

March 23, 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 3/23

- 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) | INQUIRE 101 (312)
- 5:30 PM SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH (107, 108 FH, 109)
- 5:30 PM WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP (311) | SUNDAY WALKING GROUP

MONDAY 3/24

- 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 3/25

- 2:00 PM GRIEF SHARE (311)
- 5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 6:30 PM CUB SCOUTS PACK 542 (108 FH)

WEDNESDAY 3/26

- 10:00 AM LENTEN BIBLE STUDY (312)
- 10:30 AM THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS (OFFSITE)
- 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 3/27

- 1:00 PM PRESCHOOL PLAYBALL (110 GYM)
- 4:00 PM WELLROOT PSG (108 FH, 201, 202)
- 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 3/28

- 8:00 AM CC HOME SCHOOL (CLC - UNTIL 4:00 PM)

SATURDAY 3/29

- 10:00 AM SACK KIDS HUNGER (107, PARKING LOT)
- 6:00 PM APALACHEE DISTRICT SCOUTS BANQUET (107, 108 FH)

SUNDAY 3/30

- 5:30 PM G.L.O.W. - LAST (110 GYM, 201, 307)

TUESDAY 4/1

- 7:00 PM FLORENCE GARNER CIRCLE (201)

ONLINE CALENDAR

<https://bit.ly/bfumcalendar> >>>



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 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

Coming Alive: "Give Me More Time"



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



This week we will learn about pond life. We are doubling up our letters for this week, covering both X and Y.

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

Student Ministry



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

**Attendance and Giving
March 16, 2025**

Total in Worship Services	208
Average Worship Attendance	239

*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	\$ 141,043
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal.....	\$ 15,767
Amount Received on March 16, 2025.....	\$ 14,071

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$ 1,404,525
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$ 457,476
Amount Received on March 16, 2025.....	\$ 8,103

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

Mar. 30
Apr. 6

Coming Alive: **“Choosing The Darkness”**
Coming Alive: **“Is That Really Necessary?”**

Luke 15:29-31
John 12:1-8

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



*The Sanctuary flowers are given by Joshua Page to the Glory of God,
and in honor of Julie Page's 30th Birthday.*

*The rose on the altar is given by Steve & Dianne Kennedy to the Glory of God,
and in celebration of the birth of Kaleb Aiden on March 11.*



Signup to provide Sunday flowers: <https://rebrand.ly/bfumcflowers>

Birthdays, Memorials and Honorariums: <https://bit.ly/bfumc-bmh>

9:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Ed Krauth, Herman Runyan
Ushers: Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki
Greeters: DeeAnna Page, Pat Stanley
Liturgist: Darla 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, Terry Ellis
Liturgist: Lenna Applebee
Sound: Dave Reynolds
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

Adult Ministry

Young Adult Small Group Potluck – NEW DATE – Thursday, April 3: Bring a dish to share! Join us for food, fellowship & short devotional time at 7:00pm. RSVP with Sydney (770-880-6905) if you would like to join us for this event.

TONIGHT Inquire 101 New Member Class at 5:30pm: Whether you have recently joined the church or are considering becoming a member, this is a great opportunity to learn about BFUMC history, values, leadership, opportunities to get plugged in, and more. Please contact Sydney Yancey (adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org) if you would like to join us. We will meet in CLC room 312 and refreshments will be provided!

Ladies Spring Brunch: The theme this year is "Georgia on My Mind". Our wonderful guest speaker is Angie Brooks from *My Sister's Place*. All ladies are encouraged to join us on [Saturday, April 26 at 10:00am](#). We'll vote for our favorite decorated table with cash or checks. All proceeds will go to My Sister's Place. Bring a dish to share and invite a friend!

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.

Wellroot Easter Donations for Foster Children: Wellroot is one of our long-time ministry partners. This year they are focusing on faith growth through Easter. Instead of pre-made Easter bags, we're hoping to collect individual items such as: age-appropriate devotionals or faith-based books (English and Spanish), age-appropriate Bibles (English and Spanish), chocolate bunnies, baseball caps, sun hats, or pairs of sunglasses. They serve from newborn to age 18. Additionally, since approximately 45% of the children and families they serve speak Spanish as their first language, we're also hoping to collect faith-based books and Bibles in Spanish. Please bring any donations of any of the above listed items for any age, male or female. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO PREPARE A FULLY WRAPPED BASKET THIS YEAR.** We will have a donation bin in the CLC Lobby. Thank you so much for your support of this wonderful mission. **Items are due by March 24.**

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

The Worship of God

March 23, 2025

9:00am & 11:00am

Third 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 “The Glory of These Forty Days” (*arr. Lyndell Leatherman, quoting J.S. Bach*) Organist

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jim Buckman

PRAISING

† Call to Worship (*p. 788*) **Psalm 63:1-8** (9:00am) Darla Hiltgen
(11:00am) Lenna Applebee

† Hymn of Praise
UMH No. 139 **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”** (*v. 1, 2, 5*) LOBE DEN HERREN

† 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. 496

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” (*all*)

SWEET HOUR

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 “If Thou Art Near” (*by J. S. Bach*) 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 13: 1-9 Rev. Buckman

Message in Song “Be Still and Know” (*by S. C. Chapman*) (9:00am) Ensemble
(11:00am) Chancel Choir

Sermon Coming Alive: **“Give Me More Time”** Rev. Buckman

SERVING

† Hymn of Discipleship
UMH No. 395 **“Take Time to Be Holy”** (*v. 1, 3, 4*) HOLINESS

† Benediction Rev. Buckman

† Postlude “Lord Jesus Christ, True Man and God” (*setting by J. S. Bach*) Organist