SANCTUARY)
- 7:00 pm SPANISH BIBLE STUDY (303)
- 7:30 pm S-ANON (309)

THURSDAY 1/30

- 1:00 pm PRESCHOOL PLAYBALL (110)
- 5:00 pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 6:30 pm FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (CHOIR 23, 108, 202)
- 7:00 pm SAFETY/SECURITY TEAM MEETING (312)
- 7:30 pm FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (SANCTUARY)

FRIDAY 1/31

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

SATURDAY 2/1

- 10:00 am PRAYER TIME (SANCTUARY)
- 10:00 am SACK KIDS HUNGER (107, PARKING LOT)

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.

January 26, 2025

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Revive: "Serve Authentically"



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

**ABC
Preschool News:**

*This week we will learn about space and the planets!
We will also learn the Letter Q.*

REGISTRATION OPENS TO THE PUBLIC THIS WEEK.

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.

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
January 19, 2025**

Total in Worship Services	246
Average Worship Attendance	232

*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 2025)

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration	\$ 803,285
Year to Date Received for 2025 Budget.....	\$ 27,062
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 15,524
Amount Received on January 19, 2025	\$ 11,691

Building Fund

Building Debt.....	\$ 1,418,051
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$ 461,148
Amount given on January 19, 2025.....	\$ 9,027

1. The amount needed by the last Sunday of the year is the combined total of our financial needs of Conference Apportionments as well as all other needs.
2. The Amount Received should be the complete total of funds received for budgetary purposes.
3. The Weekly Consistent 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 online through 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 a transaction fee is subtracted from the amount the church receives.)
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 a transaction fee is subtracted from the amount the church receives.)
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

Feb. 2
Feb. 9

Revive: **“Unwavering Hospitality”**
Say What?: **“I See You”**

Genesis 18:1-5
Isaiah 6:1-13

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 David & Evelyn Lowry to the glory of God, and in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

*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/Ushers: Kenny Karr, Cindy Karr
Ushers: Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki
Greeters: Deena Rindfusz, Jack Rindfusz
Liturgist: Ken Hiltgen
Sound: Christi Lenz

Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Rowan Simonson, Michael Thomas
Ushers: Chris Simonson, Brad Thomas
Greeters: Amy Simonson, Marsha Huckaby
Liturgist: Brayden Ouimet
Sound: John Alford
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams
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	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

Contact the church office to report a bulletin error or omission at: 770-945-7438 or office@bufordfirstumc.org.

Adult Ministry

Weekly Prayer Meeting Opportunities - Everyone is welcome to join us to pray at any of these times. If you have any questions, reach out to Sydney, Pastor Jim, or Brendan.

Weekly Pre-Service Prayer: Join us as we gather at the front of the Sanctuary 15 minutes before each worship service to pray together over the service and to prepare our hearts for worship. Join us at 8:45 or 10:45am as Pastor Jim leads us in prayer together.

Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting: We have weekly evening prayer meetings on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. The meeting will begin with some opening words from a staff member, with the majority of the time intended to give you time for personal prayer, meditation, and self-guided communion. We will conclude with the group coming back together to go over praises and prayer requests and pray together.

Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting: We have a weekly prayer meeting on Saturdays at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. These meetings will follow the same structure as the Tuesday evening meetings, just held at a different time in the week.

Sunday Night Women's Group 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. **For the next few weeks, we will be covering a different woman in the Bible at each Sunday night meeting. We hope you consider joining us!**

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

Missions

LOCAL MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY - January 31-February 1: We will be heading to Griffin as we finish the last project. We will be helping a U.S. veteran move out of his condemned home and into his new home. If you are interested in helping Mr. Fox move into his new home, **please let Brendan know ASAP.**

DISPOSABLE DIAPER COLLECTION IN JANUARY: Both Wellroot (formerly The United Methodist Children's Home) in Gainesville, and the North Gwinnett Co-Op in Buford, have ministries that give diapers to families in need. During the month of January, we will collect disposable diapers and wipes. We need all sizes for both boys and girls, but larger sized diapers and pull-ups are in high demand! A collection box is in the CLC Lobby.

Sack Kids Hunger Needs: We need creamy peanut butter and grape jam donations and 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).

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!

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

The Worship of God

January 26, 2025

9:00am & 11:00am

Third Sunday after the Epiphany | 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

Prelude

“Christ Is the World's Light” (arr. Wilbur Held)

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

PRAISING

†Call to Worship (p. 771)

Psalm 36:5-10

(9:00am) Ken Hiltgen
(11:00am) Brayden Ouimet

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (v. 1, 2, 3)

BEECHER

†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. 354

“I Surrender All” (v. 1, 2, 4)

SURRENDER

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

The Servant Song (arr. Jeffrey Honoré)

Organist

†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

†Scripture

Mark 10:41-45

Rev. Buckman

Message in Song

“I Will Serve You” (by Ruth Elaine Schram)

(9:00am) ensemble
(11:00am) Chancel Choir

Sermon

Revive: “**Serve Authentically**”

Rev. Buckman

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 530

“Are Ye Able” (v. 1, 2, 4)

BEACON HILL

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star” (by Johann Christoph Bach)

Organist