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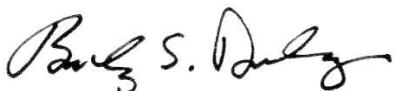
Dear friends,

I am so excited to announce our theme for this year in ministry: Becoming.

Focusing our attention over the past year on Jesus, I have seen us being changed through this relationship. Gazing into the face of Jesus Christ as though looking into a mirror, we find ourselves becoming more and more like the love that we see. But this is no mere act of contemplation. Engaged in this life with Jesus, love calls us boldly into the world. Our transformation occurs not only through spiritual practices, but also through doing ministry. Discovering the abundant resources at hand, we courageously put them to use. As companions of Christ and each other, we are co/missioned into service. Even as the state of our society breaks our hearts, we do not lose heart. "Be of good cheer," Jesus says, "for I have overcome the world!"

I hope each of you will bring the fullness of who you are to the table of grace, and seek to extend that grace to the wider world. This infobook is a resource--a guide--to help you in this work. I pray it helps you to stay informed and engaged. Please also be sure to download and log into the BUMC app (where this booklet will also be available as a PDF download). Exactly what we are becoming by God's grace may not be fully clear; but who we are becoming is beyond a shadow of doubt. May we continue to seek God, and follow Jesus, trusting in who we are becoming together.

Live alive,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad S. Dulaney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'B' at the beginning.

Brad Dulaney, Lead Pastor

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Church St Goals for 2024-25



Discipleship Pathway - Advance alignment of the discipleship pathway through further integration with ministries and staffing, so that more people are engaged, grow as disciples, and serve our community and world.



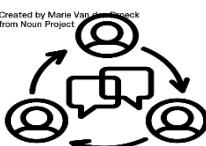
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Community Outreach - Orient our ministries—or build new ministries—to meet people where they are so that, as our people co/mission as disciples who go out to serve, they are also inviting others to come as they are and see.



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Intergenerational Relationships - Establish deeper intergenerational relationships (including those with our preschool), so that our church is able to better support people's discipleship journeys through various life stages and transitions.



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Communications - Expand and enhance efforts for an effective and efficient communication plan, so that church and community members are optimally informed and invited to engage in our disciple-making mission.



COME as you are and see

The journey begins with an invitation to come, just as you are, and see what Jesus is doing in the church and in the world. (Our task is to call others to the life-changing pilgrimage of faith; this involves our ministries of communications, evangelism and outreach.)

CONNECT with God and the journey of faith

When you are left longing for more of Jesus, you return with a desire to grow your relationship with God and with others who follow Jesus. (Our task is to engage spiritual seekers such that they feel welcomed, taste life abundant, hunger for more, and are invited into the life of faith; this involves our ministries of hospitality, music and worship arts, and visitor follow-up.)

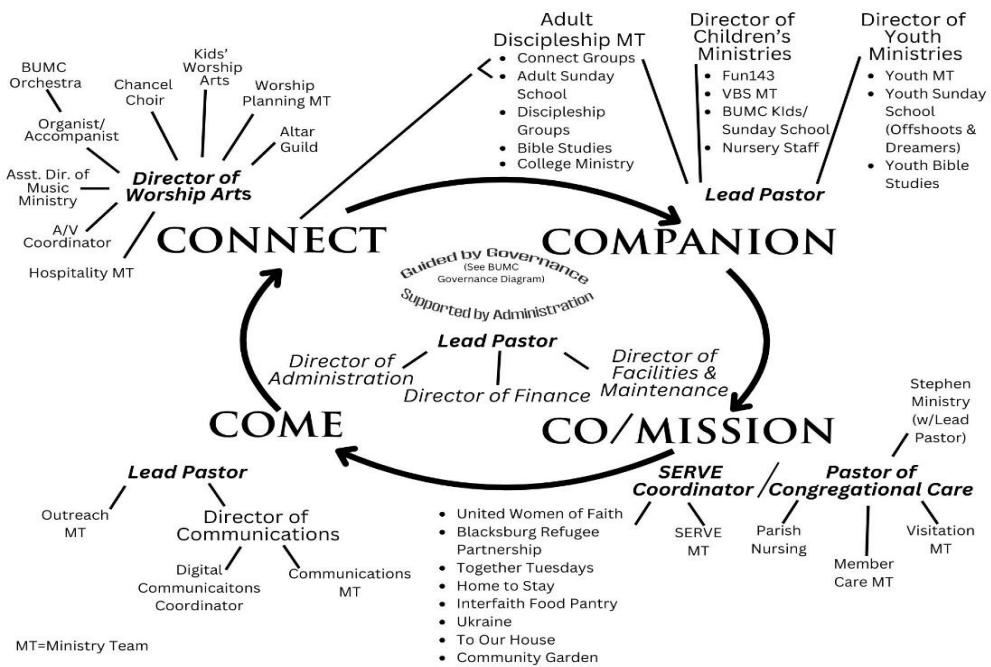
COMPANION with other apprentices of Jesus

Jesus invites you deeper into your journey with him. You apprentice yourself to others who follow Jesus, discover your gifts, go places that are challenging, and experience transformation by grace. (Our task is to cultivate a network of courageous spiritual friendships where the life of Jesus grows in each person; this involves children and youth ministries, music and worship arts, as well as the adult discipleship ministry team.)

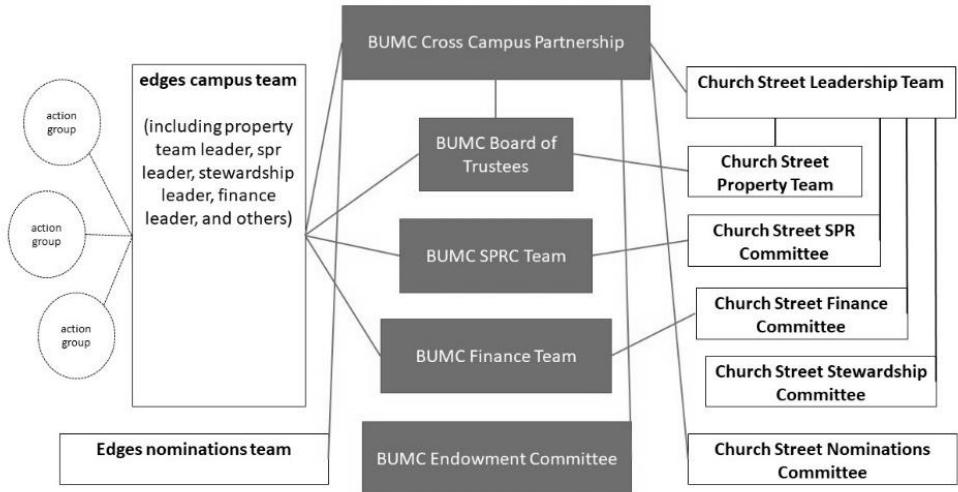
CO/MISSION as disciples who go to serve

Jesus sends you into the world to serve alongside others, bearing witness to the places where God is at work, and where the world is out of alignment with God's kingdom. (Our task is to challenge people to grow willing to cross boundaries with Jesus, and to develop a lifestyle of service through ministries of compassion and justice; this involves the SERVE ministry team, as well as children and youth ministries.)

Church St Ministry Structure



BUMC Governance Structure



BUMC Leadership 2024-2025

Parenthetical class years mean the person serves in this role until July 31 of said year.

BUMC Cross-Campus Partnership (CCP)

- Lead pastor: Brad Dulaney
- *edges pastor: mandy newman*
- Church St. lay leader: Lynn Everett (2027)
- *edges lay leader: jessica dodson*
- Church St. finance chair: Dwight Shelton (2027)
- *edges finance lead: josh mcgilliard (acting)*
- Church St. SPR chair: Susan Sumner (2027)
- *edges spr lead: joe trice*
- Church St. stewardship chair: Stan Hefta (2027)
- *edges impact lead: josh mcgilliard*
- Trustees chair: Dave Nutter (2026)
- *trustees representative: steve hudgins*
- Lay Member of Annual Conference (Church St.): Eric Kaufman
- *lay member of annual conference (edges): joey ballard*
- Youth member (under age 18) (Church St.): TBA
- *young adult member (age 18-35) (edges): TBA*

BUMC Board of Trustees

- Lead pastor: Brad Dulaney*
- *edges pastor: mandy newman**
- Chair: Dave Nutter (2026)
- *vice chair: TBD*
- Church St. property team leader: Keith Davis (2025)
- *edges property team leader: steve hudgins*
- Church St. general member: Greg Miller (2026)
- *edges general member: beth o'connor*
- Church St. general member: Georgia Ann Snyder-Falkingham (2025)
- *edges general member: ryan jones*

*clergy members are non-voting ex officio members

BUMC SPRC Team

- Church St. SPR chair: Susan Sumner (2027)
- *edges spr lead: joe trice*
- Lead pastor: Brad Dulaney
- *edges pastor: mandy newman*
- Church St. lay leader: Lynn Everett
- *edges lay leader: jessica dodson*
- Lay Member of Annual Conference (Church St.): Eric Kaufman
- *lay member of annual conference (edges): joey ballard*

BUMC Finance Team

- Lead pastor: Brad Dulaney
- *edges pastor: mandy newman*
- Church St. finance chair: Dwight Shelton (2027)
- *edges finance lead: josh mcgilliard (acting)*
- Church St. Stewardship Chair: Stan Hefta (2027)
- *edges impact lead: josh mcgilliard*
- BUMC treasurer: Cyndy Beach (2025)
- BUMC assistant treasurer: Lee Cooper (2027)
- BUMC finance director (non-voting): Pam Winkeler

BUMC Endowment Committee[†]

- Officers (elected by/from Committee): chair, vice-chair, secretary
- Lead pastor: Brad Dulaney
- BUMC treasurer: Cyndy Beach (2025)
- Church St. stewardship chair: Stan Hefta (2027)
- *edges impact lead: josh mcgilliard*
- BUMC finance team representative: Dwight Shelton (2027)
- BUMC board of trustees representative: Dave Nutter (2026)
- At-Large Member 1: Brad Denardo (2025)
- At-Large Member 2: Dennis Duncan (2026)
- At-Large Member 3: Mike Eggleston (2027)
- At-Large Member 4: Minnis Ridenour (2025)

[†] The BUMC Endowment Committee bylaws will need to be adapted to the new leadership structure.

Child & Youth Protection Policy Committee

- Chairperson: Erica Coates (2027)
- Church St. Dir. of Children's Ministries: Sam Sowder
- *edges kids coordinator: grace mcnabb*
- Preschool Director: Debbie McDowell
- Director of Youth Ministries: Christa Craighead
- Fun 143 Representative: _____
- *edges at-large member: kristen mcgilliard*
- Church St. at-large Member: Janyne Mathena (2025)

Connectional Leadership

- Annual conference members:
 - Church St.: Eric Kaufman
 - *edges: joey ballard*
- District Conference Delegates Include:
 - Lay Leaders (2)
 - Cross-Campus Partnership Chair: Eric Kaufman
 - President of UWF Unit
 - Lay members of annual conference (2)
 - At-large district conference delegate (Church St.):TBA
 - *at-large district conference delegate (edges): joe trice*
- District Stewards
 - Church St.: TBA
 - *edges: josh mcgilliard*

Church Street Leadership 2024-2025

Church St. Leadership Team

- Lead pastor: Brad Dulaney
- Church St. lay leader: Lynn Everett (2027)
- Church St. finance chair: Dwight Shelton (2027)
- Church St. property team leader: Keith Davis (2025)
- Church St. SPR chair: Susan Sumner (2027)
- Church St. stewardship chair: Stan Hefta (2027)
- Church St. Annual Conference Member and
BUMC Cross-Campus Partnership Chair: Eric Kaufman
- At-Large member 1: Jennifer Cooper (2026)
- At-Large member 2: Jeannie Hamilton (2026)
- At-Large member 3: Davey Winyall (2026)
- At-Large member 4: Cindy Wood (2027)

Church St. Property Team

- Church St. property team leader: Keith Davis
- at-large member 1: Steve Treser
- at-large member 2: Jackie Nutter

Church St. Nominations Team

- Lead pastor: Brad Dulaney
- Church St. lay leader: Lynn Everett
- At-large member 1: Dick Arnold (2025)
- At-large member 2: Dave Nutter (2025)
- At-large member 3: MaryAnn Cass (2027)
- At-large member 4: TBA

Church St. Finance Committee

- Church St. finance chair: Dwight Shelton (2027)
- Lead pastor: Brad Dulaney
- Church St. lay leader: Lynn Everett (2027)
- Church St. SPR chair: Susan Sumner (2027) *[or designee]*
- Church St. property team leader: Keith Davis (2025) *[or designee]*
- Church St. stewardship chair: Stan Hefta (2027)
- BUMC treasurer: Cyndy Beach (2025)
- BUMC finance director (non-voting): Pam Winkeler
- At-large member 1: Louise Ridenour (2027)
- At-large member 2: Ginger Cope (2025)

Church St. SPR Committee

- Church St. SPR chair: Susan Sumner (2027)
- Church St. lay leader: Lynn Everett (2027)
- Church St. Annual Conference member: Eric Kaufman
- At-large member 1: Matt Beeken (2025)
- At-large member 2: John Byers (2026)
- At-large member 3: Katherine Treser (2027)

BUMP Board *(elected from the church to serve on the preschool board)*

- Ginger Cope (2026)
- Courtney Sakry (2025)
- Lynda Bailey (2025)
- April Peacock (2025)

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