

# 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](https://chambleeumc.org/happenings)

**Grow Day Camp**  
*registration now open*  
Chamblee First UMC is thrilled to host Grow Day Camp again this summer, July 14-18, 9 am-5:30 pm (Mon-Thurs) and 9 am-12:30 pm (Friday). Grow Day Camps puts 100 years of experience into creating an environment for children to grow deeper roots in their faith, in their ability to work as a team, and in their self-confidence as a loved child of God. Learn more and register your rising 1st-6th grader today at [growdaycamps.org](https://growdaycamps.org)

**2025 Vacation Bible School Registration**  
*registration opens Mar 3*  
VBS “Road Trip” | June 16-20, 9 am- 12:30 pm  
Embark on an exciting journey as we discover God's presence in new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together. Get ready for twists, turns, and excitement as we find strength in God's presence on this unforgettable trip! Road Trip Children who are rising kindergarten through rising fifth grade are invited to register at [chambleeumc.org/happenings](https://chambleeumc.org/happenings)


**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](https://chambleeumc.org/yoga)

**Young at Heart**  
*First Tuesdays, 12:30 pm*  
A monthly lunch & gathering for our 65+ community Lunch is \$8 per person, payable in cash at the door. Our **March 4** program features renowned UMC counselor **Ron Greer**, author of *Lessons from the Valley*, who will lead a discussion about life and resiliency after the death of a loved one. **All ages are invited to attend this very special event.** We anticipate a big turnout and ask that you **RSVP** at [chambleeumc.org/YAH-March](https://chambleeumc.org/YAH-March)

**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.

**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 honor his memory by continuing to gather on the second Thursday of each month. Join us at Goldberg's Deli, 4520 Chamblee Dunwoody Road.

## Local Outreach & Global Missions



**Sleep in Heavenly Peace**  
**Bedding Drive**

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*now - Mar 16*  
Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) builds and delivers beds for children who do not have a bed of their own. We are collecting new Twin or Twin XL “beds in a bag” with a sheet set, pillowcase, and comforter. Items may be dropped in collection bins around the church.

## Current Sermon Series

**Three Simple Rules**  
*A Wesleyan Way of Living*

Feb 16\* Do Good  
Feb 23\* Do No Harm  
**TODAY** Stay In Love with God

\*past sermons available for replay at [chambleeumc.org/watch-archive](https://chambleeumc.org/watch-archive)



# 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!**
- Bridge Class**
- Faith Class**
- Fellowship Class**
- Glow Class**
- Journeys Class**
- 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. **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**

## Chamblee Kids

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

- Most Sundays, following the Children’s Moment, children grades K-5th are dismissed for Kids’ Church and can should be picked up in Room 223 on the 2nd floor after the service. **Today, Mar 2, Kids will brought back to the sanctuary in time for Holy Communion.**
- 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.



**chamblee youth district**

India Gleason, Director of Youth Ministries  
[igleason@chambleeumc.org](mailto: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, DILEMMAS. This four week study is designed to help students make inspired, smart choices that reflect both who they are and who they are striving to become. 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!

Join us tonight as we begin a new 4-week study. **“The Making Of”** will take us through what can happen when we invest in spiritual formation. This week, we’ll focus on Moses’ story, after he came down from the mountain where he spent time with and heard directly from God!



MARCH 2, 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**

Welcome! We are so glad you're here with us today. Please scan the appropriate QR code so we can connect you with activities and ministries that may interest you and your family. There is space in the form for you to ask questions and provide your contact information. We would love the opportunity to get to know you better!



**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](https://chambleeumc.org/give)

Holy Communion & Passing of Peace

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. During communion, the passing of peace serves as a reminder that those who came to the table are called to be reconciled with their neighbors. Ours is an open communion table. **Everyone is invited!**

*Our ushers will direct you to the altar to receive communion. If you need/prefer to receive communion from your pew, please let the usher know and elements will be brought to you. Gluten-free elements are available upon request at all stations. The altar rail is always open if you wish to use it for a moment of private prayer.*



**CHAMBLEE**  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Worship Leaders & Staff**  
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Order of Worship

<b>THE GATHERING</b>		
Chiming of the Hour		
Call to Worship		Rev. Blair Boyd Zant
Prelude	<i>Pastorale</i> Mr. Bill Callaway, organist	Debussy
<b>THE GREETING</b>		
Welcome & Announcements		Mrs. Mary Ruth Kearney
<b>PRAISE &amp; THANKSGIVING</b>		
Opening Hymn *	<i>O Worship the King</i> verses 1-4	UMH <b>73</b>
Prayers of the People		Mrs. Kearney
<b>CHILDREN'S MOMENT</b>		
God Loves Us!	After which, children grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223 Today, they will return in time for Holy Communion.	Mrs. Jordan Black
<b>THE OFFERING</b>		
Invitation to the Offering		Rev. Zant
Offertory	<i>Lead Me, Lord</i> Chancel Choir and Bill Callaway, organist	Wesley
Doxology *		UMH <b>95</b>
Prayer of Dedication *		Rev. Zant
<b>THE WORD</b>		
Scripture	Psalm 99 & Luke 9:28-36	Mrs. Kearney
Sermon	<b><i>3 Simple Rules: STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD</i></b>	Rev. Zant
<b>THE HOLY COMMUNION</b>		
Invitation, Confession & Pardon		UMH <b>12</b>
Passing of the Peace		
Great Thanksgiving		
<b>RESPONSE TO THE WORD</b>		
Closing Hymn *	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	UMH <b>206</b>
<b>SENDING FORTH</b>		
Commissioning of the Spiritual Life Retreat Team		Rev. Zant
Benediction *		
Postlude	<i>Grand Chorus in Style of Handel</i> Mr. Callaway, organist	Guilmant

\* Please stand as you are able.

Lenten Season & Holy Week Services



March 5, 6 pm \*  
*Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. Through the imposition of ashes, we come before God recognizing our humanity, repenting of our sin, and remembering who we are and who we can be. Please make a special effort to join us for this somber service of spiritual reflection in preparation for Easter.*


- Mar 9 - Apr 13
- Thur, Apr 17 \*
- Fri, Apr 18 \*
- Sun, Apr 20

**ROOTED: A Lenten Journey of Digging Deep & Letting Go**  
Sundays at 10:45 am  
Maundy Thursday, 7 pm  
Good Friday, 7 pm  
Easter Sunday, 9 am & 11 am

*\* nursery for Infants-PreK will be available during Ash Wednesday & Holy Week services*

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](https://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).

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**Prayer List**
- Our Members:**
- Barbara Berryman, recovering from GI surgery at Northside Atlanta
  - Laura Ray, upcoming surgery on 3/14
  - Debbie Hall, undergoing chemo treatment for breast cancer
  - Jerry Smith, recovering from back surgery, awaiting kidney surgery
  - Marsha Jones, undergoing cancer 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,
  - 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

Church Financials & Leadership

**Month-End Reporting**  
YTD as of Jan 31: Income = \$47,322 | Expenses = \$97,961. To request a full copy of the most recently approved financial reports, please email [business@chambleeumc.org](mailto:business@chambleeumc.org)

**ATTENTION ONLINE GIVERS!**  
As a convenience, you can schedule recurring contributions (or make one time gifts) within your OnRealm profile. But please be aware, **the pledge entry and the online payment systems are independent of one another and do not adjust automatically.**

If your pledge amount changed year over year OR if you had set an end date for autopayments, you must make corresponding updates within your OnRealm profile to ensure accuracy of 2025 gifts and recurring contributions. Unsure? Contact Deanna.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- Mon Mar 3, 6 pm:* Staff Parish Relations Committee  
Questions, comments, or compliments can be addressed to [spr@chambleeumc.org](mailto:spr@chambleeumc.org)
- Mon Mar 10, 6 pm:* Board of Trustees