

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

Chamblee Farmers Market
Saturdays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
CFUMC is the new home of the Chamblee Farmer’s Market, featuring fresh locally-grown produce, handmade goods, and artisanal products. As ambassadors of the church, please stop by to help create a welcoming atmosphere for vendors and visitors alike.

CMK Spirit at Southern Custard
October 8, 12 noon -10:00 PM
Support Chamblee Methodist PreK & Kindergarten when you enjoy a sweet treat at **Southern Custard**, 3575 Durden Drive NE, Brookhaven. 10% of all sales support our school. Be sure to mention “**CMK**” at checkout.

Basketball Registration
now through Oct 10
Registration is now open for CFUMC Youth & High School Basketball Leagues. Boys and Girls age 5 (as of 9/1) through age 18 (enrolled in high school) are invited to participate. For details or to register, visit chambleeumc.org/basketball2025

Taste of Chamblee 2025
October 18, 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Join us for an afternoon of connection and community by volunteering at Taste of Chamblee. We'll greet our neighbors, pass out bubbles, and let our community know about the awesome happenings at Chamblee First UMC. chambleeumc.org/Taste25

Sunday Supper Club
1st & 3rd Sundays, 6:30 PM
Looking to make new connections or deepen relationships with your Chamblee First UMC friends and family? October 19 Supper Club will be at Lagarde American Eatery. Come for food, fun, and fellowship. For details and to RSVP visit chambleeumc.org/SupperClub

The Great Fall Festival
October 26, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Get ready for Fall Fun! Trunks of treats, pumpkin decorating, bounce houses, the Scouts' Rain Gutter Regatta, touch-a-truck, BBQ and Pizza for sale, and more! Bring a blanket or lawn chairs to enjoy a picnic-style meal while "It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown" plays on the outdoor movie screen.



- Decorated Trunks Needed!** We need your creativity (and candy!) to put the “great” in The Great Fall Festival. Sign up to host a Trunk of Treats chambleeumc.org/TrunkHost25

Spooktacular Soiree
October 29, 6:00 pm
A concert with thrills and chills suitable for all ages. Resident “Phantom of the Opera” Bill Callaway will provide organ accompaniment to a medley of family movie scenes.



Rooted Youth Retreat at Camp Glisson | October 24-26
\$195 per person | students grades 6th-12th
registration deadline is **today** at chambleeumc.org/youth

Sunday mornings: 9:30-10:30 AM
Confirmation will be included as a track in our CoLABorate Sunday morning experience. Learn more at chambleeumc.org/youth

Sunday evenings in October
This month, instead of our regular 5-7 PM gatherings, our youth will join the larger church community in celebrating the Fall season. For updated event details and times, visit chambleeumc.org/youth. There will be **no CMY or Supper tonight**. Instead, youth will be assisting with and attending APOSTLE. If you signed up to help, please report to the Atrium at 4:30 PM for volunteer check-in.

Chamblee Kids
Jordan Black | Director of Children’s Ministries | 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-5th

During Worship, 10:45-11:45

- Children ages 3 through preschool are welcome in **Room 101** for the worship hour.
- Children in grades K-5th begin the worship hour in the sanctuary. Following the Children’s Moment, they are dismissed for Kids’ Church in **Room 223**.
- Today, Oct 5, Kids will return to the sanctuary in time for Holy Communion.**

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

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!

- 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 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. **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 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. **Room 205**

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

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

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

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

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 lean more or participate in an upcoming project, **visit** chambleeumc.org/missions

Backpack Buddies weekly bag packing for 3 local schools, to provide sustenance for 90+ families	groups or individuals, sign up at tinyurl.com/BackpackBuddiesSignup
UMCOR Bucket Check <i>Oct 11, 9 AM - 12:30 PM</i> , hands-on service opportunity for all ages at UMCOR Hub	for details and to register, visit chambleeumc.org/BUCKET-CHECK
Disaster Response Training <i>Nov 1, 8:30 AM - 4 PM</i> , one-day training will prepare you to assist in a crisis situation	for details and to register visit chambleeumc.org/ERT
Cross-Cultural Ministries help with tutoring, homework, Bible lessons, and student relations	after school volunteers needed george.r.hall@gmail.com
Thanksgiving Food Drive <i>Oct 1 - Nov 9</i>	for details & items of the week, visit chambleeumc.org/fooddrive25



OCTOBER 5, 2025
TEN FORTY-FIVE O’CLOCK

WORLD COMMUNION
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!

 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

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



Scan to Give



On the first Sunday of each October, United Methodists join together with Christian churches around the globe for a celebration of unity across denominations. Today we gather in our sanctuary for the sacrament of communion with a great sense of interconnectedness -- within our congregation, our community, and our world. The communion table of the United Methodist Church is open to all. You do not have to be a member of this church, or of any church, to participate in World Communion.



Worship Leaders & Staff

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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING

As We Come Together

CFUMC Playlist
chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Songs

THE GREETING

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome &
Announcements

Mrs. Deanna Hamilton

Prelude

Benedictus on "Sicilian Mariner's Hymn"
Mr. Bill Callaway, organist

Young

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship

Ephesians 4

Rev. Blair Zant

Opening Hymn *

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH **127**

Prayers of the People

Mrs. Hamilton

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Better Together

Mrs. Jordan Black

After which, children grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223. They will return to Sanctuary for Holy Communion.

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Zant

Offertory

Many and Great, O God
Chancel Choir, with student musicians
Esteban Rodriguez (soloist),
Casey Choy (violin), Katherine Thomas (cello),
Cora Scherrer (flute), Lillian Thomas (oboe),
Elizabeth Jameson (djembe)

American Indian
tune

Doxology *

UMH **95**

Prayer of Dedication *

Rev. Zant

THE WORD

Scripture

Ephesians 2:13-22

Mrs. Hamilton

Sermon

Dear Ephesus ...

Rev. Zant

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation, Confession & Pardon

UMH **12**

Passing of the Peace

Great Thanksgiving &
The Lord’s Prayer

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Closing Hymn *

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
v. 1

UMH **557**

SENDING FORTH

Benediction *

Rev. Zant

Postlude

Jupiter Chorale from "The Planets"
Mr. Callaway, organist

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* 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:

- Barbara Roberts, recovering from surgery to remove kidney stones
- Ross Glover, recovering from a stroke at home
- Jake Burkhardt, struggling with effects of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy)

Our Members’ Families:

- Lori Fancher, sister-in-law of Mike and Sandra, dealing with pancreatic cancer
- Al & Kathleen Laba, parents of Dennis, health and safety
- Shelby Bryce, 2 yr old of Lee Turner, recovering from surgery related to spina bifida

Our Christian Sympathy to the family of

Diana Stephens, sister in law of Lee Turner, who passed away on September 27, following a battle with pancreatic cancer. Please keep Lee, along with her brother and widower Allen Stephens, and the rest of their family in your prayers. Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on October 3 at Meadows Funeral Home. The funeral will take place at 11:00 AM on October 4 at Monroe First Methodist Church.

Upcoming Worship Services

- On October 12, **Rev. Blair Boyd Zant** will focus on the Apostle Paul’s letter to Philemon and its profound implications for early Christianity, relationships within the church, and the transformative power of forgiveness.
- On October 19, we are delighted to welcome back **Rev. Minho Chung** as our guest preacher. Don’t miss this opportunity to visit with him, Janet, Jonah, Noah, & Abby.

APOSTLE: a live performance by Brad Sherrill

TONIGHT at 5:00 PM | doors open at 4:30 PM

Experience a powerful stage adaptation of the Apostle Paul's story from Acts, woven together with inspiring passages from Paul's letters. This moving performance by Atlanta actor Brad Sherrill is enhanced by multimedia from Paul-related sites across Greece and Turkey. Following the performance, enjoy a celebratory reception with hors d'oeuvres in Fellowship Hall. Complimentary nursery and childcare will be provided for infants through elementary-aged children. **Tickets still available** at <https://apostle.eventbrite.com>

Church Financials & Leadership

Office Closure

The offices of Chamblee First UMC will be closed Monday 10/13 and Tuesday 10/14. Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten will be closed Oct 13-17 for Fall Break.

Upcoming Meetings

- Board of Trustees – Oct 6 / 6:00 PM
- Nominations Committee – Oct 8 / 6:00 PM
- Finance Committee – Oct 20 / 6:00 PM

Financial Reports Update

as of August 31, 2025

- REVENUE:
YTD actual = \$525,470 | YTD budget = \$577,908
- EXPENSES:
YTD actual = \$700,682 | YTD budget = \$703,333

For security purposes, full monthly reports are no longer posted on the public website. Members may request the most recent report by emailing business@chambleeumc.org