



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.

August 24, 2025

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer, Plenty, & Prestige: “Cured Cripples and Crabby Critics”



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.

Nursery: A nursery is provided for children age 3 and under in room 202 of the Christian Life Center.

For more information, contact Susan Rosenthal, children.director@bufordfirstumc.org

Preschool News:

Preschool rooms look great and are ready to welcome our students next Tuesday. This week we will have two days of open house where we meet our new students and their parents.

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

Student Ministry



YOUTH UPDATE:

As a reminder, confirmation has started already! All youth will attend the confirmation classes, as those who have already been confirmed will serve as youth peer mentors for the confirmands. This will help everyone learn more!

YOUTH PARENT MEETING TODAY AT 12:15 PM IN ROOM 312!

YOUTH PROGRAMMING WILL START BACK UP ON SEPTEMBER 7!

Missions

Great Day of Service: Our annual Great Day of Service will be Saturday, September 27. Plan now to help with one of many projects on the list including Bake & Take, Sanctuary cleanup, or serving at one of our many local mission partners. Email Sydney for more information!

The North Gwinnett Co-Op is in need of hygiene items for their clients. Did you know hygiene items are not covered by the SNAP/EBT program? It is much harder for under-resourced families to obtain these items. A donation bin for these items is located in the CLC lobby. Let's help our neighbors in need! Most needed: Toilet paper, diapers sizes 4-6, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tampons, deodorant, bar soap.

ESOL: Our church offers a free English class to the community on Sunday nights from now through November 30 at 5:30pm in the CLC. Please pray for this ministry and share this information with anyone you may know who would benefit from this ministry! If you would like to learn more about how you can help with this ministry, contact Sydney.

Sack Kids Hunger is in need of creamy peanut butter and grape jam. A donation bin for these items is located in the CLC lobby.

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

Adult Ministry

Celebration Sunday: Celebration Sunday (formerly Homecoming Sunday) is the day each year when we celebrate the church's birthday, our history as a faith community, and what God has for the future of our church. This year, Celebration Sunday is on Sunday, August 31. To celebrate, we will have a "church birthday party" instead of Sunday School. Join us on 8/31 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am for this time of food, fun, and fellowship. You will also learn more about spiritual formation and missions opportunities coming up in the fall. Please consider bringing a breakfast item to share. If you have any questions about this event, reach out to Sydney.

Fall Bible Studies: There are two Bible study options to choose from this fall. For each Bible study, we will be going through the first half of a book in the Bible in the fall, and then the second half of the book starting in January of 2026.

- Revelation (Part 1)
 - Facilitator: Brendan
 - Tuesdays @ 6pm in the CLC Media Room (312)
 - Dates: 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21
- Daniel (Part 1)
 - Facilitator: Pastor Jim
 - Wednesdays @ 10am in the CLC Media Room (312)
 - Dates: 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22

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

The Worship of God

August 24, 2025

9:00am & 11:00am

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost | 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.*

Chiming of the Hour

Hank Morgan, Organist

Prelude

“Summer Medley No. 2” by Kirkpatrick, Knecht, Gabriel
Lead Me to Calvary, O Jesus, Thou Art Standing, There Is Glory in My Soul

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

†Call to Worship (p. 859)

Psalm 147:1-6

(9:00) Pat Stanley
(11:00) Rick Huckaby

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 110

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” vs. 1,2 & 4

Ein feste Burg

†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

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.

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Sarah Van Pelt

"Nothing Else" by *Cody Carnes*

†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

†Scripture Reading

Luke 13:10-17

Rev. Buckman

Message In Song

"I Will Call Upon The Lord" by *Michael O'Shields*

9:00 Ensemble

Hank Morgan, piano - Brendan R. Smith, guitar - Mike Rosenthal, cophone

11:00 Chancel Choir

Sermon

"Cured Cripples and Crabby Critics"

Rev. Jim Buckman

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 568

"Christ for the World We Sing" vs. 1, 2 & 4

ITALIAN HYMN

Benediction

Rev. Buckman

Postlude

"The Fight Is On" by *Lelia (Mrs. C.H.) Morris*

Organist

Worship Preview

August 31
September 7

Prayer, Plenty & Prestige: **“Sitting Chart Etiquette”**
Prayer, Plenty & Prestige: **“This is Tough”**

Luke 14:7-14
Luke 14:25-30

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
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://rebrand.ly/bfumcflowers>
- 2 SCAN the QR code → → → →
- 3 CALL the church office at 770-945-7438



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

9:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Cindy Carr (<i>crucifer</i>), Kenny Carr (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Deena Rindfusz, Jack Rindfusz
<u>Ushers</u> – Kenny Carr, Cindy Carr Mike Casper, Sandra Casper	<u>Liturgist</u> – Pat Stanley
<u>Children’s Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	<u>Sound</u> – Christi Lenz

11:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Rowan Simonson (<i>crucifer</i>), Michael Thomas (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Sally Lord, Terry Ellis
<u>Ushers</u> – Chris Simonson, Rowan Simonson Brad Thomas, Michael Thomas	<u>Liturgist</u> – Rick Huckaby
<u>Children’s Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	<u>Sound</u> – John Alford
	<u>Camera</u> – Jacob Van Pelt
	<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Joe Adams

Ministry Staff

Senior Pastor | Rev. Jim Buckman
Director of Adult Ministry | Sydney Yancey
Director of Children & Family Ministry | Susan Rosenthal
Director of Student & Outreach Ministries | Brendan Rossell Smith
Interim Director of Music & the Arts | Jean Ann Crites

Director of Preschool | Leandre Majerus
Facility Manager | Will Rogers
Financial Secretary | DeeAnna Page
Office Manager | Roy Foster
Organist | Hank Morgan

Attendance and Giving

August 17, 2025

Total in Worship Services	213
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)

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration	\$ 803,285
Year to Date Received for 2025 Budget	\$ 495,843
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 15,372
Amount Received on August 17, 2025	\$ 5,189

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$ 1,384,800
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$ 455,011
Amount Received on August 17, 2025	\$ 867

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.)
<https://bit.ly/bfumc-give>
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.) <https://bit.ly/bfumc-give>
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

August 24, 2025

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

August 24, 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

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Events of the Week

SUNDAY 8/24

9:00 AM UNITED METHODIST WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)

10:00 AM CONFIRMATION CLASS (304)

10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (109, 201, CLC 3RD FLOOR)

11:00 AM KOREAN UNITED METHODIST WORSHIP (306)

11:00 AM UNITED METHODIST WORSHIP (SANCTUARY & ONLINE)

11:00 AM FPC PENTECOSTAL PREPARATION (108 FH, 110 GYM, 23 CHOIR)

12:15 PM CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE MEETING (201)

12:15 PM YOUTH PARENT MEETING (312)

2:00 PM FPC PENTECOSTAL WORSHIP (108 FH, 109, 110 GYM, 23, 202, 203)

5:30 PM ESOL [LEARN ENGLISH] (303, 304)

5:30 PM SUNDAY WALKING GROUP

5:30 PM WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP (311)

MONDAY 8/25

11:30 AM STAFF MEETING (G3)

5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)

5:30 PM AA 5:30@MAIN ST. GROUP (304)

7:00 PM CHANCEL RINGERS (G1)

7:00 PM CUB SCOUTS PACK 1534 (108 FH, 110 GYM, 303, 309)

TUESDAY 8/26

PICKLEBALL OPEN GYM - CHECK GROUPME (110 GYM)

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)

7:00 PM AA SOBER DADS (304)

7:00 PM CUB SCOUTS PACK 542 (108 FH)

WEDNESDAY 8/27

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

1:30 PM PACK SKH MEALS (107)

5:30 PM AA 5:30@MAIN ST. GROUP (304)

6:30 PM COMMUNITY DINNER (107, 108 FH)

7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR (SANCTUARY)

7:30 PM S-ANON (309)

THURSDAY 8/28

PICKLEBALL OPEN GYM - CHECK GROUPME (110 GYM)

5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)

6:30 PM FPC PENTECOSTAL PREPARATION (108 FH, 202, 203, 23)

7:30 PM FPC PENTECOSTAL WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)

SATURDAY 8/30

10:00 AM SACK KIDS HUNGER (107, PARKING LOT)

SUNDAY 8/31

9:00 AM UNITED METHODIST WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)

10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (109, 201, CLC 3RD FLOOR)

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ONLINE CALENDAR



FLOWER SIGNUP



BIRTHDAYS

