

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 Lilies
orders due Mar 31
Every Easter, our altar is adorned with Easter Lilies in honor of and in memory of our loved ones. Plants are \$12 each. Place orders online or via paper order forms available in the narthex and lobby.

CMK Spirit Night (and Day!)
Apr 2, 12 -10 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.

Holy Week Take Home Bags for ChambleeKids
Register now for a bag filled with all the supplies needed to observe Holy Week in meaningful ways as a family, whether at home or on the road. Families may pick up their bags in the atrium lobby on Apr 6 or Apr 13. chambleeumc.org/HolyWeekBag

"Stuff" to Do!
needed by Apr 18
The Easter Bunny needs some help preparing for our Annual Egg Hunt on Apr 20. Please grab a bag of empty plastic eggs from the Atrium or Narthex. Take them home, fill them with goodies, and then return stuffed eggs to the church. Please bundle eggs filled with hard candy separately as those will be for older children only.

Come Make a Joyful Noise!
Wednesday evenings
It's not too late to join the Chancel Choir or Handbell Choir and be part of the triumphant music for Easter. Attend a few Wednesday night rehearsals and contribute to this joyful celebration. Contact Zack Wright for more details. zwright@chambleeumc.org

2025 Vacation Bible School Registration
registration now open
VBS “Road Trip” | June 16-20, 9 am- 12:30 pm

- Children who are rising kindergarten through rising fifth grade are invited to register at chambleeumc.org/happenings
- Calling all Adult and Youth volunteers!** There are many ways to serve during the best week of the summer! Please sign up at chambleeumc.org/happenings

ChambleeKids
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

- 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. At both 9:30 and 10:45, children ages 2 through preschool meet in Room 101.

Nursery care is available in Room 100 during Sunday School and Worship Service for infants and toddlers. **A calming room is also available in the Narthex, located at the back of the sanctuary.**

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India Gleason, Director of Youth Ministries

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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


Mar 30 - Apr 13 - During the final three weeks of Lent, students will meet in the Narthex / Bridal Suite during the Sunday School hour. From there, we will discuss and engage with the Prayer and Spiritual Practice stations located throughout the sanctuary.

Sunday evenings: 5:00-7:00 pm

Experience meaningful, small group discussions in a safe and welcoming environment where you are free to be your authentic self. All students and friends are invited to worship, enjoy dinner, and have fun with games every Sunday! Our current study, “The Making Of,” is an exploration of what can happen when we invest in spiritual formation.

Local Outreach & Global Missions

Family Lenten Service Project
TODAY, 12-2 pm
All families are invited to complete service projects benefitting Chamblee Mission’s ministry partners and our local community. We will pack 200 snack bags for Backpack Buddies, prepare Easter giveaways for the City of Chamblee Easter Egg Hunt, and make beautiful artwork for the Elaine Clark center. We have room for walk-ins so join us for this “working lunch” immediately following today’s service.

**Backpack Buddies**
weekly
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>

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!

NEW for 2025!

Bridge Class

Faith Class

Fellowship Class

Glow Class

Journeys Class

- A newly formed group of friends from all stages of life, focused on building connections, fostering a Christian community, and strengthening our faith. Join us for our current study, "Because of This, I Rejoice." **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**

Other ways to connect, try something new, or build relationships with your church family:

Christian Yoga

Young at Heart

StitchCraft

ROMEos

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

First Tuesdays, 12:30 pm
A monthly lunch & gathering for our 65+ community. Lunch is \$8 per person, payable in cash at the door. RSVP to lking@chambleeumc.org

Wednesdays, 12 pm - AND - 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10 am
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!

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.

MARCH 30, 2025
TEN FORTY-FIVE O’CLOCK
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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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 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. The form includes space for you to provide contact information and for you to submit any questions. 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

Sermon Series for Lent

Lent is a season of reflection and renewal. In our sermon series, **Rooted: A Lenten Journey of Digging Deep and Letting Go**, we will prepare our hearts for Easter by giving up what keeps us from God and taking on practices that draw us closer. Join us Sundays at 10:45 am, Mar 9 - Apr 13 as we surrender what holds us back and take hold of the life God calls us to live."

*sermon replay available on-demand at
chambleeumc.org/watch-archive*

Holy Week Services

- Sun, Apr 13Palm Sunday, 10:45 am
 - Thur, Apr 17 *Maundy Thursday, 7 pm
 - Fri, Apr 18 *Good Friday, 7 pm
 - Sun, Apr 20Easter Sunday, 9 am & 11 am
- * nursery for Infants-PreK will be
available during Holy Week services*



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Worship Leaders & Staff

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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING		
Pre-Service Music	Mrs. Maggie Victorio-Mundie (vocalist) and Mr. Dave Worley (guitarist)	
THE GREETING		
Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome & Announcements		Ms. Leslie Hall
Prelude	<i>Fantasie in C minor</i> Mr. Bill Callaway, organist	Bach
PRAISE & THANKSGIVING		
Lenten Call to Worship		Rev. Blair Boyd Zant
Opening Song *	<i>This Is Amazing Grace</i>	
Prayer of Confession and The Lord's Prayer		Ms. Hall
Passing of the Peace		
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		
Love Helps Others	After which, children grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223	Mrs. Jordan Black
THE OFFERING		
Invitation to the Offering		Rev. Zant
Offertory	<i>Softly and Tenderly</i> Chancel Choir and Mr. Callaway, organist	McDowell
Doxology *		UMH 95
Prayer of Dedication *		Rev. Zant
THE WORD		
Scripture	Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32	Ms. Hall
Song of Preparation	<i>Agnus Dei</i>	
Sermon	ROOTED: Our Struggle for Peace	Rev. Zant
RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
Closing Hymn *	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>	UMH 140
MINISTRY MOMENT		
Announcement Sunday		Mrs. Brittany Dunlap SPRC Chair
SENDING FORTH		
Benediction *		Rev. Zant
Postlude	<i>Postlude in Classic Style</i> Mr. Callaway, organist	Young

* Please stand as you are able

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 when you arrive.

Spiritual Discipline for Lent



Each week through Apr 13, a new **Prayer & Spiritual Practice station** will be created in our worship space to support you on your Lenten journey. Each offers a unique focus for prayer and reflection, guiding us through different aspects of our faith, such as gratitude, forgiveness, and sacrifice.


We invite you to spend time at these stations, allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart as you engage with each one. Whether you come alone or with family and friends, these stations will provide a quiet space for you to connect with God and reflect on the significance of this holy season.

A reminder that our sanctuary **Prayer & Spiritual Practice stations** are open and available Monday thru Thursday, 9 am-4 pm, and Fridays from 9 am-1 pm.

www.chambleeumc.org/lent-easter-2025

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:

- Spencer Scarbrough, undergoing treatment for kidney issues
- Jerry Smith, in hospital for treatments
- Laura Ray, recovering at home from back surgery
- Barbara Berryman, recovering at home from GI surgery
- Eleanor Wilson, struggling with various health issues. She will be 100 on 7/4
- Debbie Hall, undergoing treatment for breast cancer
- Jake Burkhardt, struggling with effects of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy)

Our Members' Families:

- Doug Rewerts, brother of Marcia Myers, upcoming heart surgery
- Minako Ohashi, mother of Miho Minnoch, recovering from illness in hospital
- Jean Connell, sister of Eleanor, declining health
- Aiden Hare, grandson of Pat and Bill Farkas, recovering from 2nd degree burns
- Claire Winne, mother of Mark, recovering at home
- 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

Last week, Nick and Mary Nicodemus, parents of Tammy Boswell, joined Chamblee First United Methodist Church by transfer of membership from Wesley Chapel Methodist Church in Dawsonville, GA

On March 26, Nick passed away. Please keep his widow Mary, his daughter Tammy, and the entire Boswell family in your prayers. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Church Financials & Leadership

Month-End Reporting
YTD as of Feb 28: Income = \$117,931 | Expenses = \$182,654
To request a full copy of the most recently approved financial reports, please email business@chambleeumc.org

Upcoming Meetings

- Mon Mar 31 (instead of Apr 7), 6 pm: Staff Parish Relations Committee
Questions, comments, or compliments can be addressed to spr@chamblee.org