

March 9, 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
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ONLINE
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Events of the Week

SUNDAY 3/9

- SLR SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT (OFFSITE)
- 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 WORSHIP (SANCTUARY & ONLINE) | KOREAN WORSHIP (306)
- 1:00 PM GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 23198 (305)
- 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 WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP (311) | SUNDAY WALKING GROUP

MONDAY 3/10

- 11:30 AM STAFF MEETING (G3)
- 5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 5:30 PM AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
- 6:30 PM CUB SCOUTS PACK 1534 (108 FH, 110 GYM, 303, 309)
- 7:00 PM CHANCEL RINGERS (G1/SANCTUARY)
- 7:00 PM SCOUTING TROOP 542 (305, 306, 308)

TUESDAY 3/11

- 10:00 AM BUFORD UM MEN RETIRED (G3)
- 10:30 AM EFFIE WOOD CIRCLE (108 FH)
- 2:00 PM GRIEF SHARE (311)
- 5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 7:00 PM CUB SCOUTS PACK 542 (108 FH, 305, 306, 308, 309)

WEDNESDAY 3/12

- 10:00 AM LENTEN BIBLE STUDY (312)
- 11:30 AM LUNCH BUNCH AT CROSSROADS GRILLE (FLOWERY BRANCH)
- 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 CHANCEL CHOIR (SANCTUARY)
- 7:00 PM SPANISH BIBLE STUDY (303)
- 7:30 PM S-ANON (309)

THURSDAY 3/13

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

FRIDAY 3/14

- 8:00 AM CC HOME SCHOOL (CLC - UNTIL 4:00 PM)
- 6:00 PM LADIES GAME NIGHT (107, 108 FH)

SATURDAY 3/15

- 10:00 AM SACK KIDS HUNGER (107, PARKING LOT)
- 6:00 PM BUILDING WITH JESUS LEGO PARTY (108 FH, 110 GYM)

SUNDAY 3/16

- 8:00 AM BUMM FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (107, 108 FH)
- 12:15 PM CHURCH BOARD (312)

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.

March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

Coming Alive: "Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda"



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:

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week to our wonderful teachers!
We will learn about birds, butterflies and insects.
We will also learn the Letter V.

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

Student Ministry



GRADUATE RECOGNITION:

If you or your child are graduating from high school, or any form of higher education, we want to recognize their efforts and their accomplishments. Please contact me to let me know that you have someone who is graduating that needs to be recognized. If you cannot find me in person, you can email me at the address below.

NO YOUTH TONIGHT!

We are returning from SLR today. For this reason, there will be no Sunday night programming for youth. See you next week!

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

Attendance and Giving
March 2, 2025

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Total in Worship Services: 232, Average Worship Attendance: 245.

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. Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration: \$ 803,285, Year to Date Received for 2025 Budget: \$ 107,868, Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal: \$ 15,804, Amount Received on March 2, 2025: \$ 15,282.

Building Fund

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Building Debt: \$ 1,411,304, Available Funds for Building Debt: \$ 461,451, Amount Received on March 2, 2025: \$ 7,537.

- 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

Blank lines for name and address.

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

Confidential? _____ Yes

Request

Blank lines for request details.

Worship Preview

Mar. 16
Mar. 23

Coming Alive: **“What Makes You Alive”**
Coming Alive: **“Give Me More Time”**

Luke 13:31-35
Luke 13:1-9

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 Sandra Burgess to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Dwight who would have celebrated his 82nd birthday on March 8th. “I still love and miss you deeply.”

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 Casper, Sandra Casper
Greeters: Deena Rindfusz, Jack Rindfusz
Liturgist: David Reed
Sound: Christi Lenz
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Dick Atcheson, John Hladish
Ushers: Sherry Hall, David Lowry
Greeters: Susan Lynskey, Linda McQuaig
Liturgist: Karen Rears
Sound: Joe Adams
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

Lenten Bible Study – Wednesdays at 10:00am, March 12–April 16, CLC room 312: Join us for this Bible Study led by Pastor Jim. Reach out to Sydney if you would like to be a part of this study. No book purchase required. Come as you are!

Lunch Bunch: Lunch Bunch this month will be at Crossroads Grille in Flowery Branch at 11:30am on Wednesday, March 12. RSVP with Marsha Huckaby (470-350-4065) by Monday, March 10.

Young at Heart: Waffle House Museum & DeKalb Farmers Market on Wednesday, March 19: Where do they cook 341 slices of bacon, 238 hashbrowns, 145 waffles and 127 cups of coffee per minute? Yes, the Waffle House, which was started on Labor Day in 1955. From the first site in Avondale Estates, it has grown into 2,000 locations of which 132 are in Atlanta. Cost is \$2.00 for gas. Leaving the church at 10:00am and returning around 4:00pm. Lunch will be on your own at the DeKalb Farmers Market Cafeteria which only accepts cash payments but has many options. RSVP by Tuesday, March 11, to Debbie Atcheson at 770-965-3729 or djatcheson@gmail.com.

Women's Ministry Events: The [Florence Garner Circle](#) is hosting a *Ladies Game Night* on Friday, March 14, in Fellowship Hall. Come and share snacks starting at 6:00pm and we’ll start the game playing at 6:30.

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

Missions

New Service Opportunity - Volunteering at the Lanier Community Garden: Looking for a new way to get plugged in? Looking to learn about gardening or use your pre-existing gardening skills while making a positive impact in the community? Then this might be the opportunity for you! The Lanier Community Garden has plots for rent as well as plots dedicated to growing produce for the food bank. We will get to help in the efforts to grow food for those in need in our community. If you have any questions or are interested in serving in this new service opportunity, reach out to Brendan.

Rent-a-Kid: Do you have a home project such as yard work that you need assistance with? Would you be willing to give a donation towards missions for this assistance? We have students planning on going on the El Salvador mission trip this summer. They need to fundraise to cover the cost of their trip and are willing to participate in this opportunity to do so. If you are interested in hosting a Rent-a-Kid at your home, reach out to Brendan.

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

March 9, 2025

9:00am & 11:00am

First Sunday in Lent | Liturgical Color: Purple

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

“Glorious Is Thy Name” (arr. Anna Laura Page)

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

PRAISING

†Call to Worship (p. 811)

Psalms 91:11-16

(9:00am) David Reed
(11:00am) Karen Rears

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 103

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (all)

ST. DENIO

†Affirmation of Faith No. 881

“The Apostles’ Creed”

Jean Ann Crites, 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. 700

“Abide With Me” (v. 1, 3, 5)

EVENTIDE

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

Jesus Paid It All (arr. Cathy DeRousse)

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 Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Rev. Buckman

Message in Song

“Thy Word” (arr. Jack Schrader)

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

Sermon

Coming Alive: “**Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda**”

Rev. Buckman

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 714

“I Know Whom I Have Believed” (all)

EL NATHAN

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“Tocatta Exsultet” (by Carlotta Ferrari)

Organist