



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 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Have A Little Faith #4: "Lose Yourself"



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

Preschool rooms are ready to go

and this week we will host our Open House!

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

Student Ministry

September 13:

Youth Sunday Night Fellowship starts!

September 20:

Tacos with Pastor Blake! During the normal Sunday Night Youth Fellowship time, Pastor Blake will be joining us for a time of fellowship!

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

Missions

Santa Randy Homeless Ministry Update: Carol Scott Circle appreciates all the generous donations given for *Santa for the Homeless*. Buford First has made such a difference by providing men's underwear and socks for this worthy organization. Our church collected over 250 sets of briefs for the men and around 250 pairs of socks. Thank you, Church family, for helping those in need. God is good! So are our church members.

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.

Missionary Support: BFUMC supports the ministry of missionaries Cory and Jessie German and their children who live and serve in Podgorica, Montenegro. So far this year we have been able to send \$1544.44 to support their ministry because of the generosity of our congregation!

Blood Drive Update: Our most recent Life South Blood Drive was 8/9/26 and this was our best attended drive so far this year! Here are some stats about what was donated:

Whole Blood Collected (used to treat trauma and emergency situations): 10

Double Red Cell (used to treat sickle cell anemia): 3

Trima (used to help cancer patients): 3

Lives Saved (each donation saves approximately 3 lives): 48

If you are not receiving the Ministry & Missions Weekly Update E-Blast on Fridays at 4:30pm and would like to, please reach out to Sydney to be added to the emailing list.

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

Good News!

Today we welcome all 13 of our BFUMC preschool teachers in worship, along with the 5 members of our preschool advisory board. This year we will welcome 70 children to our campus each week to learn and grow in faith. Please lift up the students, the preschool staff, and volunteers in prayer.

The Sanctuary flowers are to the Glory of God, and in honor of our Preschool Teachers as they are commissioned today.

The rose on the altar is given by Priscilla Failmezger to the Glory of God, in honor of Debbie Atcheson's commitment to the Young at Heart programming.



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



The Worship of God

August 30, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Communion | 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

“O Come, Little Children” *arr. Janet Linker*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Blake Trent

Recognition of Preschool Teachers

Rev. Trent & Mrs. Leandre Majerus

† Call to Worship

Psalm 127:1-5

(9:00) Mrs. Joyce Siegele
(11:00) Mrs. Lenna Applebee

† Hymn of Praise

UMH No.191

“Jesus Loves Me”

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.***

Passing of the Peace		Rev. Trent
Children’s Moment		Rev. Trent
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		Rev. Trent
<i>Please designate contributions to the Melinda Kersey Scholarship Fund with “Preschool”</i>		
Offertory	“St. Francis in Prayer and Glorifies God” by Carson Cooman	Mr. Morgan
†Doxology No. 95 (OLD 100 th) <i>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.</i>		
†Prayer of Consecration		Rev. Trent
†Scripture Reading	Matthew 16:21-28	Rev. Trent
Message In Song	“Prayer of St. Francis” by Allen Pote	(9:00) Ensemble (11:00) Chancel Choir
Sermon	<i>Have A Little Faith #4: “Lose Yourself”</i>	Rev. Trent
†Hymn of Discipleship		
UMH No. 415	“Take Up The Cross”	Mr. Estrada
Benediction		Rev. Trent
Postlude	“Higher Ground” arr. Herbert Colvin	Mr. Morgan

9:00am Worship

<u>Ushers</u> – Karl Siegele, Gary Burger Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen	<u>Greeters</u> – Herman Runyan, DeeAnna Page <u>Sound</u> – Jacob Van Pelt
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Liturgist</u> – Joyce Siegele
<u>Nursery Staff</u> – Abby Pilcher	<u>Nursery Volunteer</u> – Amy Reed

11:00am Worship

<u>Ushers</u> – Chris Simonson, Rowan Simonson Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards	<u>Greeters</u> – Terry Ellis, Amy Simonson <u>Sound</u> – Jacob Van Pelt
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Adam Van Pelt	<u>Camera</u> – Kevin Walch
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Liturgist</u> – Lenna Applebee
<u>Nursery Staff</u> – Abby Pilcher	<u>Nursery Volunteer</u> – Priscilla Failmezger

Events of the Week

Sunday, August 30

Preschool Supply Drive & Teacher Commissioning	
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
Kids Pizza with the Pastor	12:15 PM - 201
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
Chancel Ringers	6:45 PM - G3
Scouting Troop 542	7:00 PM 305, 306, 308

Tuesday, September 1

Preschool Open House	9:30 AM CLC 2ND FLOOR
Stonehedge Garden Club	10:00 AM - 312
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM - G3
AA Sober Dads	7:00 PM - 304
Cub Scouts Pack 542	7:00 PM - 108 FH, 305, 306, 308, 309
Pickleball Open Gym	Please join & monitor <i>groupme</i> - 110 Gym

Wednesday, September 2

Preschool Open House	9:30 AM CLC 2ND FLOOR
Grief Share	2:00 PM - 311
AA 5:30@Main St. Speaker Mtg	5:30 PM - 304
Wednesday Night Live	6:00 PM - 108 FH
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM - Sanctuary
Scouting Troop 589/5589	7:00 PM - 302, 303
S-Anon	7:30 PM - 309
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30 PM - 305

Thursday, September 3

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
Pickleball Open Gym	Please join & monitor <i>groupme</i> - 110 Gym

Friday, September 4

(no activities)

Saturday, September 5

(no activities)

Sunday, September 6

United Methodist Worship	9:00 AM - Sanctuary
Coffee & Donuts	10:00 AM - CLC Lobby
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
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30 PM - 305

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 23, 2026

Total in Worship Service	225
Average Worship Attendance	243

*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	\$ 446,689
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 19,114
Amount Received on August 23, 2026	\$ 7,174

Building Fund

Building Debt.....	\$ 1,130,412
Amount Received on August 23, 2026	\$ 715

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. The 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. 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 30, 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 30, 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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STREET ADDRESS (Church & Preschool)

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