



BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PO BOX 329, BUFORD, GA 30515-0329

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

Ashes to Alleluias



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 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ashes To Alleluias: *“It’s Not Over Until It’s Over”*



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.

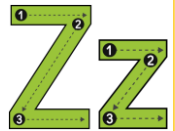
On Communion Sunday: Children will return to the Sanctuary and be seated with their parents so that they can receive Communion and then remain for the rest of the worship service.

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



ABC
Preschool News:



Happy Spring!
*Throughout the week we will express
our appreciation to our great teachers.
This week we will talk about pond life.
We will work on the Letter Z.*

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

Student Ministry



Legacy Scholarship: The Legacy Scholarship application is open to those attending college who are members of this church. If you wish to apply for this scholarship, please get in touch with Brendan at the email address below.

Olivia Ouimet Memorial Scholarship: To honor her memory and support applicants as they enter college and the next phase of their lives, this scholarship is open to active members of BFUMC who have been accepted to a college/university. Please get in touch with Brendan for more information.

Florence Garner Scholarship: The Florence Garner Circle welcomes all members of the church who are graduating or attending college/university and who have a heart for missions and community involvement. This application is due April 19. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Brendan for more information.

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

Missions

Sack Kids Hunger Update

What a blessing that Sack Kids Hunger has been a ministry through which our church family has been able to serve our community since 2010! As we continue to serve our community through SKH, the ministry is undergoing a transition so that it meets the need, indicated by the board and staff over the last few years, for our Missions programs to be more relationship oriented and sustainable given the resources we have to serve. For these reasons, the focus of SKH will shift to providing food for our ministry partners ***Above the Rim*** (a Buford-based afterschool program that serves children who experience food insecurity), and ***Home of Hope*** (Gwinnett Children's Shelter). We will no longer be distributing sacks from our parking lot each Saturday, but the mission of Sack Kids Hunger will continue to be pursued: **combatting childhood hunger in our community**. The mission is the same, the response to the Gospel command of Christ to feed the hungry is the same, but the execution of this work will look different after April 4. We are providing the families we have been serving on Saturdays with resources such as information on the 50+ food pantries in our area. If you have any questions about the transition or how you can serve, please contact Sydney.

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

Adult Ministry

Ladies Spring Brunch: Ladies, mark your calendars for our annual Ladies Spring Brunch on Saturday, April 11 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme this year is "God Bless America - Celebrating 250 years of Our Great Nation." Our guest speaker will be Misty Manus, CEO of *Adventure Bags*, a local non-profit organization based in Winder, GA. We will be voting for favorite decorated tables using cash or checks, with all proceeds benefiting *Adventure Bags*. Please invite your mothers, daughters, friends, and neighbors for a morning of fun and fellowship. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share.

Sanctuary Flowers: Would you like to sign up to sponsor the Sanctuary flowers? Flower Arrangements are placed on a pedestal at the front of the Sanctuary. Rosebuds are placed on the Altar. After 11:00am worship, take the arrangement home to enjoy! Visit rebrand.ly/bfumcflowers for more information about payment and to sign up.



Consider serving during worship - Sound volunteers needed! If you are interested in serving as a sound volunteer during worship services, please contact Brendan Rossell Smith at media@bufordfirstumc.org.

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

The Worship of God

March 22, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

Fifth 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.*

Chiming of the Hour

Hank Morgan, Organist

Prelude

Organist

“O Innocent Lamb of God” *by J.S. Bach*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

† Call to Worship (p. 848)

Psalm 130:1-6

(9:00) Lillie Fonville
(11:00) Rick Huckaby

† Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 126 **“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”** vs 1, 2 & 4 MIT FREUDEN ZART

† 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

Jan Estrada & Kendall Smith

"Without Him" by Mylon Lefevre

†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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Rev. Buckman

Message In Song

"City Called Heaven" by Josephine Poelinitz

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

Sermon

Ashes To Alleluias: **"It's Not Over Until It's Over"**

Rev. Buckman

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 521

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" all

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Benediction

Rev. Buckman

Postlude

"Ah, What Shall I Poor Sinner Do" by J.S. Bach

Organist

Worship Preview

March 29
April 5

Ashes To Alleluias: **“Being ADonkey”**
Ashes To Alleluias: **“Shock and Awe”**

Matthew 21:1-11
Matthew 28:1-10

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



*The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God,
and in honor of Pris & Jim Failmezger's
17th Wedding Anniversary.*

*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>Ushers</u> – Ed Krauth, Gary Burger Randy Clegg, Suzanne Clegg	<u>Greeters</u> – Herman Runyan, Sandra Casper
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Sound</u> – Brendan
	<u>Liturgist</u> – Lillie Fonville

11:00am Worship

<u>Ushers</u> – Mark Redstrom, Charlie Redstrom Chris Simonson, Rowan Simonson	<u>Greeters</u> – Amy Simonson, Linda Chambers
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Joe Adams	<u>Sound</u> – Dave Reynolds
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Camera</u> – Kevin Walch
	<u>Liturgist</u> – Rick Huckaby

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
 Director of Worship Ministries | Jan Estrada

Director of Preschool | Leandre Majerus
 Facility Manager | Brad Thomas
 Financial Administrator | DeeAnna Page
 Office Manager | Roy Foster
 Organist | Hank Morgan



Sunday Bulletin submission cutoff: Monday 12-noon.
Please work with the appropriate ministry staff person for all submissions.

March 22, 2026

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, March 22

United Methodist Worship	9:00 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday School	10:00 AM	109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	11:00 AM	108 FH, 110 Gym
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM	306
United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM	Sanctuary, Online
FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00 PM	108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202, 203
ESOL [Learn English]	5:30 PM	303, 304
G.L.O.W.	5:30 PM	110 Gym, 201, 307
Sunday Night Youth	5:30 PM	107, 108 FH, 109
Women's Small Group	5:30 PM	311
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30 PM	305

Monday, March 23 - Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week

Staff Meeting	11:30 AM	G3
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM	G1
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30 PM	304
Cub Scouts Pack 1534	6:30 PM	108 FH, 110 Gym, 303, 309
Chancel Ringers	7:00 PM	G1, Sanctuary
Scouting Troop 542	7:00 PM	305, 306, 308

Tuesday, March 24 - Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week

Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}	110 Gym
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM	G1
AA Sober Dads	7:00 PM	304
Cub Scouts Pack 542	7:00 PM	108 FH, 305, 306, 308, 309

Wednesday, March 25 - Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week

Lenten Bible Study: Final Days	10:00 AM	312
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30 PM	304
Chancel Choir	6:30 PM	Sanctuary
Lenten Bible Study: Final Days	7:00 PM	312
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30 PM	305
S-Anon	7:30 PM	309

Thursday, March 26 - Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week

Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}	110 Gym
Preschool Playball	1:00 PM	110 Gym
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM	G1
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	6:30 PM	Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202, 203
FPC Pentecostal Worship	7:30 PM	Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202, 203

Friday, March 27

Celebration of Life - Ann Davis	11:30 AM	Sanctuary
Reception - Ann Davis	12:30 PM	107, 108 FH
Egg Hunt Setup	4:00 PM	108 FH, 109, 110 Gym

Saturday, March 28

Sack Kids Hunger	10:00 AM	107, Parking Lot
Easter Egg Hunt	12:00 PM	108 FH, 110 Gym
Passover Seder Demonstration	6:00 PM	107, 108 FH

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

United Methodist Worship	9:00 AM	Sanctuary
Confirmation Class	10:00 AM	109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor
Sunday School	10:00 AM	304
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	11:00 AM	108 FH, 110 Gym
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM	306
United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM	Sanctuary, Online
UMW Executive Committee	12:15 PM	309
FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00 PM	108 FH, 110 Gym
ESOL [Learn English]	5:30 PM	306
G.L.O.W.	5:30 PM	Sanctuary, Online
Sunday Night Youth	5:30 PM	107, 108 FH, 109
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