

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 and you can sign up for our email newsletter, Deep and Wide, at chambleeumc.org/updates

Basketball Registration has begun!

We are excited for another season and looking forward to seeing all the kids from last year, and a few new faces. We had our biggest year in 2025 and expect to expand that number in 2026. Registration is open now until October 8th and you can find more information at chambleeumc.org/basketball26-27

Taste of Chamblee 2026 on October 17, 3:00-8:00 PM

Join us for an afternoon of connections and community by volunteering at Taste of Chamblee. We'll greet our neighbors, pass out bubbles and stickers, and let our community know about the awesome happenings at Chamblee First UMC. Sign up at chambleeumc.org/taste26

The Great Fall Festival on Sunday, October 25, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Join us for Fall Fun! Enjoy Trunk-or-treating, monster crafts, bounce houses and slides, the Scouts' Rain Gutter Regatta, touch-a-truck area, pizza, and more!

HOST TRUNKS NEEDED! We need your creativity (and candy!) to put the "great" in The Great Fall Festival. Bring your decorated cars, trucks, golf carts, or motorcycles and candy for 250 kids! Register to host a trunk here: chambleeumc.org/trunkhost26

Nominations & Leadership Development Portal

Every board, committee, and leadership role at Chamblee First is a place to grow in faith and get things done! Explore the roles that need leaders for 2027 — and where you might fit. Find out more at chambleeumc.org/nominations-and-leadership-development/

Backpack Buddies: Gear Up for the New School Year!

Feed local students this school year through our Backpack Buddies weekend food bag program. We need weekly volunteers to pick up food, pack bags, and deliver supplies to local schools. Read the task descriptions on our signup page and choose the option that fits your schedule best.

- New Volunteers Welcome: We will pair you with an experienced teammate for your first shift.
- Lunch-Hour Opportunity: Join us for our standard packing time every **Tuesday at 12:00 PM**—a perfect mid-day service project.
- Learn more at chambleeumc.org/backpackbuddies

2026 Food Drive and Packing Event

Save the date for our annual food packing event on Sunday, November 15th, which will be a part of our worship experience that day. You can find out more information on the items we are collecting at chambleeumc.org/fooddrive2026

Chamblee Kids

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

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

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 AM

- 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**.



Rev. Hope Cody Peppers | hcppeters@chambleeumc.org
Pastor of Youth & Community Engagement

Chamblee First Youth is an inclusive space for all youth,
6th - 12th grades. **LEARNING | PLAYING | GROWING**

Sunday Mornings: 9:30-10:30 AM
Sunday Evenings: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Check out our schedule of events at chambleeumc.org/youth

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! Learn more at 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**
Current study: Winning the War on Worry by Louie Giglio.

Faith Class

Faith Class begins each Sunday with a song, followed by a short devotion and prayers 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 ten weeks. The class supports missions of the church as well as class specific activities. **Room 204**
Current study: You're Only Human by Kelly M. Kapic
Next study: Essential Guide to Becoming a Disciple by Greg Ogden.

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**
Current study: Embracing the Uncertain by Magrey R. deVega
Next study: The Heart of the Psalms: God's Word to the World by James C. Howell

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, 10:45-11:45 AM

Christian yoga (poses, meditation, breathing) opens the mind and heart to the word of God. You can find more information at 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 in **Room 203**.

ROMEOb

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. You can learn more about the organizations that we partner with at chambleeumc.org/missions-partners



OCTOBER 11, 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 and your family with groups and activities that may be of interest to you. To use the QR code, open your smartphone's camera and point it at the code. A notification or link will appear — tap it to access the appropriate attendance registration page. Members may also check in using **Realm Connect**, available on the App Store and Google Play.



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



BRAND NEW DAY

Next Sunday, we begin our "Brand New Day" Stewardship series with Laity Sunday: an annual United Methodist celebration of the ministry, leadership, and daily witness of church members and volunteers. Our preacher next week is Leslie Hall, a member and certified lay speaker who will share about our United Methodist commitment to **Love Boldly!**

LOVE BOLDLY | SERVE JOYFULLY | LEAVE A LEGACY | LEAD COURAGEOUSLY



CHAMBLEE
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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		Rev. Blair Zant Leslie Hall
PRAISE & THANKSGIVING		
Prelude	<i>Nocturne in F Major</i> Bill Callaway, piano	Chopin
Call to Worship		Rev. Zant
Opening Hymn	<i>Christ for the World, We Sing</i>	UMH 568 vs. 1,3,4 Linda King Cathy Forrest
Bicentennial Recap		
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer		Leslie Hall
Passing of the Peace *		
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM		
Baptismal Covenant		Rev. Blair Zant Alexis Rodriguez
Congregational Pledge		UMH 44
Congregational Response	<i>Child of Blessing, Child of Promise</i> verse 1	UMH 611
CHILDRENS MOMENT		
Sneak Peek		Jordan Black
After which, children grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223.		
THE OFFERING		
Invitation to the Offering		Ray Dunahoo
Offertory	<i>God is Our Refuge</i> Chancel Choir Bill Callaway, piano	Pote
Doxology *		UMH 95
Prayer of Dedication *		Rev. Zant
THE WORD		
Scripture	Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Leslie Hall
Sermon	What's After 200?	Rev. Zant
RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
Hymn *	<i>Forward Through the Ages</i>	UMH 555
SENDING FORTH		
Benediction *		Rev. Zant
Postlude	<i>Rondeau</i> Bill Callaway, organist	Mouret

* 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



Our Members:
John Todd, moved to assisted living
Lynn Johnston, recovering at home
Becky Bennett, struggling with effects of immunotherapy
Jake Burkhardt, continuing to recover with PT

Members' family:
Bruce Bennett, brother of Becky, hospitalized with GI issues
Annie Mae Walker, mother of Louise DeCastro, declining health
Olin Craven, brother of Becky Craven, recovering in hospital after a fall
Al Stephens, brother of Lee Turner, moved to rehab
Moi Monroe, brother of Ann Hammond, recovering from back surgery
Richard and Dotty Casper, parents of Dave (Donna Shackley's SIL), Richard is in hospice care

Our Loved Ones:
Lisa Jackson, friend of Kathryn Rodriguez, battling glioblastoma

Sympathy to the family of:
Hugh McElheney, brother of Edward, who passed away on 10/1 after a long illness. A family memorial service was held on 10/7.

Celebration of Baptism



Please welcome to our Family of Faith
Sarah Lorena Galeano
born 10/11/2024
daughter of **Diana Galeano & Moises Caal**

Church Financials & Leadership

Church Business Office Hours

- Mondays - Thursdays, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Fridays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Upcoming Meetings

- Trustees - October 14 | 6:00 PM
- Finance Committee - October 19 | 6:00 PM
- Nominations and Leadership Development - October 20 | 6:00 PM
- Missions Committee - October 20 | 6:30 PM
- Administrative Board - October 26 | 6:00 PM

Please visit chambleeumc.org/leadership for our current Lay Leadership roster and Chamblee First UMC year-to-date financial reports as of July 30, 2026.



CHAMBLEE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 YEARS
Deeply Rooted. Ever Growing.
established 1826

What a historic and meaningful weekend! Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate 200 years of ministry, worship, and fellowship.

A special debt of gratitude goes to our **Bicentennial Committee** for their months of dedicated planning, and to **every single volunteer** who stepped up to host, serve, guide tours, and set up under the tent. Your hard work made this milestone celebration a seamless success. Whether you explored the Ministry Open House, joined in afternoon worship, or shared the meal on the grounds, thank you for being part of our church's story. Here's to the next 200 years!

Merchandise is still available in the Atrium.

Watch the service from last week at chambleeumc.org/200Celebration

The tours of our historic cemetery have been re-scheduled for Saturday, October 24. You can register for the tours at chambleeumc.org/prospect-cemetery-tour/