



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 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Series – “Have A Little Faith #2: Take a Step”



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



Preschool News

It's almost back-to-school time! We are excited!

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

Student Ministry

Today:

Youth and Parent meeting in room 312 after church (12:15 pm). See you there!

August 23:

International Mission Trip interest meeting in room 312 @ 12:15 pm.

September 13:

Youth Sunday Night Fellowship starts!

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

Adult Ministry & Missions

Conversations and Queso with Pastor Blake at Off the Rails: A time to chat with and get to know Pastor Blake after work on after work on Wednesday, August 19 from 5:30 to 7:00pm. All are invited. No RSVP required.

Coffee and Conversations with Pastor Blake at Brightside Cafe: Come get to know Pastor Blake over a cup of coffee at Brightside Cafe Thursday mornings, 9:00 to 11:00am, in August. You provide the conversation; Pastor Blake will provide the coffee! All are invited. No RSVP required.

Grief Share starts back on Wednesday, August 19 at 2:00pm. It is a class/support group for those processing the grief of a loved one who has passed away. This 13-week series will help grieving individuals learn new ways to cope with and navigate their grief. Materials needed to participate will be provided. If you have a friend or loved one who you feel would benefit from this program, please share this information with them or contact Sydney for a physical flyer to share.

Women's Circle News: All ladies are invited to join the Carol Scott Circle's upcoming meeting, Friday, August 21 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Santa Randy from *Santa for the Homeless*, a small ministry dedicated to providing warmth and hope to those less fortunate. Please join us to learn more about this impactful ministry. Refreshments will be served, and you are welcome to invite a friend. For questions, please email Sheila Richardson at rich9294@bellsouth.net.

Preschool School Supply Collection on August 30: We will be commissioning our BFUMC preschool teachers for their upcoming school year on Sunday, August 30. That Sunday we will also be collecting school supplies for the preschool at both worship services so that during teacher commissioning we can pray over the supplies and for the students who will use them. Needed supplies include Crayons, washable markers, kids' scissors, sidewalk chalk, Play-Doh, watercolor paint, tissues, colored copy paper, colored cardstock paper, and snacks like Goldfish, apple sauce pouches, etc. Please consider purchasing one or more of these items and bringing them to worship Sunday, August 30.

Pickleball Open Gym: Whether you are a beginner or have been playing for a while, this is a great opportunity to meet new people and have some fun. Drop in on Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 5:00-8:00pm. To stay in the loop about Pickleball Open Gym, find out who is playing, and more, join our Pickleball Open Gym GroupMe Group Message by scanning the QR code to the right.



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

*The Sanctuary flowers are given by Mike & Susan Rosenthal
to the Glory of God, and in celebration of their 22nd wedding anniversary.*



Flower Signup: scan the QR code or call the church office at 770-945-7438



The Worship of God

August 16, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

Twelfth 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

Mr. Hank Morgan, Organist

Prelude

“O Come, Let Us Worship” *arr. Charles Callahan*

Mr. Morgan

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Blake Trent

† Call to Worship (p. 850)

Psalm 133:1-3

(9:00) Mr. Ken Hiltgen
(11:00) Mrs. Diane Shepherd

† Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 452

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” vs 1 & 4

Mr. Jan Estrada

† Affirmation of Faith No. 881

“The Apostles’ Creed”

Mr. Estrada

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 (MEINEKE)

“Glory Be to the Father”

Mr. Estrada

***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

Mrs. Susan Rosenthal

Time of Silent Prayer · Pastoral Prayer · The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Trent

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

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)” by Hillsong UNITED

Ensemble: Mrs. Sarah Van Pelt, Ms. Kendall Smith, Mr. Estrada

†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. Trent

†Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Rev. Trent

Message In Song

“The Storm Is Passing Over” arr. Barbara W. Baker

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

Sermon

Series – **“Have A Little Faith #2: Take a Step”**

Rev. Trent

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 467

“Trust and Obey” vs 1 & 4

Mr. Estrada

Benediction

Rev. Trent

Postlude

“Only Trust Him” arr. Harold DeCou

Mr. Morgan

9:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Alayna Davis (<i>crucifer</i>), Rose Richardson (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Deena Rindfusz, Jack Rindfusz
<u>Ushers</u> – Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki	<u>Sound</u> – Brendan Smith
Mike Casper, Sandra Casper	<u>Liturgist</u> – Ken Hiltgen
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	

11:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Hans Failmezger (<i>crucifer</i>), Jacob Van Pelt (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Amy Simonson, Carol Groom
<u>Ushers</u> – Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards	<u>Sound</u> – Dave Reynolds
Chris Simonson, Rowan Simonson	<u>Camera</u> – Kevin Walch
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Adam Van Pelt	<u>Liturgist</u> – Diane Shepherd
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	

Events of the Week

Sunday, August 16

BUMM Fellowship Breakfast	8:00 AM	107, 108 FH
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
Youth Parent Meeting	12:15 PM	312
FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00 PM	108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202
ESOL [Learn English]	5:30 PM	303, 304, 312
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30 PM	305

Monday, August 17

Staff Meeting	11:30 AM	G3
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM	G1
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30 PM	304
Scouting Troop 542	7:00 PM	305, 306, 308

Tuesday, August 18

Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}	110 Gym
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM	G1
Young-at-Heart Start Dinner	6:00 PM	107, 108 FH
AA Sober Dads	7:00 PM	304

Wednesday, August 19

AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30 PM	304
Conversation & Queso w/Rev. Blake	5:30 PM	<i>Off the Rails</i>
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Scouting Troop 589/5589	7:00 PM	302, 303
S-Anon	7:30 PM	305
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30 PM	309

Thursday, August 20

Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}	110 Gym
Coffee & Conversation w/Rev. Blake	9:00 AM	<i>Brightside Café</i>
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM	G1
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	6:30 PM	Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202
FPC Pentecostal Worship	7:30 PM	Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202

Friday, August 21

Carol Scott Circle	10:00 AM	108 FH
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Saturday, August 22

Private Event	12:00 PM	108 FH
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Ministry Staff

Lead Pastor Rev. Blake Trent	Director of Preschool Leandre Majerus
Director of Adult Ministry Sydney Yancey	Facility Manager Brad Thomas
Director of Children & Family Ministry Susan Rosenthal	Financial Administrator DeeAnna Page
Director of Student & Outreach Ministries Brendan Rossell Smith	Office Manager Roy Foster
Director of Worship Ministries Jan Estrada	Organist Hank Morgan



Sunday Bulletin submission cutoff: **Monday 12-noon.**

Please work with the appropriate ministry staff person for all submissions.

Request

August 16, 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

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