

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

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

coming in January

A powerful 8-week journey that will forever change the way you love God, yourself, and others. Tentatively, Mondays at 6:30 pm. The day/time for this small group study is TBC pending participant preference. chambleeumc.org/study-EHS

Young at Heart

Jan 7, 12:30

Food, fun, and fellowship for our 65+ community, the first Tuesday of every month. Lunch is \$8 per person, payable in cash at the door. RSVP to lking@chambleeumc.org

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. Resumes on Jan 8.

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. Classes resume Jan 13.

ROMEOS Breakfast

Second Thursdays, 8 am

The late Les Hammond founded this breakfast club for CFUMC Retired Men (and those who are not yet retired!) We continue to honor his memory by gathering on the second Thursday of each month. Join us at Goldberg's Deli, 4520 Chamblee Dunwoody Road.

ChambLEAD

Jan 10 & 11

Leadership Training for incoming church committee chairs, board members, and staff. Please check your email for an invitation from Rev. Blair Boyd Zant and our Leadership Development & Nominations Committee. *Registration deadline is today!*

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Mon Jan 20

2025 marks the 30th anniversary of MLK Day as a **National Day of Service**. This day was established to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King, and to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. *Remember! Celebrate! Act!* The church offices will be closed in observance of this federal holiday. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call 404-999-4735.

Local Outreach & Global Missions

Backpack Buddies

Jan 15, Jan 22 & 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>

Meals for Missions (M4M)

benefitting the CFUMC 2025 El Salvador Trip

Homemade, take & bake meals lovingly prepared by the missions team and members of Chamblee First UMC. At \$20 each, these frozen casseroles, soups, or baked goods make for a quick, easy meal with a far-reaching impact! All proceeds support the ministry of CFUMC in El Salvador.

Visit chambleeumc.org/M4M-purchase to review the menu and reserve your delicious heat & eat meals. Deadline to order is Jan 26. Pick up date is Feb 2.

Cooks Needed! If you can contribute to this worthy cause by preparing and freezing a meal, please sign up at chambleeumc.org/M4M-prepare. All disposable bakeware and recipes will be provided. Prepped meals must be delivered to the church by Jan 24.



Meals for Missions

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. Gather for faith-based lessons and discussions on marriage, family, work/life balance, and deeper connections with the Lord. Led by Rev. Zant, Leslie Hall, and other guest speakers, this new class will officially launch on Jan 26. **Join us for preview sessions in the Hospitality Suite on Jan 12 & 20.**

Bridge Class

- 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. **Room 200**

Faith Class

- 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**

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 studies a wide variety of different curriculum. The lessons are discussion-based to develop faith intellectually. Most members are nearing retirement age. **Room 205**

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

- Children grades K-5th are dismissed during the service for Kids' Church and can be picked up in Room 223 following the service. **Today, Jan 5, Kids will return to the sanctuary in time for Holy Communion.**
- Children ages 2 through preschool will meet in Room 101 at both 9:30 and 10:45.

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.



India Gleason, Director of Youth Ministries
igleason@chambleeumc.org

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

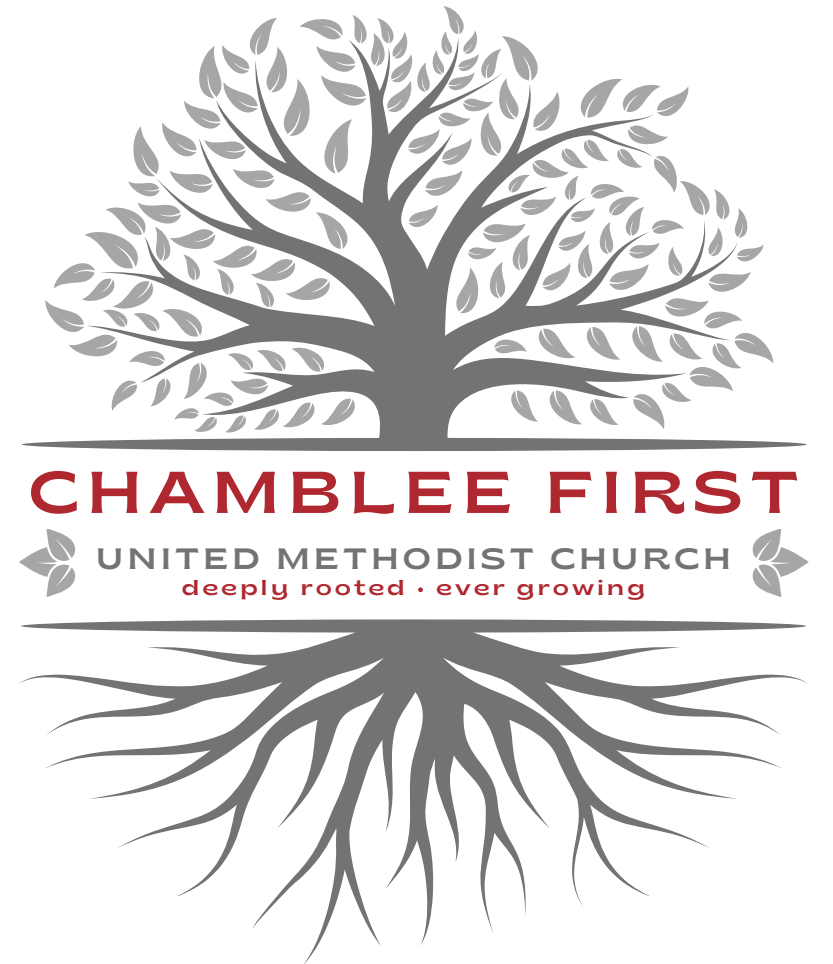
All students grades 6-12, are invited to participate in our current series, **INSIDE OUT**. This four week series is a study designed to challenge the values of the world and affirm that our true value begins with a God of love and shows up in how we live our lives. Coffee and snacks provided.

Sunday evenings: 5:00-7:00 pm, resumes Jan 12

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!

Wonder-Full Wednesdays

All **Young Adults** are invited to gather each month for Wonder-Full Wednesday! A time of fun and fellowship during which we can learn to listen for God's persistent voice and fully embrace all God has planned for us. Reach out to Cameron Wilson for details.
cacwilson32@gmail.com



JANUARY 5, 2025

TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK

EPHIPHANY SUNDAY

4147 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA 30341
770-457-2525 | chambleeumc.org

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

Holy Communion

As United Methodists, we believe that all are welcome at God's Table. You do not have to be a member of this church, or of any church, to participate. Everyone is invited!

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.



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
Taylor Aycock, Nursery Coordinator

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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship

Rev. Blair Boyd Zant

Prelude

Abide With Me
Mr. Bill Callaway, pianist
Ms. Becky Sanders, organist

Monk

THE GREETING

Welcome &
Announcements

Ms. India Gleason

Opening Hymn *

We Three Kings
verses 1 - 4

UMH 254

Scripture

Matthew 22: 34-40

Ms. Gleason

† following the reading:
Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"The Kings Show the Way"

Mrs. Jordan Black

After which, children grades K-5th are excused
for Kid's Church in room 223
Today, they will return in time for Holy Communion

Choral Response

We Three Kings
verse 5

UMH 254

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People
and The Lord's Prayer

Ms. Gleason

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Zant

Offertory

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Mr. Zack Wright, soloist
Mr. Callaway, pianist

Thomerson

Doxology *

UMH 95

Dedication of the Offering *

Rev. Zant

THE WORD

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Royeese Stowe

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation and Great Thanksgiving

UMH 12

Holy Communion

Rev. Zant

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Closing Hymn *

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH 220

SENDING FORTH

Benediction *

Rev. Zant

Postlude

March of the Three Kings
Mr. Callaway, organist

Martin

* 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:

- Marsha Jones, return of cancer, awaiting treatment options
- Debbie Hall, upcoming surgery and treatment for breast cancer
- Jerry Smith, recovering at home from recent treatments
- Alexis Rodriguez, dealing with complications from Myasthenia Gravis
- Jean Mims, recovering at home
- Joe Lipsky, recovering from cervical spinal surgery
- Jake Burkhardt, struggling with effects of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy)

Our Members' Families:

- Jess Paik, niece of Marcia Myers, entering hospice care
- Nick and Mary Nicodemus, parents of Tammy Boswell, declining health
- Jim Russell, uncle of Mary Ruth Kearney, recovering from broken ribs and a concussion after a fall
- Diana Stephens, SIL of Lee Turner, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
- Bruce Bennett, brother of Becky, awaiting treatment for neck pain
- Claire Winne, mother of Mark, recovering in rehab
- Stacy Jarrard Kelley, niece of Debbie Calvert, receiving radiation treatments after double mastectomy for triple negative breast cancer
- 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, wife of Jordan and 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 families of:

- President Jimmy Carter, Josh Carter's grandfather, who passed away on Dec 29 at the age of 100. Please keep Josh and Sarah and their sons in your prayers as they navigate all the public events over the next weeks.
- Cullen Sheffield, who passed away on Dec 26 at the age of 83. A celebration of life will be held on Friday, Jan 10 at 1 pm in the sanctuary with a reception immediately following in Fellowship Hall.
- Ray Boswell, father of Michael, who passed away on Dec 22. A celebration of life was held on Dec 27 in Kentucky.



A Prayer for New Orleans

Dear Lord,
We lift up all those affected by the tragedy in New Orleans on the first day of 2025. Please bring comfort to the grieving, healing to the injured, and strength to the responders. Surround them with Your love and peace.
In Your holy name, we pray.
Amen.

Church Financials & Leadership

Month-End Reporting

YTD as of Nov 30: Income = \$819,382 | Expenses = \$835,833. To request a full copy of the most recently approved financial reports, please email business@chambleeumc.org

Upcoming Meetings

Jan 10 & 11

ChamLEAD Training for church committee/board members and staff, hosted by our Leadership Development and Nominations Committee.