



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 20, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

I Love to Tell the Story(s) #3: "God's Generosity"



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 are learning about Apples this week; and the letter B.

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

Student Ministry

September 20:

Tacos with Pastor Blake! During our usual Sunday Night Youth Fellowship, Pastor Blake will join us for a time of fellowship!

Pumpkin Patch Sign-Up:

Sign up for a shift by using the QR code.



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

Ministry & Missions

Pumpkin Patch: The Pumpkin Patch will open Thursday, October 1. This month-long fundraiser enables our church's youth to go on mission trips, spiritual formation retreats, and more. We need help covering Pumkin Patch shifts! If you would like to support the youth ministry in this way, sign up for a shift using this link bit.ly/bfumcpumpkinpatch2026, on the clipboards in the sanctuary during worship, or by reaching out to Brendan (studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org).



Blessing of the Animals Service: In October, we pause to celebrate the God of Creation! The Blessing of the Animals is a 30-minute worship service in which we thank God for creation which includes our pets that offer us unconditional love and companionship! Our Blessing of the Animals service will be on Saturday, October 3 at 10:00am in the church parking lot. All are invited to bring any non-venomous pets and join us! A special treat bag and certificate will be presented to each animal and their family.

October Blood Drive: Our next LifeSouth Blood Drive is Sunday, October 4 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. To participate, visit the LifeSouth Bloodmobile which will be parked on the Hill Street side of the church.



Wednesday Night Live (WNL): Our next WNL will be Wednesday, October 7. For dinner that night, we will have our annual Chili Cook-Off and then we will hear from our ministry partner Above the Rim about the work they are doing to serve children in the community. We are not charging a specific price for entry but ask that you consider making a donation towards BFUMC missions. We will also have some non-chili options for children who may not like chili. If you would like to enter a pot of chili into the Cook-Off contest, email Sydney.

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

Good News!

We had a great Sunday Night Fall Kickoff last week. We welcomed 50 children, youth, and women to join in games, pizza, ice cream, and fellowship!



The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in honor of grandparents everywhere, and our Young-at-Heart group.

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



The Worship of God

September 20, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

Eighteenth 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

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home” *arr. Gilbert M. Martin*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Blake Trent

† Call to Worship (p. 789)

Psalm 65:9-13

(9:00) Mr. Mike Rosenthal
(11:00) Mr. Rick Huckaby

† Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 365

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

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
	“The Everlasting Arms” <i>arr. Wilbur Held</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 20:1-16	Rev. Trent
Message In Song	“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” <i>arr. Mack Wilberg</i> (9:00) Ensemble (11:00) Chancel Choir	
Sermon	<i>I Love to Tell the Story(s) #3: “God’s Generosity”</i>	Rev. Trent
†Hymn of Discipleship		
UMH No. 156	“I Love to Tell the Story”	Mr. Estrada
Benediction		Rev. Trent
Postlude	“Work, for the Night Is Coming” <i>arr. Harold DeCou</i>	Mr. Morgan

9:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Eric Fonville (<i>crucifer</i>), Caraline Fonville (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – DeeAnna Page, Gary Burger
<u>Ushers</u> – Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki	<u>Sound</u> – John Alford
Celina Countess, Ken Hiltgen	<u>Liturgist</u> – Mike Rosenthal
<u>Nursery Staff</u> – Abby Pilcher	<u>Nursery Volunteer</u> – TBD
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	

11:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Jacob Van Pelt (<i>crucifer</i>), Lilly Claire Scott (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Susan Lynskey, Linda Chambers
<u>Ushers</u> – Eric Lynskey, Brad Thomas	<u>Sound</u> – John Alford
Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards	<u>Camera</u> – Kevin Walch
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Adam Van Pelt	<u>Liturgist</u> – Rick Huckaby
<u>Nursery Staff</u> – Abby Pilcher	<u>Nursery Volunteer</u> – TBD
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	

Events of the Week

Event	Time	Building / Room
Sunday, September 20, 2026		
BUMM Fellowship Breakfast	8:00am	107, 108 FH
United Methodist Worship	9:00am	Sanctuary
Sunday School	10:00am	109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	11:00am	108 FH, 110 Gym
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00am	306
United Methodist Worship	11:00am	Sanctuary, Online
FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00pm	108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202
ESOL [Learn English]	5:30pm	303, 304
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
Monday, September 21		
Staff Meeting	11:30am	G3
Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	G1
Pack 1534 Rain Gutter Regatta	5:00pm	Parking Lot
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30pm	304
Chancel Ringers	6:45pm	G1, Sanctuary
Scouting Troop 542	7:00pm	305, 306, 308
Tuesday, September 22		
Pickleball Open Gym	groupme	110 Gym
Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	G1
Bible Study: Imitation of Christ	6:00pm	312
AA Sober Dads	7:00pm	304
Cub Scouts Pack 542	7:00pm	108 FH, 305, 306, 308, 309

Event	Time	Building / Room
Wednesday, September 23		
Preschool Board Meeting	9:15am	201
Bible Study: U&E Ephesians #3	10:00am	108 FH
Grief Share	2:00pm	201
Preschool Ballet	2:00pm	110 Gym
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30pm	304
Chancel Choir	7:00pm	Sanctuary
Scouting Troop 589/5589	7:00pm	302, 303
S-Anon	7:30pm	309
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30pm	305
Thursday, September 24		
Pickleball Open Gym	groupme	110 Gym
Knitting for Others	10:00am	202
Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	G1
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	6:30pm	Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202
FPC Pentecostal Worship	7:30pm	Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202
Friday, September 25		
(no activities)		
Saturday, September 26		
Private Event	12:30pm	107, 108 FH
Sunday, September 27		
United Methodist Worship	9:00am	Sanctuary
Sunday School	10:00am	109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	11:00am	108 FH, 110 Gym
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00am	306
United Methodist Worship	11:00am	Sanctuary, Online
Acolyte Training	12:15pm	Sanctuary
Girl Scouts Troop 23198	1:00pm	305
FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00pm	108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202
Youth Choir	4:45pm	23 Choir Room
ESOL [Learn English]	5:30pm	303, 304
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

Prayer Concerns

From September 13, 2026

- Emily Clegg
- Brenda Thomas
- Renee Patton and Eric and Angel Horah
- Sarah Smith
- Ricky Smallwood
- Dana, James, and Justin
- Kathy Pierce
- Katie Hoffman
- Will
- Nancy Montesanti
- Betty Ballard
- Patricia Papanokolas
- Teresa Runyan Clifton
- Laura Franklin
- Dick Atcheson
- Laura and John
- Stephanie Berger
- Melinda Kersey
- Dean Dickie
- Dru Webster & family
- Joy Roberts
- Mr. Terry Ellis
- Tom Cordell
- Paul Henry's son

Prayer Requests

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

Philippians 4:6

September 20, 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)

Ministry Staff

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



SUNDAY BULLETIN CUT-OFF

Monday at 12-noon. Please work with the appropriate ministry staff person for all submissions.

September 20, 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 13, 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 \$ 491,899

Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal..... \$ 19,872

Amount Received on September 13, 2026 \$ 11,454

Building Fund

Building Debt \$ 1,122,480

Weekly Consistent Need (for Monthly Payment)..... \$ 3,348

Amount Received on September 13, 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.

