



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 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“Have A Little Faith #3: Input and Output”

BFUMC Kids

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

The Preschool Staff participated in the Back-to-School Conference with the Georgia Preschool Association. We walked away learning a lot and refreshed with new ideas. We are excited to get started!

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

Student Ministry

Today:

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 **Wednesday** 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 morning**, 9:00 to 11:00am this month. You provide the conversation; Pastor Blake will provide the coffee! All are invited. No RSVP required.

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. During the teacher commissioning, we can pray over those 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.

September Looking Ahead

Wednesday Night Live: Join us on September 2 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm for a meal, to hear from one of our community ministry partners, and participate in a *Hands-on Missions* project together. This is a great opportunity for food, fellowship, and service for all ages. This month the menu will be hotdogs, hamburgers, sides, drink and dessert. Reach out to Sydney if you would like to come to this event.

Women's Game Night: Florence Garner Circle is hosting a Women's Game Night on Friday, September 11. We will start at 6:00pm and begin the games around 6:30; all women are invited to join and to bring a snack to share.

Great Day of Service: Come out and serve on Saturday, September 19! We will start our day in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30am for breakfast and morning devotion. Then we will break out into various service work groups. Service opportunities include campus beautification projects at the Gwinnett Children's Shelter, packing snack sacks for *Above the Rim*, visiting residents at a local senior care facility, and more. Reach out to Sydney if you would like more information.

*The Sanctuary flowers are given by Gary & Joan Burger
to the Glory of God, and in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary.*



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



The Worship of God

August 23, 2026

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

Mr. Hank Morgan, Organist

Prelude

Mr. Morgan

“Sunshine in My Soul” *arr. Harold DeCou*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Blake Trent

† Call to Worship (p. 846)

Psalm 124:1-8

(9:00) Mrs. Joan Burger
(11:00) Mrs. Niki Redstrom

† Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 400

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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

Mr. Morgan

"Land of Rest" *arr. Wilbur Held*

†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 15:10-20

Rev. Trent

Message In Song **"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"** by *Carl Mueller*

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

Sermon

"Have A Little Faith #3: Input and Output"

Rev. Trent

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 469

"Jesus Is All the World to Me" vs 1 & 4

Mr. Estrada

Benediction

Rev. Trent

Postlude

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *arr. Herbert Colvin*

Mr. Morgan

9:00am Worship

<u>Ushers</u> – Celina Countess, Herman Runyan Randy Clegg, Suzanne Clegg	<u>Greeters</u> – DeeAnna Page, Gary Burger <u>Sound</u> – Brendan Rossell Smith
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Liturgist</u> – Joan Burger

11:00am Worship

<u>Ushers</u> – John Hladish, Dick Atcheson Sherry Hall, Joshua Page	<u>Greeters</u> – Marsha Huckaby, Lynn Ferguson <u>Sound</u> – Dave Reynolds
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Brendan Rossell Smith	<u>Camera</u> – Kevin Walch
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Liturgist</u> – Niki Redstrom

Events of the Week

Sunday, August 23

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
International Mission Trip 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 24

Preschool Teacher Workday	DAY - CLC 2ND FLOOR
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 25

Preschool Teacher Workday	DAY - CLC 2ND FLOOR
Pickleball Open Gym	Please join & monitor <i>groupme</i> - 110 Gym
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM - G3
AA Sober Dads	7:00 PM - 304

Wednesday, August 26

Preschool Teacher Workday	DAY - CLC 2ND FLOOR
Grief Share	2:00 PM - 311
Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme} - 110 Gym
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
S-Anon	7:30 PM - 309
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30 PM - 305

Thursday, August 27

Preschool Teacher Workday	CLC 2ND FLOOR
Pickleball Open Gym	Please join & monitor <i>groupme</i> - 110 Gym
Coffee & Conversation w/Rev. Blake	9:00 AM - <i>Brightside Café</i>
Knitting for Others	10:00 AM - 202
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 28

Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony	4:00 PM - 108 FH
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Saturday, August 29

Campus Cleanup Day	9:00 AM - CAMPUS-WIDE
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Sunday, August 30

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
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Kids Pizza with the Pastor	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 31

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

Ministry Staff

Lead Pastor | Rev. Blake Trent
 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.

Attendance and Giving

August 16, 2026

Total in Worship Service	258
Average Worship Attendance	244

*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 2026)

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration	\$ 809,863
Year to Date Received for 2026 Budget	\$ 439,515
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 18,517
Amount Received on August 16 2026	\$ 5,523

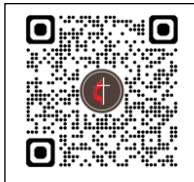
Building Fund

Building Debt.....	\$ 1,130,412
Amount Received on August 16, 2026	\$ 7,470

1. *Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration* includes Conference Apportionments as well as all other needs.
2. *Year to Date Received* is the amount contributed for the general budget (Mission, Ministry, & Administration).
3. *Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal* changes each week based on the weeks left in the year, offset by contributions.

Giving Options

1. 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.)
2. You may set up online bill pay through your bank.
3. 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>
4. 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)
5. The BFUMC Charitable Fund 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 23, 2026

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

[illegible]

August 23, 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

MAILING ADDRESS

PO Box 329, Buford, GA 30515-0329

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