

**FINANCIAL REPORT – As of April 18, 2010**

**Offerings & Needs (Budget for 2010)**

Needed For Mission, Ministry, & Administration .....	\$550,225.36
Received for Mission, Ministry, & Administration toward Yearly Goal .....	\$140,046.06
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal .....	\$11,393.87
Amount given on 04-18-2010 .....	\$5,260.00

**Building Fund**

Balance in Building fund .....	\$275,024.86
Amount given on 04-18-2010 .....	\$634.67

1. The amount needed by the last Sunday in 2010 should be an aggregate total of our financial needs including Conference Apportionments as well as all other needs.
2. The Amount Received should be the aggregate total of funds received for budgetary purposes.
3. The Consistent Weekly Need to reach the Yearly Goal will change each week depending upon the amount of weeks left as offset by the gifts received.

**CHURCH STAFF**

<i>James Adair</i>	<i>Custodian</i>
<i>Sylvia Beard</i>	<i>Pianist</i>
<i>Suzanne Clegg</i>	<i>Director of Youth Ministry</i>
<i>Gerry Davis</i>	<i>Pastor</i>
<i>Barbara Espy</i>	<i>Director of Preschool Ministry</i>
<i>Diana Foster</i>	<i>Director of Music and the Arts</i>
<i>Debra Hogg</i>	<i>Music Associate</i>
<i>Cindy LaTouf</i>	<i>Office Manager</i>
<i>Hank Morgan</i>	<i>Organist</i>
<i>Heather Turpin</i>	<i>Director of Children and Family Ministry</i>

**Attendance – Sunday, April 18, 2010**

<b>8:45a</b>	<b>Worship @ BFUMC</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>10:00a</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>11:00a</b>	<b>Worship @ BFUMC</b>	<b>191</b>
	<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>275</b>

**May Missions**

On Mother’s Day, May 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be taking an offering for the Wesley Woods Home. Your donations will go towards meeting the financial needs of the men and women who live in the retirement residences, the patients who need skilled nursing, specialized care facilities, and those who are served in Georgia’s largest geriatric hospital located on the Wesley Woods main campus.

Jesus said, “*Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.*” Matthew 25:40

**GREAT DAY OF SERVICE**

Saturday, May 15, 2010  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

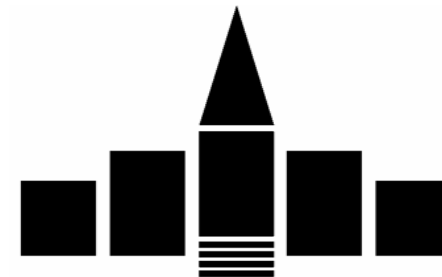
UM Children’s Home, Decatur ~/~ Hall County Humane Society  
Planting a Garden for a Senior Citizen ~/~ Sanctuary Clean up  
Car Wash to raise \$ for missions ~/~ Adams House Roofing  
Bake and Take! Visits to homebound members ~/~ Children’s Activities  
Mark this date on your calendar now.

Children, youth and adults will find a place to serve. A nursery for children under 3 will be provided. Children’s projects will be organized at the church with direction from Heather Turpin and volunteers.

A brochure with descriptions of each project is available in the narthex, and on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please register soon. This will be a day of great fellowship, friendship and mission.

The Weeks of May 1, 2010 – May 31, 2010

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**BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

An update from your Building Committee: the people on the Building Committee continue to work tirelessly to help make the Family Life Center for BFUMC a reality. They have visited some local churches that have Family Life Centers similar to what is planned for Buford First, gotten ideas and input from these churches, and talked with builders. Several members of the committee are also members of the Finance Committee. That committee recommends the building fund be allowed to continue to grow, that funds not be diverted from it for other purposes. The Finance Committee is also working on ways to grow the general fund. Both of these committees appreciate your prayers and support.

**Congratulations to our graduates! Join us in celebrating this great accomplishment on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 service.**

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**Our 2010 BFUMC Preschool Graduates**

**You’re Invited!**

**It’s time for graduation  
To Kindergarten we go!**

**When: Monday, May 17  
Time: 6:30 pm**

**Where: Buford First UMC Sanctuary**

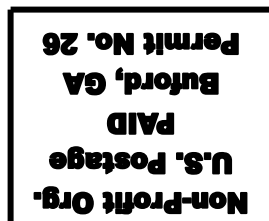
*Reception immediately following graduation in the fellowship hall.*

**Congratulations To Our Graduates**

Troy Adams	Hannah Juskowiak
Jackson Bare	Austin Price
Jacob Bingham	Abby Robertson
Bryce Bothwell	Taylor Rogers
Cooper Bothwell	Connor Rothwell
Michael Collins	Emma Schuch
Logan Dyer	Morgan Sudderth
Haley Frasier	Carter Talley
Jack Galasso	Cooper Waite
Harrison Hubbard	Julie Wells
Garrison James	Audrey Zachman

**Return Service Requested**

**Buford First United Methodist Church**  
285 East Main Street, P.O. Box 329  
Buford, Georgia 30515-0329  
770-945-7438



May is the month we celebrate **Mother's Day!** On Sunday, May 9, 2010 we will honor all mothers during our worship services. Our District Superintendent, **the Rev. Dr. Gerald Thurman**, will be with us to lead the worship services and to bring the sermon. Since Buford First will experience a change in pastors this year you will want to be present as the announcement of who the new pastor will be, most likely, will be made by Dr. Thurman. Please come and share with Gerald. Karen and I will be in Birmingham, AL for the commencement exercises of the University of Alabama, Birmingham where Jason is graduating!

May is also the month we will receive into full membership those members of the **Confirmation Class** who have decided to join. I am very appreciative of the work **Suzanne Clegg** has accomplished with the Class these last several months. The class has studied about the Bible, the Church, what the Trinity (Father-Son-Holy Spirit) in reality is, as well as what the Sacraments (Baptism and Communion) are. The class has learned about what it means to develop Faith and they have learned what a Christian should be! Not only has Suzanne led the class, but she has received assistance from several adults who have served as mentors for the confirmands. I'm thankful for all who have helped!

On **May 23, 2010 we will receive the Confirmation Class into membership at the 11 AM worship service.** Please make sure you come and support these young persons as they commit themselves to Christ and seek to serve Him thru the church.

May is also the time we will recognize those who are graduating from our various High Schools and Colleges. **On May 16, 2010** we will recognize these graduates and wish them well in their future endeavors! Please come and learn of those who have worked so hard as well as join in the prayers for their life's fulfillment.

May is the month we will begin worship services at the **Holiday Marina Lanier Chapel.** Beginning May 16, 2010 the chapel worship services will begin at 9 AM and the services will continue each Sunday until September 26, 2010! Each week the service will feature a different worship leader and speaker. I will be the one to kick things off and then following me will be my son, Tim Davis, and others will follow him. Dick Williamson (Gainesville District Lay Leader) will lead the services four of the season's services and Diana Foster (BFUMC Music Director) will also lead several of the services. The youth of the church will lead the service on June 27! If you want to attend the Lake Service please go to Holiday Marina located near the entrance and just before Lake Lanier Islands. Tell the guard you are attending chapel services located on your left as you proceed into the marina.

Make sure you are part of the many wonderful things happening at Buford First. Remember; call me if you need me.

*Sincerely, Gerry*

\*A donation has been made to the church in memory of **Claude E. Donehoo, Jr. "Junebug"** by Harla Samples.  
 \*A donation has been made to the church in memory of **Truman Hamilton** by Jo Anne Ehlert.  
 \*A donation has been made to the church in memory of **Winifred Freeman** by Charles & Peggy Fowler.  
 \*A donation has been made to the church in memory of **Robert Perschall** by Pat Stanley.  
 \*A donation has been made to the church in memory of **Sue Foster** by the Friendship Sunday School Class and Pat Miller.  
 \*A donation has been made to the church in honor of **Mike Casper** by Rick & Marsha Huckaby and Donnie & Linda McQuaig.

Eat At **Famous Joe's** the first Monday night of each month and you'll be supporting the BFUMC Bahamas Mission Trip! Famous Joe's is located at the intersection of Hamilton Mill and Ridge Rd. The address is: 3290 Ridge Rd., Buford, 30519. Their phone is 770-271-5637. It's fun to see your church friends, have a great meal, and raise funds for the church! Be sure to drop your receipt in the bucket at the register.

### All Ladies of BFUMC

You are cordially invited to attend this year's Ladies' Spring Tea to be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from ten a.m. until noon



A Tea Brunch will be served at ten, and we will have a special speaker in the Sanctuary at eleven.

Please come to this special and festive event in the life of our church. Tickets are \$5.00. You may contact Heather White or Susan Rosenthal to purchase a ticket.

Circle members are encouraged to attend, but you don't need to be a member of a BFUMC Circle to join us on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you are interested in hosting a table, or in receiving any other information, please contact Heather White ([bandhwhite@charter.net](mailto:bandhwhite@charter.net)) or Susan Rosenthal ([susankrosenthal@bellsouth.net](mailto:susankrosenthal@bellsouth.net)).

*We look forward to celebrating Spring with you on May 1<sup>st</sup>!*

## May Music News

### Men's Quartet and Bluegrass Concert

Sunday Evening, May 23 at 7:00 PM.

Fundraising Dinner at 6:00 PM prior to the concert to defer cost of Music and Arts Week at Lake Junaluska this summer. Dinner will be \$5.00 per person.

### Community Piano Recitals in our Sanctuary

Friday, May 14 beginning at 5:30 PM – the students of the Sound of Music School.

Sunday, May 16 beginning at 3:00 PM – the students of Debra Hogg and the New School of Music.

*All are invited to attend all events listed.*

### Welcome Confirmation Class 2010!

The following students will join the church on Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 11:00 a.m. Service. We have been meeting together for 13 weeks to study and discuss church membership and the Christian Faith. Rev. Davis has led several sessions and Heather White has taught as well. The mentors have been with us on several occasions and have done a great job of supporting us.

Rodney Hunter	Adam Rose
Ashlan Leazer	Jonathan Lenz
Ashley Sanders	Jonathan Jeffrey
Phillip Correa	Grady Rothweiler
Alexis Nauman	Abbi Porter
Grayson Saylor	Kendyl Campbell

Suzanne

### CHILDREN'S NEWS

We will have a **Children's Work Area Meeting on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the Benson House.** We will be discussing IMPACT next year, and ways that we can provide more opportunities for our children in third through fifth grades. Anyone interested in sharing their ideas and input is invited.

**On Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a VBS Work Day from 1:00-5:00 in the Fellowship Hall.** We have lots of work to do to get ready for Vacation Bible School this year, from making decorations to assembling props and more. All are invited to come help! There will be **an additional Work Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-1:00.** Let's all pitch in to make a wonderful VBS this year!

Finally, there will be a **VBS volunteers meeting at on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Benson House.** Everyone planning to volunteer with VBS please plan on attending! In Christ, Heather

## Young At Heart

*If you are 50 plus and like to have fun, then you are the perfect match for the Young At Heart group.*

**Join us on May 20<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall for dinner and dancing.**



Dinner will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m. so bring your favorite covered dish to share. At 7:00 p.m., following dinner, we will have a dance instructor lead us in line dancing. The cost for the whole evening is \$2.00 per person. This will help cover the cost of drinks, dessert, and dance instruction. *The great thing about line dancing is that you don't need a dance partner, because the whole room is your dance partner.*

*Call or e-mail Karen Davis to let her know what dish you plan to bring and the number people in your party.*

*770-560-0781 or [realtorkddavis@aol.com](mailto:realtorkddavis@aol.com)*

This will be our last activity with Karen Davis as the YAH leader. We hope all YAH'ers will come out, kick up their heels, and give Karen a YAH night to remember!

### BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST THE 5<sup>th</sup> Annual GARY ASH- BOBBY DOBBS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, May 16, 2010 AT 3:00 p.m. At the Church property on Old Hamilton Mill Rd.

Register your team to play! Pick up a form off the youth table in the fellowship hall.

### May Day! May Day! Yard Sale!

Please help the Bahamas Mission Team raise funds for their trip to Nassau! We need yard sale donations of furniture, cookware, toys, books, electronics, and more. Please let Kenny Karr or Suzanne Clegg know if you have something for us. We can meet you at the Adams House for drop-off or pick it up. Thanks!