

February 2, 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 2/2

- 9:00 am BLOOD DRIVE (UNTIL 2:00pm)
- 9:00 am WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
- 10:00 am SUNDAY SCHOOL (109, 201, CLC 3RD FLOOR)
- 11:00 am FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (SETUP 23, 108 FH, 110 GYM)
- 11:00 am KOREAN WORSHIP (306)
- 11:00 am WORSHIP (SANCTUARY & ONLINE)
- 2:00 pm FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (108 FH, 109, 110 GYM, 202)
- 5:30 pm ESOL [LEARN ENGLISH] (303, 304)
- 5:30 pm G.L.O.W. (110 GYM, 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)
- 7:00 pm CHANCEL RINGERS (SANCTUARY)

MONDAY 2/3

- 11:30 am STAFF MEETING (OFFSITE)
- 5:30 pm AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
- 6:30 pm CUB SCOUT PACK 1534 (108 FH, 110 GYM, 303, 309)
- 7:30 pm CUB SCOUT TROOP 542 (305, 306, 308)

TUESDAY 2/4

- 10:00 am PRAYER MEETING (OFFSITE)
- 10:00 am STONEHEDGE GARDEN CLUB (312)
- 2:00 pm GRIEF SHARE (311)
- 6:30 pm 1 CORINTHIANS BIBLE STUDY (312)
- 6:30 pm PRAYER TIME (301 BEACON ROOM)
- 7:00 pm CUB SCOUT PACK 542 (108 FH, 305, 306, 308, 309)

WEDNESDAY 2/5

- 10:00 am KNITTING FOR OTHERS
- 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 2/6

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

FRIDAY 2/7

- 8:00 am CC HOME SCHOOL (CLC - UNTIL 4:00 pm)
- 7:00 pm CHANCEL CHOIR (SANCTUARY)

SATURDAY 2/8

- 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.

February 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany | Communion

Revive: "Unwavering Hospitality"



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



Preschool News:

This week we will talk about our teeth and how to properly keep them clean, and also healthy habits. We will talk about what foods are healthy and what are not. We will also learn the Letter Q. Sydney and Brendan will be hanging with us playing some football games for our Superbowl can food drive.

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



El Salvador Mission Trip Summer 2025

We will be taking a team to El 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



BLOOD DRIVE TODAY: 9:00am - 2:00pm

Chili Cook-Off & Karaoke Night

February 8 at 6:00pm. Contact Brendan to sign up at media@bufordfirstumc.org.

Jesus Loves You Party

February 14, 6:00-8:00pm. Food - Crafts - Games

Wear Pink, White, or Red. RSVP to Susan at children.director@bufordfirstumc.org.

Attendance and Giving
January 26, 2025

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows: Total in Worship Services (241), Average Worship Attendance (235)

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)

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows: Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration (\$ 803,285), Year to Date Received for 2025 Budget (\$ 40,166), Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal (\$ 15,573), Amount Received on January 26, 2025 (\$ 13,104)

Building Fund

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows: Building Debt (\$ 1,418,051), Available Funds for Building Debt (\$ 462,535), Amount Received on January 26, 2025 (\$ 1,389)

- 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 contributed 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. 9
Feb. 16

Say What?: **"I See You"** Isaiah 6:1-13
Say What?: **"Being Who God Wants Me to Be"** Jeremiah 17:5-10

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 to the Glory of God.

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: Eric Fonville (*crucifer*), Caraline Fonville (*light*)
Ushers: Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen, Randy Clegg, Suzanne Clegg
Greeters: Jean Hudson, Cindy LaTouf
Liturgist: Bill Ogles
Sound: Nora Lirette
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes: Jacob Van Pelt (*crucifer*), Kylie Summers (*light*)
Ushers: Eric Lynskey, Mike Grant, Jim Failmezger, Kevin Gohman
Greeters: Linda Chambers, Terry Ellis
Liturgist: Rick Huckaby
Sound: Dave Reynolds
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	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

Young at Heart - Tuesday, February 18th: In 2002, the Chieftains Museum announced its participation in the National Parks Service as a site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. Major Ridge was the first known owner of this home, now a museum. As a Cherokee leader, he played a pivotal role in Native American and U.S. history in the 19th century. The cost is \$5 for entrance and \$5 for gas. We will be leaving the church at 9:30am and returning around 4:00pm. Lunch will be on your own at Sam's Southern Eatery in Rome. RSVP with Debbie Atcheson at 770-965-3729 or djatcheson@gmail.com by Tuesday, February 11.

February Lunch Bunch @ Olive Garden: This month's Lunch Bunch will be at Olive Garden at 11:30am on February 12. If you would like to join the group, RSVP with Marsha Huckaby (470-350-4065) by Monday the 10th.

Weekly Prayer Opportunities: Everyone is invited to come and pray during our various opportunities throughout the week. Tuesday nights at 6:30pm or Saturday mornings at 10:00am, join us in Room 301 of the CLC (this is temporary due to maintenance - we will eventually be back in the Sanctuary for these prayer times). Drop in to pray individually as long as you feel led to do so, take self-serve communion, and/or have a staff member pray with you. Another option is to 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.

Women's Ministry Events: The **Effie Wood Circle** will meet on Tuesday, February 11 at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be decorating and filling Valentines bags for children at Home of Hope. All women are invited to join us. The **Florence Garner Circle** is hosting a lady's game night on Friday March 14. Come and share snacks starting at 6pm and we'll start the game playing at 6:30pm.

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

Missions

United Methodist Women News: The Effie Wood Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 11 at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be decorating and filling Valentines bags for children at Home of Hope. All women are invited to join us.

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!

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.

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

The Worship of God

February 2, 2025

9:00am & 11:00am

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany | Communion | 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

“Christ for the World We Sing!” (arr. Lani Smith)

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

PRAISING

†Call to Worship (p. 751)

Psalm 19:7-10

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

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 662

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord” (all)

ST. MICHAEL

†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

“Welcome” (by Jeffrey Bliersch, arr. Paul Grime)

Organist

If you would like to donate 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

†Scripture

Genesis 18:1-5

Rev. Buckman

Message in Song

“Welcome” (by Mark A. Miller)

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

Sermon

Revive: **“Unwavering Hospitality”**

Rev. Buckman

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” (arr. Richard C. Resch)

Organist

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 578

“God of Love and God of Power” (all)

UNSER HERRSCHER

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“O God of God, O Light of Light” (arr. Carl F. Schalk)

Organist