



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.

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

I Love to Tell the Story(s) #2: "Both/And"



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

We had a great first week of school.

We are working on getting to know our new friends and our new school routines. We will begin with learning the letter A.

Chapel with Ms. Susan starts this week!

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

Student Ministry

Tonight:

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

Adult Ministry & Missions

Women's Circle News: All ladies are invited to join the Carol Scott Circle on **Friday, September 18** at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Jennifer Lewis will lead a discussion on finding support and comfort in the Bible. The morning will also include refreshments, fellowship, and a small craft providing a great opportunity to get to know the wonderful women of our church. For any questions, please email Sheila Richardson at rich9294@bellsouth.net.

Fall Women's Retreat: Join us for this year's Fall Women's Retreat! We are headed back to *Christwalk In the Valley* in Clarkesville, GA. The dates are November 13-15. If you can't come for the whole weekend, you can join us for the day on **Saturday, November 14th!** The cost is \$145 for the whole weekend or \$30 for just the day on Saturday. A deposit to save your spot for the whole weekend is \$30. All beds are single twin beds. Our theme this year is ***Renewal*** and our speaker will be Elle Moye, staff member at the *International Discipleship* organization, *Young Leaders International*. Ladies of all ages are welcome to join us! If you have any questions, would like more information, or would like to sign up for the retreat, email Sydney (adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org).

International Mission Trip: The next International Mission Trip is planned for **June 26 – July 4, 2027**. We would be serving in San José Villanueva, El Salvador. The deadline to sign up is October 27. Non-refundable deposit of \$300 due November 5. If you would like more information or would like to join the team, reach out to Brendan (studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org).

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 Message by scanning the QR code to the right.



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

Good News!

On September 2 we had our first *Wednesday Night Live*, where 56 folks learned about Brightside Café. We also assembled over 40 personal hygiene kits for those in need.



*The Sanctuary flowers are
given to the Glory of God.*

FLOWER SIGNUP
scan the QR code or
call the church office
at 770-945-7438



The Worship of God

September 13, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Liturgical Color: Green

***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

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” *Hayes, arr. Douglas E. Wagner*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Blake Trent

† Call to Worship (p. 824)

Psalm 103:1-5

(9:00) Ms. Lillie Fonville
(11:00) Mr. Bill Ogles

† Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 121

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

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		Mrs. Susan Rosenthal
Time of Silent Prayer · Pastoral Prayer · The Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Trent
<i>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.</i>		
Gathering of Tithes and Offerings		Mr. Morgan
Meditation on “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” <i>by Sam Batt Owens</i>		
†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 18:21-35	Rev. Trent
Message In Song	“Blest Are They” <i>by David Haas</i>	(9:00) Ensemble (11:00) Chancel Choir
Sermon	<i>I Love to Tell the Story(s) #2: “Both/And”</i>	Rev. Trent
†Hymn of Discipleship		
UMH No. 156	“I Love to Tell the Story” vs 1 & 4	Mr. Estrada
Benediction		Rev. Trent
Postlude	“All Hail, Immanuel” <i>by Charles H. Gabriel</i>	Mr. Morgan

9:00am Worship

<u>Ushers</u> – Herman Runyan, Gary Burger Randy Clegg, Suzanne Clegg	<u>Greeters</u> – Deena Rindfusz, Jack Rindfusz <u>Sound</u> – Brendan Rossell Smith
<u>Nursery Staff</u> – Abby Pilcher	<u>Nursery Volunteer</u> – Linda Chambers
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Liturgist</u> – Lillie Fonville

11:00am Worship

<u>Ushers</u> – Brad Thomas, Dick Atcheson Sherry Hall, Joshua Page	<u>Greeters</u> – Marsha Huckaby, Lynn Ferguson <u>Sound</u> – Dave Reynolds
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Adam Van Pelt	<u>Camera</u> – Jacob Van Pelt
<u>Nursery Staff</u> – Abby Pilcher	<u>Nursery Volunteer</u> – Pris Failmezger
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Liturgist</u> – Bill Ogles

Events of the Week

Sunday, September 13			Wednesday, September 16		
United Methodist Worship	9:00am	Sanctuary	Bible Study: U&E Ephesians #2	10:00am	108 FH
Sunday School	10:00am	109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor	Grief Share	2:00pm	201
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	11:00am	108 FH, 110 Gym	Preschool Ballet	2:00pm	110 Gym
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00am	306	AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30pm	304
United Methodist Worship	11:00am	Sanctuary, Online	Chancel Choir	7:00pm	Sanctuary
Girl Scouts Troop 23198	1:00pm	305	Scouting Troop 589/5589	7:00pm	302, 303
FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00pm	108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202	S-Anon	7:30pm	309
Children's - Buford Games	5:00pm	Parking Lot	SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30pm	305
Sunday Night Youth - Buford Games	5:00pm	Parking Lot	Thursday, September 17		
Women's Small Group - Buford Games	5:00pm	Parking Lot	Pickleball Open Gym	groupme	Gym 110
ESOL [Learn English]	5:30pm	303, 304	Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	G1
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30pm	305	FPC Pentecostal Preparation	6:30pm	Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202
Monday, September 14			FPC Pentecostal Worship	7:30pm	Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202
Staff Meeting	11:30am	G3	Friday, September 18		
Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	G1	Carol Scott Circle	10:00am	108 FH
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30pm	304	Saturday, September 19		
Chancel Ringers	6:45pm	G1, Sanctuary	Great Day of Service	8:30am	
Scouting Troop 542	7:00pm	305, 306, 308	Buford Community Girls Chorus	2:00pm	Sanctuary
Tuesday, September 15			Sunday, September 20		
Pickleball Open Gym	groupme	Gym 110	BUMM Fellowship Breakfast	8:00am	107, 108 FH
YAH: Buford Stadium Tour	10:30am	Offsite	United Methodist Worship	9:00am	Sanctuary
Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	G1	Sunday School	10:00am	109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor
Bible Study: Imitation of Christ	6:00pm	312	FPC Pentecostal Preparation	11:00am	108 FH, 110 Gym
Cub Scouts Pack 589	6:30pm	108 FH	Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00am	306
AA Sober Dads	7:00pm	304	United Methodist Worship	11:00am	Sanctuary, Online
			FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00pm	108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202
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			G.L.O.W.	5:30pm	110 Gym, 201, 307
			Sunday Night Youth	5:30pm	107, 108 FH, 109
			Women's Small Group	5:30pm	311
			SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30pm	305

Ministry Staff

Senior 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.

September 6, 2026

- Brenda Thomas
- Jane McMillan
- Mr. Terry Ellis
- Dick Atcheson
- Joe Bennett
- Laura, John, & Molly Grehl
- Craig Mitchel
- Dana Giusto
- Katie Hoffman
- Dave & Dru Webster
- Lori Warren
- Zachary Mattingly
- Betty Ballard
- Dean Dickie
- Melinda Kersey

Prayer Requests

“...but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God.”

Philippians 4:6

September 13, 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



Request

(Full Name if Applicable)

September 13, 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

(MAIL CANNOT BE DELIVERED TO OUR STREET ADDRESS)

STREET ADDRESS (Church & Preschool)

285 E. Main Street, Buford, GA 30518

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Attendance and Giving

September 6, 2026

Total in Worship Service 220

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..... \$ 480,444

Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal \$ 19,377

Amount Received on September 6, 2026..... \$ 22,026

Building Fund

Building Debt..... \$ 1,122,480

Amount Received on September 6, 2026..... \$ 1,197

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. 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.

