

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

2025-2026 School Year Registration

Now Open

It is time to register for the 2025-2026 Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten, Preschool, and Parents' Morning Out programs!

- For info about CMK registration: chambleemethodistkindergarten.org
- For info about PMO registration: chambleeumc.org/pmo

Annual Chili Cookoff & Missions Fundraiser

Feb 9, after worship

Join us for a hearty lunch of chili samples and the crowning of our new Chili Champion! Also available for purchase will be take-home quarts of homemade tomato soup, chicken noodle soup, and various chilis. Don't miss this delicious friendly competition benefitting the missions of CFUMC.

Yoga with Keisha

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 am

Christian yoga (poses, meditation, breathing) opens the mind and heart to the word of God. All are welcome! chambleeumc.org/yoga

StitchCraft

Wednesdays, 12 pm

If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, sewing, or other handicrafts and would like to spend time with other crafters, this will be a fun time to fellowship together while you craft! No need to RSVP, just come with all your supplies.

Local Outreach & Global Missions

Backpack Buddies

Jan 29

Every week of the school year, CFUMC provides nourishment to local children who have little or nothing to eat on weekends. You can help by participating in a planned packing event or assembling a group and scheduling another. For more info or to sign up, visit <http://tinyurl.com/BackpackBuddiesSignup>

Support and Uplift our El Salvador Delegation

letters due Feb 9

Our team of 11+ individuals will travel to El Salvador Feb 15-22 to serve and minister within the community of Ahuachapan. Great things happen when we listen to God's call! For ways to support this delegation, **including a letter writing campaign or donations**, visit chambleeumc.org/missions and click the "El Salvador 2025" tab.

Sermon Series: "With God's Help"

Sundays at 10:45 am through February 9

We start a new year by making big promises about our health, relationships, how we will spend our money and time, and the person we hope to become by next New Year's Eve.

We celebrate baptism by making big promises as well. We declare, "With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that surrounded by steadfast love, this person may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal." Inevitably, we struggle to keep our promises.

Good news: in Christ, we find the strength we lack. In Scripture, we discover the way forward. Through Prayer, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness, we practice communal accountability. With God's Help, we can keep our promises.



past sermons available for replay at chambleeumc.org/watch-archive

Support the Leaders of CFUMC



Scan this QR code for a complete list of the 2025 Lay Leadership Team and Committees being commissioned today. Please pray for this team and continue to support them as, alongside our pastor, they work to fulfill the mission and vision of the congregation. These are your brothers and sisters in Christ who said "YES!" to the call to serve and lead Chamblee First United Methodist Church. chambleeumc.org/leadership

Classes & Groups

Faith Formation classes for ALL AGES meet Sunday mornings at **9:30 am**. Feel free to explore any and all classes to find the small group that is right for you!

NEW for 2025!

- A community of young adults including singles, couples, and new parents. This group will focus on building deep faith, Christian community, and a new place for new people to connect. This class officially launched today with its first short term study led by various guest facilitators including Rev. Zant and Steve Rubino. **Room 200**
- Focuses primarily on relationships. Studies discuss popular culture, books, and current events that raise challenging questions. Members range from families with school-aged children to established career professionals. **Hospitality Suite**
- The Faith Class is one of our largest Sunday school classes. Each Sunday begins with a short devotion by one of the class members followed by a prayer of concerns and praises. 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. **Room 204**
- 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**
- 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**
- A casual class that studies a wide variety of different curriculum. The lessons are discussion-based to develop faith intellectually. Most members are nearing retirement age. **Room 205**

Bridge Class

Faith Class

Fellowship Class

Glow Class

Journeys Class

Chamblee Kids

Jordan Black | Director of Children's Ministries | jblack@chambleeumc.org

Elementary Sunday School, 9:30-10:30

- Our exciting programs, current curriculum, and mentors help children develop their faith in fun ways they can understand. Children age 2 through preschool meet in Room 101. Children grades K-5th meet in Room 223.

During Worship, 10:45-11:45

- Following the Children's Moment, children grades K-5th are dismissed for Kids' Church. They can be picked up in Room 223 on the 2nd floor after the service.
- At both 9:30 and 10:45, children ages 2 through preschool meet in Room 101.

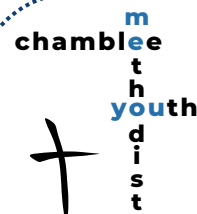
Nursery is available in room 100 during Sunday School and Worship Service for infants and toddlers. Additionally, a soothing room is available in the Narthex in back of the sanctuary.



ChambleeKIDS Family Game Night

Friday, Feb 7 | 5:30-7:30 pm

Bring your favorite board game and join us for an evening of food, fun, and friendly competition.



India Gleason, Director of Youth Ministries

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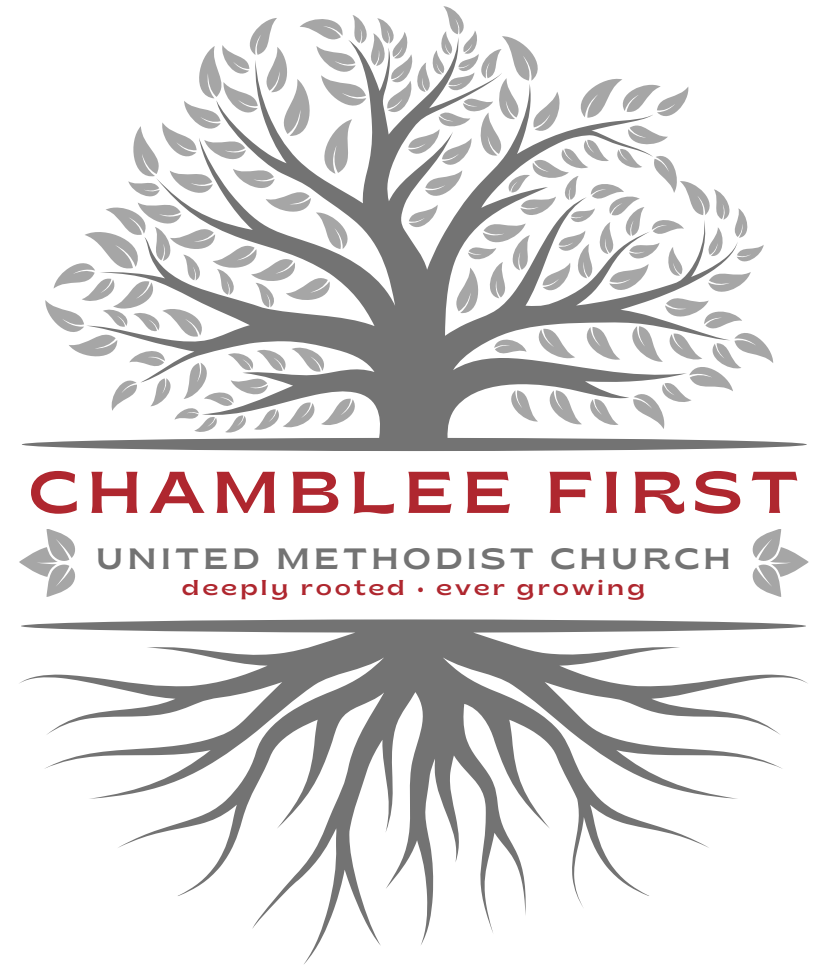
CMY is an inclusive space for all youth, 6th - 12th grades. Join us for social events, spiritual exploration, and service opportunities.

Sunday mornings: 9:30-10:30 am

All students grades 6-12, are invited to participate in our current series, **INSIDE OUT**. This four week series is a study designed to challenge the values of the world and affirm that our true value begins with a God of love and shows up in how we live our lives. Coffee and snacks provided.

Sunday evenings: 5:00-7:00 pm

Experience meaningful discussions with a small group in a safe place to be your authentic self. All students and friends are invited to join us for worship, dinner, and games each Sunday!



JANUARY 26, 2025
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!

Attendance



Visitor Check-In

Whether a Visitor or a Member, we are glad you are with us today! We ask that you register your attendance by scanning the applicable QR code. Please let us know if you are new, would like to become a member, or are interested in more information about Chamblee First.



Member Check-In

Ways 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

199 & Counting

In case you haven't heard, we are approaching the anniversary of the founding of Chamblee First United Methodist Church. Throughout 2025, **our 199th year**, we will take time to reflect on our history and embrace our calling from God. We also look forward with great anticipation to where the Lord will lead us next. If you are interested in joining the Bicentennial Committee, please contact lking@chambleeumc.org



Worship Leaders & Staff
chambleeumc.org | 770-457-2525

Rev. Blair Zant, Senior Pastor
 Zack Wright, Director of Music Ministries
 Alexis Rodriguez, AV Engineer
 Mellie O'Keefe, Kindergarten Director
 Linda King, Hospitality & Member Care
 Emily Jameson, PMO Director
 Deanna Hamilton, Executive Director
 India Gleason, Youth Director
 Bill Callaway, Organist
 Jordan Black, Director of Children's Ministries
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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour
 Call to Worship Rev. Blair Boyd Zant
 Prelude *Fantasia in G Major* Bach
 Mr. Bill Callaway, organist

THE GREETING

Welcome & Announcements Mrs. Deanna Hamilton
 Opening Hymn * *We Gather Together* UMH 131

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer Mrs. Hamilton

MINISTRY MOMENT

2025 Leadership Commissioning Rev. Zant
 Song * *Goodness of God* Bethel Music

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Gift of Leadership Mrs. Jordan Black
After which, children grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering Rev. Zant
 Offertory *One Bread, One Body* Hayes
 Chancel Choir and Bill Callaway, pianist
 Doxology * UMH 95
 Prayer of Dedication * Rev. Zant

THE WORD

Scripture 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a Mrs. Hamilton
 † following the reading:
Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *With God's Help: PRESENCE* Rev. Zant

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song * *New Wine* Hillsong Worship

SENDING FORTH

Benediction * Rev. Zant
 Postlude *Rondeau* Mouret
 Mr. Callaway, organist

* Please stand as you are able.

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 or by scanning this QR code. If you have a prayer request or a praise to share, email prayer@chambleeumc.org.



Prayer List

Our Members:

- Eleanor Heyward, recovering at home from the flu
- Marsha Jones, return of cancer, awaiting treatment options for multiple areas
- Debbie Hall, waiting for treatment plan for breast cancer
- Jerry Smith, recovering at home, awaiting more treatments
- Jake Burkhardt, struggling with effects of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy)

Our Members' Families:

- Claire Winne, mother of Mark, recovering at home
- Nick and Mary Nicodemus, parents of Tammy Boswell, declining health
- Jim Russell, uncle of Mary Ruth Kearney, recovering from a fall
- Diana Stephens, SIL of Lee Turner, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
- Bruce Bennett, brother of Becky, awaiting treatment for neck pain
- Stacy Jarrard Kelley, niece of Debbie Calvert, receiving radiation treatments after double mastectomy
- Mary Ellen Johnson, mother of Whitney, health challenges
- Lisa Bolt, mother of James Kingman, treatment for esophageal and liver cancer
- Tyler Marshall, nephew of Jo Burkhardt, dealing with bi-polar disorder
- Claire Rowell, DIL of Jan, continuing maintenance treatments for brain tumor
- Nell Lanier, aunt of Jo Burkhardt, undergoing treatment for liver cancer in Mississippi

Our Sympathy to the family of:

- Jess Paik, niece of Marcia Myers, who passed away on January 17 after a long battle with cancer

Church Financials & Leadership

Year-End Reporting

As of Dec 31: Income = \$920,291 | Expenses = \$925,527. Ending our fiscal year with a deficit of **\$5,236**. To request a full copy of the most recently approved financial reports, please email business@chambleeumc.org

Chamblee First United Methodist
 Summary of Revenues & Expenses
 January to December 2024

	Dec 2024 Actuals	Dec 2024 Budget	Jan to Dec 2024 Actuals	Jan to Dec 2024 Budget
Revenues				
Tithes and Regular Offerings	\$81,548	\$87,983	\$686,345	\$700,825
Investments & Special Funds	\$483	\$0	\$3,093	\$0
Miscellaneous Income	\$13,968	\$12,348	\$161,161	\$152,615
Rental income	\$4,650	\$6,000	\$69,693	\$46,560
Total Revenues	\$100,649	\$106,330	\$920,291	\$900,000
Expenses				
Conference Apportionments	\$5,573	\$5,573	\$66,880	\$66,880
Missions	\$3,305	\$4,950	\$28,148	\$37,556
Program Ministries & Education	\$15,292	\$8,280	\$65,739	\$77,095
Minister and Staff Compensation	\$44,287	\$42,285	\$477,380	\$505,981
Local Church Operations	\$24,056	\$32,218	\$217,585	\$213,574
Capital Expenses	\$7,202	\$6,585	\$199,818	\$209,924
Furniture & Equipment Expense	-\$21	\$250	\$1,486	\$1,000
Total Expenses	\$99,694	\$100,142	\$1,057,035	\$1,112,010
Transfers from Designated Funds	\$10,175	\$14,716	\$131,508	\$162,010
<small>Note: This includes ERTC refunds</small>				
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$11,130	\$20,904	-\$5,236	-\$50,000

Upcoming Meetings

- Tue, Jan 28, 9 am: CMK Advisory Board
- Wed Jan 29, 6 pm: Rail Trail informational meeting and Q&A re: CFUMC easement**
- Mon Feb 3, 6 pm: Staff Parish Relations (first Monday of the month, with exceptions)
- Mon Feb 10, 6 pm: Board of Trustees
- Tue Feb 18, 6pm: Finance Committee (meeting Tue b/c of Presidents Day on 2/17)
- Mon Feb 24: Administrative Board (will meet the 4th Monday of every other month)