



BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PO BOX 329, BUFORD, GA 30515-0329

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

PRAYER

PLENTY



PRESTIGE



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.

September 7, 2025

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer, Plenty, & Prestige: *"This is Tough"*



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:

We had a great first week of school!

We are working on our routines and getting to know each other and our school.

This week we learn about the letter A.

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

Student Ministry



Sunday Night Youth Fellowship starts today! All youth are welcome! Join us at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall!

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

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. There are forms to sign up in the narthex. 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.

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.

Knitting for Others is a hands-on, needle-work group that knits and crochets blankets for various charitable organizations and church members who are hospitalized or homebound. Come knit with us on the first and fourth Thursday of each month from 10:00am – 12 noon. Please contact Sydney Yancey (adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org) for more information.

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

Adult Ministry

Lunch Bunch: This month's Lunch Bunch outing will be at Coastal Breeze in Buford at 11:30am on September 10. If you would like to join the group on 9/10, RSVP to Marsha Huckaby (470-350-4065) by Monday, September 8.

Young at Heart: Tuesday, September 16 - Autrey Mill's Heritage Village. Cost: \$12.00 per-person for entrance and gas. Leaving the church at 10:00am and returning around 3:00pm. Lunch will be at your own cost at *Patio Bakery & Café* in John's Creek. RSVP to Debbie Atcheson (770-965-3729 or datcheson@gmail.com) by September 9.

BUMMRs (Buford United Methodist Men Retired): The next meeting is Tuesday September 9 at 10:00am in room G3 of the main church building for coffee, donuts, fellowship, and a chat with Pastor Jim. All retired men are invited. Join the group this Tuesday!

Circle News

- » **Effie Wood Circle:** Tuesday September 9, at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall (108).
- » **Florence Garner Circle:** This month, we'll meet on September 9 at 7:00pm in room 201. We are a group of women who mostly hold down full-time jobs, and some of us are retired. We meet to go over mission possibilities. Recently, we went to a women's home and assisted the women with a craft project. If you are looking to get connected with a caring bunch of women who love to laugh and connect with God together, please reach out for more information or just show up to our next meeting.
- » **Carol Scott Circle:** The Fellowship Hall, Friday September 19. At 10:00am we will have a short circle business session. At **11:00am the whole church is invited** to join us for refreshments and a program about advanced directives & plan-in-a-can, given by Sydney Yancey. RSVP to Jean Ann Crites (music@bufordfirstumc.org) by September 17.

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

The Worship of God

September 7, 2025

9:00am & 11:00am

Thirteenth 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

“A Cup of Rejoicing” *arr. Wilbur Held*

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

†Call to Worship (p.811)

Psalm 92:1-4

(9:00) Laura Franklin
(11:00) Rick Huckaby

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 400

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *v. all*

NETTLETON

†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

Organist

“Promised Land” arr. Gilbert M. Martin

If you would like to make a donation to our “Good Samaritan Fund” to help people in the community, 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

†Scripture Reading

Luke 14:25-30

Rev. Buckman

Message In Song

“In Remembrance” by Courtney & Red
Sarah Van Pelt, guitar - Hank Morgan, piano

(9:00) Ensemble
(11:00) Choir

Sermon

“This is Tough”

Rev. Buckman

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (*see insert*)

Organist

“Let the Lower Lights Be Burning” arr. Roger C. Wilson

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 396

“O Jesus I Have Promised” v. 1, 2 & 4

Angel's Story

Benediction

Rev. Buckman

Postlude

“Summer Medley No. 3”

Organist

“When the Whole World Lives for Jesus, I've Found a Friend, and The Way of the Cross Leads Home”

B.D. Ackley, George C. Stebbins, Charles H. Gabriel

Worship Preview

September 14
September 21

Home Field Advantage: **“Laying The Foundation”**
Home Field Advantage: **“A Winning Culture”**

Matthew 7:24-27
Deuteronomy 6:4-9

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 to the Glory of God,
and in recognition of our Golden Seniors.*

*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> – William Womack (<i>crucifer</i>), Ava Ross Womack (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Jean Hudson,
<u>Ushers</u> – Kenny Karr, Cindy Karr Randy Clegg, Suzanne Clegg	<u>Sound</u> – Christi Lenz
<u>Children’s Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	<u>Liturgist</u> – Laura Franklin
<u>Communion Servers</u> – Mike Casper, Celina Countess, Pat Stanley	

11:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Maggie Rogers (<i>crucifer</i>), Noah Rogers (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Amy Simson, Marsh Huckaby
<u>Ushers</u> – Eric Lynskey, Dave Webster Jim Failmezger,	<u>Sound</u> – Dave Reynolds
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Adam Van Pelt	<u>Camera</u> – Jacob Van Pelt
<u>Children’s Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	<u>Liturgist</u> – Rick Huckaby
<u>Communion Servers</u> – Mark Redstrom, Ken Stewart, Josh Page	

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 31, 2025

Total in Worship Services	197
Average Worship Attendance	243

*How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.*
Psalms 36:7

Offerings & Needs (Budget for 2025)

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration	\$ 803,285
Year to Date Received for 2025 Budget	\$ 513,142
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 16,119
Amount Received on August 31, 2025	\$ 9,464

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$ 1,384,800
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$ 476,112
Amount Received on August 31, 2025	\$ 692

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

September 7, 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

September 7, 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)

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Events of the Week

SUNDAY 9/7

9:00 AM UNITED METHODIST WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
10:00 AM CONFIRMATION CLASS (304)
10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (109, 201, CLC3RD 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)
1:00 PM GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 232198 (305)
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 G.L.O.W. KICKOFF (107, 108 FH, 109)
5:30 PM SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH (107, 108 FH, 109)
5:30 PM SUNDAY WALKING GROUP
5:30 PM WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP (311)

MONDAY 9/8

11:30 AM STAFF MEETING (G3)
5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
5:30 PM AA 5:30@MAIN ST. GROUP (304)
6:00 PM ALPHA & OMEGA BELLS (G1)
6:30 PM CUB SCOUTS PACK 1534 (108 FH, 110 GYM, 303, 309)
7:00 PM CHANCEL RINGERS (G1)
7:00 PM SCOUTING TROOP 542 (305, 306, 308)

TUESDAY 9/9

PICKLEBALL OPEN GYM - CHECK GROUPME (110 GYM)
10:00 AM BUFORD UM MEN RETIRED (G3)
10:00 AM STONEHEDGE GARDEN CLUB (312)
10:30 AM EFFIE WOOD CIRCLE (108 FH)
5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
6:00 PM BIBLE STUDY: REVELATION (312)
7:00 PM AA SOBER DADS (304)
7:00 PM CUB SCOUTS PACK 542 (108 FH, 305, 306, 308, 309)
7:00 PM FLORENCE GARNER CIRCLE (201)

WEDNESDAY 9/10

10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY: DANIEL (312)
11:30 AM LUNCH BUNCH (COASTAL BREEZE)
1:00 PM PRESCHOOL BALLET (110 GYM)
1:30 PM PACK SKH MEALS (107)
5:30 PM AA 5:30@MAIN ST. GROUP (304)
7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR (SANCTUARY)
7:30 PM S-ANON (309)

THURSDAY 9/11

PICKLEBALL OPEN GYM - CHECK GROUPME (110 GYM)
1:00 PM PRESCHOOL BALLET (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 9/13

9:00 AM MEN'S BASKETBALL [CLOSED] (110 GYM)
9:00 AM MDI (Sanctuary, 312)
9:30 AM ATHENS FIRST UMC YOUTH CHOIR (23, G3)
10:00 AM SACK KIDS HUNGER (107, PARKING LOT)
4:00 PM SCOUTING TROOP 542 (107, 108 FH)

SUNDAY 9/14

11:00 AM PRESCHOOL TEACHER COMMISSIONING
12:15 PM CHURCH BOARD (312)

ONLINE CALENDAR: bit.ly/bfumcalendar