

## Church Life & Community

Chamblee First UMC helps people find peace and purpose within a Christian community. For our most current calendar, visit [chambleeumc.org/happenings](http://chambleeumc.org/happenings)

### ChambLEAD 2026 Leadership Event

Jan 24 - 26

The goal of this training is to equip and mobilize our church leadership. Friday night, our chairs will gather to align around shared vision and values. Saturday morning, all board, committee, and ministry team members will gather to plan for what God is calling us to accomplish in 2026. Sunday during worship, our 2026 church leaders will be commissioned. **Lay Leaders are reminded to check their email for details and RSVP!**

### Family Game Day

Feb 1, 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Gather the whole crew for a day of friendly competition and laughs! Whether you're a board game strategist, a Bingo pro, or just in it for the prizes, there's something for everyone. We're bringing out the classics, the cards, and the daubers for an afternoon of unplugged family fun. Bring your game face and an appetite for complimentary pizza!

### Mother Daughter Friend Dinner

Feb 7, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

As part of our bicentennial year, Chamblee First United Methodist Church is pleased to announce the return of our Mother Daughter Friend Dinner. All generations are encouraged to attend this special evening of fellowship, faith, and timeless beauty! Please register no later than Jan 30. \$20 per Adult, \$15 per Child (age 12 & under). [chambleeumc.org/MDFdinner](http://chambleeumc.org/MDFdinner)

### PMO, PreK and Kindergarten

Now Open!

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year. Programs for children ages 1 - 5. For more information:

- Parents' Morning Out Toddler Program, email [pmo@chambleeumc.org](mailto:pmo@chambleeumc.org)
- Preschool & Kindergarten, visit [chambleemethodistkindergarten.org](http://chambleemethodistkindergarten.org)

### Volunteer Help Needed

three shifts each Saturday

We're looking for volunteers to staff our youth basketball concession stand on game days. There are three shifts available. Whether you're a parent, a student needing volunteer hours, or a CFUMC member eager to support the program, we'd love your help! [chambleeumc.org/concessions](http://chambleeumc.org/concessions)

### Bicentennial Commemorative Suncatchers

still available for purchase

A year-round reminder in your window — these suncatchers are designed to honor our history, inspire memories, and shine a light for the next generation of our church family. [chambleeumc.org/ornaments](http://chambleeumc.org/ornaments)



#### CMY Sunday Mornings: 9:30 AM

Every week brings something new and coffee is always on—iced or hot! We welcome young people in grades 6 through 12 interested in studying Scripture, exploring their faith, and building relationships with Christ and other students.

#### CMY Sunday Evenings: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

- **Jan 18:** No CMY tonight due to holiday weekend and ENCOUNTER Retreat at Lake Junaluska
- **Jan 25:** We're back! Food, fun, friends, and faith—see you at CMY!

## Chamblee Kids

Jordan Black | Director of Children's Ministries | [jblack@chambleeumc.org](mailto:jblack@chambleeumc.org)

### Elementary Sunday School, 9:30-10:30

Our fun-filled programs and age-appropriate curriculum help children develop their faith in meaningful, understandable ways.

**Room 101** - Children ages 3 through preschool | **Room 223** - Children in grades K-5<sup>th</sup>

### During Worship, 10:45-11:45

- Children ages 3 through preschool are welcome in **Room 101** for the worship hour.
- Children in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> begin the worship hour in the sanctuary. Following the Children's Moment, they are dismissed for Kids' Church in **Room 223**.

**Nursery** is available in Room 100 during Sunday School and Worship Service for infants and toddlers. A **calming room** is available in the Narthex at the back of the sanctuary.

## Classes & Groups

**NEW for 2026!** We are excited to announce the start of a new, small group **Bible Study**. To accommodate varying schedules, we're offering two meeting options – Wednesdays evenings or Thursday afternoons in the Hospitality Suite. Choose the day and time that is best for you.

**Beginning January 21st at 6:00 PM -or- January 22nd at 1:00 PM**

Bring your Bible — and a readiness to listen, discuss, and wonder together.  
Questions: [sjrubino73@yahoo.com](mailto:sjrubino73@yahoo.com)

Faith Formation Classes for ALL AGES meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. We encourage you to explore any and all classes to find the small group that is right for you! Learn more at [chambleeumc.org/sunday-school](http://chambleeumc.org/sunday-school)

#### Grace Class

- A group whose name reflects its very values: open invitation and radical welcome; relevant for diverse ages, life experiences, and perspectives; open acknowledgement of our perfect imperfection; and a deep desire to grow together in the transformational love of God. May grace abound! **Room 200**

#### Faith Class

- Faith Class begins each Sunday with a short devotion followed by a prayer of concerns and praises. One of CFUMC's largest faith formation groups, lessons are led by individual class members using selected study material typically spanning four to fourteen weeks. The class supports missions of the church as well as class specific activities. **Fellowship Hall**

#### Fellowship Class

- True to our name, this class provides a friendly, supportive space for sharing and caring. We prioritize mission opportunities, whether through the church or for causes and needs we recognize. Members represent wide range of ages and family types. This nontraditional Sunday School class offers a great way to establish relationships and plug into the life of this church. **Room 207**

#### Glow Class

- One of Chamblee First's longest-standing classes, lessons are based on the Adult Bible Studies series. Most members are in their 70s or older and they share prayer requests weekly. **Room 123**

#### Journeys Class

- A casual class that uses current short-term studies (6 to 8 weeks) by various authors to grow in our knowledge and understanding of our faith. The lessons are discussion based where open conversation is encouraged and where all can explore and share their faith journey alongside others. **Hospitality Suite**

**Other ways** to connect, try something new, & build relationships with your church family:

#### Young at Heart

##### First Tuesdays, 12:30 pm

A monthly lunch & gathering for our 65+ community. Lunch is \$10 per person, payable in cash at the door. RSVP to [lking@chambleeumc.org](mailto:lking@chambleeumc.org)

#### Young Adults

##### Every other Tuesday, 7-8:30 pm

A vibrant group where young people (approx. ages 20-35) can grow in their faith, connect with others, and serve our community together. For details, contact Cameron Wilson at [cacwilson32@gmail.com](mailto:cacwilson32@gmail.com)

#### Christian Yoga

##### Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am

Christian yoga (poses, meditation, breathing) opens the mind and heart to the word of God. [chambleeumc.org/yoga](http://chambleeumc.org/yoga)

#### StitchCraft

##### Wednesdays, 12:30 pm

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, sewing, or other handicrafts? It's even more fun in fellowship with other crafters! No RSVP needed -- just bring your supplies and join us!

#### ROMEOs

##### Second Thursdays, 8 am

A breakfast club for CFUMC retired men ... and men who are not yet retired! No RSVP needed. Join us at Goldberg's Deli, 4520 Chamblee Dunwoody Road.

#### United Methodist Women

##### Monthly

UMW is a community of women growing in faith, uplifting one another, and serving God through mission. At CFUMC, four unique Circles offer meaningful ways to connect, grow, and make a difference—new faces are always warmly welcomed! For info & meeting times, email [umw@chambleeumc.org](mailto:umw@chambleeumc.org)

#### Global Missions & Local Outreach

##### Ongoing

CFUMC believes in working with local partners to serve and build a better community – globally, locally, and right here in Chamblee. To learn more or participate in an upcoming project, visit [chambleeumc.org/missions](http://chambleeumc.org/missions)

### Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bedding & Pillow Drive

Jan 18 - Feb 15

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a 501c3 organization dedicated to building and delivering beds for children who do not have a bed of their own. Please donate new Pillows (in original packaging) and new Twin or Twin XL "beds in a bag" (including a sheet set, pillowcase, and comforter). These items may be placed in collection bins located around the church.



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JANUARY 18, 2026  
TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK

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## We Welcome, Celebrate, and Embrace All

At Chamblee First UMC, we affirm that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God. We believe that all people are worthy of God's unconditional love, grace, and inclusion. We embrace and celebrate the gift of diversity in our church and in our world. We recognize that while we may not all think alike on all issues, we can all Love God, Serve People, and Transform Lives in ministry together.

We proclaim this statement of welcome to all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the church or in society. And we invite all people to fully participate in the life of this community of faith. Together we support one another in our endeavors, and in doing so strengthen each other and the body of Christ in this world.

Welcome to Chamblee First United Methodist Church!

 Our sanctuary is equipped with devices to assist those who are hearing impaired. To use a hearing device, simply ask an usher or the sound technician upon arrival.

## Let Us Know You're Here



Visitor  
Check-In

Please take a moment to check in. We'd love to connect you with groups and activities of interest to you and your family. **To use the QR code**, open your smartphone's camera and point it at the code. A notification or link will appear. Tap the link to access the applicable attendance registration webpage.



Member  
Check-In

## Ways to Give



Scan to Give

An offering is collected to support the work of Chamblee Methodist, sharing God's love with the world. Whether you are a church member, a regular worshiper, or an active participant in one of our ministries, your gifts are valued and appreciated. For those who prefer to contribute electronically, you may text the word **CHAMBLEE** to 73256 using your mobile device OR give securely any time at [chambleeumc.org/give](http://chambleeumc.org/give)

## Upcoming Worship

January 25 - "Called"  
*Commissioning of 2026 Church Lay Leaders*  
Rev. Blair Boyd Zant, Sr. Pastor, CFUMC

February 1 - "Blessed"  
*Holy Communion*  
Rev. Blair Boyd Zant, Sr. Pastor, CFUMC

February 8 - TBA  
*Commissioning of El Salvador Mission Team*  
Rev. Dr. Rodrigo Cruz, Guest Preacher



## Order of Worship

### THE GATHERING

As We Come Together

CFUMC Playlist  
[chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Songs](http://chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Songs)

### THE GREETING

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome &  
Announcements

Ms. Leslie Hall

Prelude

*Andantino*  
Mr. Bill Callaway, organist

Lamare

### PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Opening Hymn \*

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

UMH 158

Prayers of the People  
and The Lord's Prayer

Ms. Hall

Passing of the Peace

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jesus Brings Good News

Matthew 3: 13-17  
After which, children in grades K-5th are  
excused for Kid's Church in room 223.

Mrs. Jordan Black

### THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Mr. Larry Pope

Offertory

*Somebody's Knocking at My Door*  
The Chancel Choir with  
Mr. Paul Gloyer, soloist

Martin

Doxology \*

UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication \*

Mr. Pope

### THE WORD

Scripture

Luke 4:14-21

Ms. Hall

Hymn of Preparation \*

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

UMH 328

Sermon

**ANOINTED**

Rev. Stacey Rushing

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith \*

The Apostle's Creed

UMH 881

Hymn \*

*God Be with You*  
verses 1 & 2

UMH 672

### SENDING FORTH

Benediction \*

Rev. Rushing

Postlude

*Festival March*  
Mr. Callaway, organist

Becker

\* please stand as you are able

## Today's Guest Preacher

While our Senior Pastor is at Lake Junaluska leading our Youth, we are delighted to welcome back to Chamblee First UMC, **Rev. Stacey Rushing**.

Rev. Rushing is an ordained elder in the North Georgia Conference who has a heart for missions and outreach. In her role as Director of the North Georgia Housing and Homeless Council, she brings enthusiasm, knowledge, and passion for those experiencing poverty and homelessness, as well as a familiarity with and love for the churches in the North Georgia Conference.

## Prayer Requests

Please keep these individuals in your prayers today and throughout the week. A complete list including **loved ones** and **ongoing needs** can be found at [chambleeumc.org/weekly-prayer-list](http://chambleeumc.org/weekly-prayer-list) or by scanning this QR code. If you have a prayer request or a praise to share, email [prayer@chambleeumc.org](mailto:prayer@chambleeumc.org).



Prayer List

### Our Members:

- Meredith Williams, hospitalized due to complications following surgery
- Becky Bennett, upcoming surgery for cancer on Jan 21
- Elmo Victorio, father of Maggie Victorio-Mundie, recovering from a fall
- Jake Burkhardt, recovering in rehab as a result of another fall

### Our Members' Families:

- Trevor McEntyre, nephew of Sam and Gayle, with heart issues and awaiting kidney transplant
- Sue Lemerman, sister of Barbara Roberts, recovering from a broken ankle and serious leg injury
- Mary Jordan, cousin of Bill Farkas, diagnosed with kidney cancer
- Lori Fancher, SIL of Mike and Sandra, dealing with pancreatic cancer

### Our Sympathy to the Family of:

- David Humphries, brother-in-law of Sarah and Ed Rondeau, who passed away unexpectedly on Jan 12 in Texas
- Thad Bell, friend of Susan Montgomery, who passed away on Jan 3

## Support & Uplift El Salvador Missionaries



*letters due Feb 8*

Our team of 8 individuals will travel to El Salvador February 14-21 to serve and minister within the community of Ahuachapán. For ways to support this delegation, **including writing letters, providing rides to the airport, or donations**, visit [chambleeumc.org/missions](http://chambleeumc.org/missions) and click the "El Salvador 2026" tab. To help fund onsite construction materials, food distribution, or bible school for El Salvadorian children, make checks payable to Chamblee First UMC with "El Salvador GIFT" noted on memo line. Or give online at [onrealm.org/ChambleeUMC/give/now](http://onrealm.org/ChambleeUMC/give/now) and choose "El Salvador Gifts Only" from the drop down menu.

## Church Financials & Leadership

### Church Business Office Hours

- Mondays - Thursdays, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM; Fridays, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- CLOSED Monday, Jan 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

### Upcoming Meetings

View our current roster of 2026 Lay Leaders t [chambleeumc.org/leadership](http://chambleeumc.org/leadership)

- Finance Committee - *Jan 20 | 6:00 PM*
- ChambLEAD 2026 Leadership Training - *Jan 24-26*



### Attention Online Givers: Action Required

Chamblee First UMC's pledge entry and online payment systems operate independently and do not update automatically. If your pledge amount or payment method changed for 2026, please update scheduled giving within your REALM profile. To ensure this year's contributions are accurately recorded, please review your REALM settings and make any necessary adjustments ASAP.



## Worship Leaders & Staff

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