



BUFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST
2021-2022

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Buford **L**eadership **T**raining is for youth and teens, Kindergarten thru 12th Grade, who desire to learn how to use their God given talents, see growth in their abilities, and actively serve the church and others. We see this spoken of in Ephesians 4:11-15, where we are to "...grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." BLT is setup to have adult mentors lead workshop sessions in different areas that are designed to teach and grow each person's abilities. Application of these abilities is also a key part of this program. Throughout the year, opportunities will be available to serve the church. We encourage you to participate in these. Parents should guide youth in selecting the areas that they want to learn more about and grow in. Prayerfully consider the importance of this within your family and allocate the time needed to benefit from being a part of BLT.

REGISTER ONLINE HERE:



KINDERGARTEN THRU 2ND

Workshop: Junior Leaders

Coordinator: Pat Owens

Youth K-2nd Grade will have a monthly Sunday workshop session. Location and time TBA. During many workshops, they will have service opportunities and fellowships with other groups. Special areas of focus: learning the books of the Bible, reading Scripture, leading singing, and serving others. Check the BLT page 4 in the bulletin for details.

3RD THRU 12TH

Workshop: Art Says It

Coordinator: Hannah Hall

Put your artistic talent to use through painting, drawing/sketching, posters, photography and bulletin board. Throughout the year, your artwork can be used in our education classes and your photography can also be submitted for use as a Bulletin cover. **Convention Event:** Artwork may be submitted for judging at convention for those who wish to do so.

Workshop: Bartimaeus

Provides an opportunity for students and adults with special needs to give a speech, lead a song, or read from the Bible in a non-competitive, friendly environment. **Convention Event:** You can demonstrate your skill and development in these areas at convention.

Workshop: Bible Bowl

Coordinators: Billy and Melanie Blake

Bible Bowl enables participants to enhance knowledge of textual content; to develop quick reference to Bible facts; to gain knowledge of Scripture; to bond through team spirit. The book of the Bible covered this year is Joshua. This group meets a couple times a month, after morning worship in the Upper Room, for an hour. Bring a lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship and learning from the Bible. **Convention Event:** Anyone is welcome to participate and learn this book. Those desiring to be on a team will need to commit to attendance at convention on Saturday April 16th.

Workshop: Bible Bowl Individual Test

Coordinators: Billy and Melanie Blake

A test over the book of Joshua. This written test will be administered in at the beginning of 2022. This is open to anyone and is not tied to being on a team at convention.

Workshop: Centurion of Scripture

To encourage memorization of God's Word. In Acts 10, a centurion commanded 100 soldiers. The Centurion of Scripture commands 100 Scriptures by memory. This is a year-round event where participants memorize scriptures. You can do one verse at a time or any number you can recite together. This is an independent study performed at home with your family.

Workshop: Debate

Coordinators: J Hall

Purpose is to promote a deeper study of Scripture as it relates to life's issues. Open to 7th - 12th grades. Two debaters are required per team. 2021-22 Debate topic: TBA **Convention Event:** You can demonstrate your skill and development in this area at convention.

Workshop: G.I.F.T.S. (Girls in Fellowship and Team Study)

Coordinators: Pam Newman, Tracy Thompson and Katelyn Newman

Get together monthly on Sunday afternoon (4:30-5:30pm) to fellowship among teen girls (grades 6th-12th), and to develop a spiritual relationship and dependence on one another for strength to overcome temptation and serve faithfully. To grow in the ability to lead in girls' small groups and Bible classes. This year's study book is "Perfectly Unique: Love Yourself completely, Just As You Are" by Annie F. Downs. Participants are given the opportunity to co-lead a session. Group discussion and participation is encouraged.

Workshop: Good Samaritan

Coordinator: Theresa Heilman

To reach out to others by going the extra mile. To teach the importance of showing people, other than family, the love of Jesus. This can be done by sending cards, visiting the sick and shut-ins, conducting home Bible studies, performing service projects, etc. Being a Good Samaritan means going beyond our Christian living. Events and service projects that you can participate in will be announced.

Workshop: G.U.A.R.D. (Guys Understanding Authority & Real Discipleship)

Coordinators: Chase Burnette

Get together monthly on Sunday afternoon (4:30-5:30pm) to fellowship among teen boys (grades 6th-12th), and to develop a spiritual relationship and dependence on one another for strength to overcome temptation and serve faithfully. To grow in the ability to lead and participate in Bible classes and worship services. This year's study is from the L2L Pearls book, "Facing Today's Giants." Participants are given the opportunity to co-lead a session. Group discussion and participation is encouraged.

Workshop: Keepers

Coordinator: Casey Michaud

To foster practical homemaking skills. The name is taken from young women as described in Titus 2:4-5, particularly "keepers at home." The program will provide experience in practical homemaking skills that will be valuable to all Christian girls and women including those who work outside the home. Each event within the program will serve to encourage a specific skill that will help prepare girls for work in the home. The program will use Proverbs 31, the virtuous woman, for the various categories of skills taught. Topics may include: Cooking, food preservation, table setting, information resources, nutrition and health, sewing, ironing, laundry, cleaning, child care, gardening, home safety, family finances, hospitality, child discipline or others. Male participants involved in Providers may choose one of these topics in which to participate each year.

Workshop: Know the Books

Coordinators: TBA

Learn the books of the Bible and their themes. Level 1 (children through Grade 2) – Recite or sing the books of the Bible in order; Level 2 (Grade 3-adults) – Recite the books of the Bible in order; Level 3 (Grade 3-adults) – Recite the books of the Bible, with their themes, in order.

Workshop: Leading in Ladies Bible Class

Coordinator: Melanie Blake

Lead at the beginning, 5-10minutes, of the Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible class and build your skills. Skills include speech, song leading, oral Bible reading and prayer. Then you go on to your class.

Workshop: Leading Worship at Area Congregations

Coordinator: Ben Burnette

Each month a group of Christian young men travel to area congregations to conduct a worship service. Skills in the areas of speech, song leading, oral Bible reading and prayer are used during the service.

Workshop: Mass Media

To train Christians to use the media effectively. In the current age of information and technology, more Christians need to be in the world of mass media. Areas of focus are: Article/Editorial, Audio Presentation, Storyline, Video Presentation, and PowerPoint Presentation. **Convention Event:** Your project may be submitted for judging at convention for those who wish to do so.

Workshop: Oral Bible Reading

Bible reading is an important skill for youth to develop - the younger the better. Beyond the fundamental importance of reading the Bible, the skill of oral reading is also a foundation for other public speaking. **Convention Event:** For students in K-6th grade you can demonstrate your skill and development at convention.

Workshop: Providers

To foster practical skills in typical areas of heading and maintaining a home and family. Each category within the event will serve to encourage a specific skill that will help prepare male participants for leading in their homes. The event will also provide experience in practical home maintenance skills that will be valuable to all Christian male participants. Topics may include: Spiritual leadership, marriage, child discipline, lawn mower use and maintenance, plumbing, carpentry, painting, electrical, family finances, car maintenance, gardening, home security or others. Female participants involved in the Keepers event may also choose one of these topics in which to participate each year.

Workshop: Puppet Theater

Coordinators: J Hall

To train students to teach children biblical principles using puppets. Participants learn valuable team-working skills in their preparation and presentation. Great opportunity for participants to gain self-confidence in public presentations. This group meets monthly and, as presentations are ready, will present to children throughout the year. **Convention Event:** Those desiring to be on a team will need to commit to attendance at convention on Friday April 15th.

Workshop: Read the Word

To encourage students and adults to read the Scriptures. This is a year-round event where participants read their Bibles. You can read or listen to the Old Testament, New Testament or both. This is an independent study performed at home with your family.

Workshop: Scrapbook

To serve as record of the activities and growth of students and groups. To provide a tool for recording the special achievements in the lives of the individual students and to document events and activities of the local church. Participants must provide their own materials. **Convention Event:** Your project may be submitted for judging at convention for those who wish to do so.

Workshop: Second Language

To promote and increase the ability of men and women to be able to communicate basic information and also to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ in a second language (including sign language). This is an independent study performed at home with your family.

Workshop: Song Leading

Coordinators: Ben Collins

To train young men in the role of song leader in the church. Learn the mechanics of leading (directing by hand motion, reading music, pitch, etc.). Young men will have an opportunity to lead the congregation during singing nights. Christian young men can lead during worship at Buford and at area congregations. This group will meet monthly for a classroom instruction/practice time. **Convention Event:** You can demonstrate your skill and development in song leading at convention.

Workshop: Songs of Praise

Coordinator: Connie Burnette & Anslie Hogan

To train young ladies in the role of song leader for ladies groups. Learn the mechanics of leading (directing by hand motion, reading music, pitch, etc.). Young ladies will have an opportunity to lead during ladies class and other ladies only events. This group will meet monthly for a classroom instruction/practice time. **Convention Event:** You can demonstrate your skill and development in song leading at convention.

Workshop: Speech

Girls Coordinator: Tracy Thompson, Guys Coordinator: Kyle Rye

To provide a challenge to young men and ladies to excel in public speaking and encourage high standards in speech content, organization and delivery. It is proven that if a person learns to speak in public before they learn to fear it, then they will carry the talent with them for the rest of their life. Public speaking is a talent that will propel all professions and walks of life. Learn to develop Biblical speeches based on a theme or Scriptures. Speeches are to be viewed as Bible lessons or short sermons.

Convention Event: You can demonstrate your skill and development in speech at convention.

Workshop: Teacher Training

Coordinators: Kim Collins, Kim Sitton and Beth Allen

To emphasize the importance of training teachers for Bible classes and encourage girls to study and become better prepared to teach God's Word. Develop lessons, handouts, games and crafts for Bible stories found in Scripture. Teams of girls work together monthly, on a Sunday, in preparation prior to teaching multiple classes and grade levels on Wednesday in the Spring Quarter. For girls 7th-12th.

BLT Leadership:

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