

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

Easter Eden: A Living Garden for Easter Sunday

orders due TODAY by 11:59 PM

Help transform the sanctuary into a beautiful botanical landscape that celebrates the resurrection story. After Easter Sunday services, take home your purchased plants to continue growing in your garden and community. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Scout Troop 268 at CFUMC. <https://servescape.com/collections/eastereden>


Women's Spiritual Retreat

registration deadline extended

All adult women are invited to the CFUMC Women's Spiritual Retreat at Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, NC, September 18–20, 2026. Whether you are seeking rest, spiritual growth, or deeper fellowship, this weekend is designed to nourish your soul in a peaceful, beautiful setting. Register today at chambleeumc.org/retreat

VBS Volunteers Needed

This summer, we need adults and youth to help our kids find their strength in God! To review various needs and signup, visit chambleeumc.org/vbs-2026



CMY Sunday Mornings: 9:30 AM
Every week brings something new! We welcome young people in grades 6 through 12 interested in studying Scripture, exploring their faith, and building relationships with Christ and other students.

CMY Sunday Evenings: 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Welcome Party!!! Come welcome Hope Cody and celebrate the beginning of a new chapter in our Youth Ministry! Hope Cody and her husband Alex will join us for games, prayer, and a chance to get to know one another.

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**.

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.

Summer 2026

- CFUMC **Vacation Bible School**, June 15-19, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. For rising PreK through rising 5th grade. Filling up fast! Register at chambleeumc.org/vbs-2026
- CFUMC is thrilled to host **Glisson's Grow Day Camp** again this summer, June 22-26. For rising 1st-6th graders. Learn more and register at growdaycamps.org

Chamblee Kids Egg Hunt

EGG-cellent! Thank you to the many volunteers who stuffed over 7,000 eggs to support both the church's and the City of Chamblee egg hunts yesterday. Because of your hospitality and service, so many children experienced great joy. We are grateful for each of you who helped make the day so special.



Rise Up, Phase 2

now through April 30

An important email was sent on Friday from our Finance Chair, Larry Pope, inviting the congregation to support the rapid retirement of debt incurred from our recently completed and ongoing capital improvement projects.

Last fall, we began Rise Up with a quiet phase of fundraising. Through the generosity of nine donors, \$139,000 was raised – an amount representing ≈ 63% of the total needed for time-sensitive, necessary building repairs. Those gifts allowed us to move forward with critical projects, including elevator modernization, exterior painting, and more.

We are now launching **Rise Up, Phase 2** — a focused effort to retire the remaining \$85,000 and free the church from this debt as quickly as possible.

Gifts designated "Rise Up" may be made immediately or pledged and fulfilled by the end of the year. Please visit chambleeumc.org/RiseUP for additional details.

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**
- Faith Class** • Faith Class 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. **Fellowship Hall**
- 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. **Hospitality Suite**

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



NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

There are children in the local community on a waiting list to receive a bed of their own. They are sleeping on the floor, air mattress, sofa, etc. Giving them a bed not only enables them to get a good night's sleep, but shows them God's love.

CFUMC Bed DELIVERY Event: Saturday, Apr 11, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

By the end of our day together, a few children in our community will be sleeping in their very own beds the same day! Make sure to wear closed-toed shoes. We'll be using drills to put the beds together. Sign up at chambleeumc.org/SHP-deliver

CFUMC Bed BUILDING Event: Saturday, Apr 18, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The church and local community will build 30 beds for children in need. All tools and materials will be provided. Volunteers will be taught how to use basic tools to build beds. Space is limited and registration is required. Sign up at chambleeumc.org/SHP-build



MARCH 29, 2026
TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK

PALM 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 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

Deeply Rooted. **200** Ever Growing.
YEARS

Fall 2026 marks the bicentennial of Chamblee First United Methodist Church — 200 years of faith, connection, and service. Join us throughout the year for special events and worship services as we look back with gratitude and look forward with hope. See the most current calendar at chambleeumc.org/200years



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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 Boyd Zant and
Mr. Cameron Wilson

Prelude

The Holy City
Mr. Bill Callaway, organist

Adams

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Palm Sunday
Call to Worship

John 12:12-19, 23-24

Rev. Zant

Opening Hymn *

Palm Sunday Processional
Hosanna Loud Hosanna
all verses

UMH **278**

Introduction of
Rev. Hope Cody Peppers



Rev. Zant

Prayers of Confession
and The Lord's Prayer

Mr. Wilson

Passing of the Peace *

CHILDRENS MOMENT

Picture This!

After which, children in grades K-5th
are excused for Kid's Church in room 223

Mrs. Jordan Black

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the
Offering

Introduction of Brian Dubberly,
Founder, Salvadoran Mission Projects

Rev. Zant

Offertory

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus
Chancel Choir with Mr. Callaway, pianist

Parker

Doxology *

Prayer of Dedication *

Rev. Zant

THE WORD

Scripture

John 11: 1-6, 17-26, 32-37

Mr. Wilson

Hymn of Preparation *

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
all verses

UMH **474**

Sermon

Richest Gain:
When Even Jesus Weeps

Rev. Zant

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Closing Hymn *

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior
verses 1 & 3

UMH **467**

SENDING FORTH

Benediction *

Rev. Zant

Postlude

Thine Is The Glory
Mr. Callaway, organist

Handel

* please stand as you are able

Holy Week & Easter Services

Richest Gain

a Lenten Journey of Loss & Life

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. - *John 12:24*

chambleeumc.org/Lent&Easter

Transcribe the Book of John
now through Wednesday
in the Sanctuary

All are invited to take part in reading and
transcribing the book of John. Deepen your
understanding of God's will as you meditate
over scripture and write in the journal.

3-Practices Conversation
6:00 - 7:00 PM | Tuesday, March 31
Hospitality Suite

Final prompt of Lenten Season:
"I am a committed Christian, but here's
something in the Bible I struggle with ..."

Table to Tenebrae Service & Supper
6:00 - 7:30 PM | Thursday, April 2
starting in Fellowship Hall

Join us for a meaningful Maundy Thursday
evening as we journey from the table of
fellowship into the solemn shadows of
Christ's final hours. This 90-minute service
will begin in Fellowship Hall with a shared
meal and Communion, then move reverently
into the Sanctuary for a Tenebrae service.
Childcare is available.

Easter Sunday Services
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM | April 5
in the Sanctuary

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a
continental breakfast between 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 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:

- Pat Farkas, upcoming surgery for cancer
- Becky Bennett, beginning radiation treatments for cancer
- Eleanor Wilson, struggling with strength and energy
- Jake Burkhardt, continuing to recover at home with PT

Our Members' Families:

- Annie May Walker, mother of Louise DeCastro, recovering from hospitalization
- Trevor McEntyre, nephew of Sam and Gayle, NOW HOME, recovering from liver transplant and heart bypass surgery
- Brianna Hare, granddaughter of Bill and Pat Farkas, struggling with health issues
- Bruce Bennett, brother of Becky, recovering at home with a prescribed treatment plan
- Travis Coker, father of Sheila Gillispie, recovering from a fall

printed list as of as of March 25, 2026
see chambleeumc.org/weekly-prayer-list for updates

The flowers on the altar this morning are placed by
Bruce & Nancy Ramsey
in recognition of Palm Sunday



Church Financials & Leadership

Church Business Office Hours

- Mondays - Thursdays, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM | Fridays, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- The business offices of CFUMC will be closed Easter Monday, April 6

Upcoming Meetings

- Staff Parish Relations Committee - March 30 | 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 February 28, 2026.