

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

2026 Scouting Celebration

Mar 15, during & after worship

As part of our bicentennial, we are excited to honor the long-standing tradition of Scouting – both boys and girls – at CFUMC. Scouts will assist in worship. Afterward, everyone is encouraged to stay for a hot dog lunch, cobbler, and campus-wide activities. Volunteers are needed! Please get in touch with Scott or Sheila Gillispie to help. chambleeumc.org/Scouts2026

Pies with a Purpose

now through Mar 18

Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten & Preschool is selling “Darden’s Delights” sweet or savory pies. All flavors available in 6" (\$15) or 9" (\$30) sizes. Proceeds benefit the CMK scholarship fund. Orders due Mar 18 and will be delivered to the school on Mar 31.

www.chambleemethodistkindergarten.org/FundRaise

Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten Reunion & Playground Dedication

Mar 22, during & after worship

Current and alumni families with children of all ages have been invited to be recognized and celebrated during morning worship. Afterwards, the congregation is invited to a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new sensory playground.

Easter Lilies

order before Mar 25

Every Easter, our altar is adorned with Easter Lilies in honor of and in memory of our loved ones. Plants are \$12 each. Paper order forms are available in the narthex or atrium lobby and should be submitted with your check or cash payment. Or, order and pay online at chambleeumc.org/Easter-Lilies

Women’s Spiritual Retreat

deposit due Mar 29

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 2026

filling up fast!

Get ready for another unforgettable adventure during CFUMC’s Vacation Bible School, June 15 - 19, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM! Children who are rising PreK through rising 5th grade are invited to register at chambleeumc.org/vbs-2026

Glisson’s Grow Day Camp

registration now open

CFUMC is thrilled to host Grow Day Camp again this summer, June 22 - 26. Grow Day Camps has over 100 years of experience creating environments 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. Register your rising 1st-6th grader at growdaycamps.org



CMY Sunday Mornings: 9:30 AM
Every week brings something new and coffee is always on—iced or hot! 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
Food, fun, friends, and faith—see you tonight at CMY! We will continue our Lenten Study centered around the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus.

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.

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 clothes you don’t mind getting dirty and closed-toed shoes. We’ll be using drills to put the beds together. Sign up at chambleeumc.org/SHP-deliver

CFUMC Bed BULDING 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 8, 2026
TEN FORTY-FIVE O’CLOCK
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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



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 and Mr. Carson Powell

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Lenten Call to Worship

"I AM the Door"
John 10: 7-9

Rev. Zant

Praise Song *

This Is Amazing Grace

Phil Wickham

Praise Song

Welcome Into This Place

Orlando Juarez

Prayers of Confession and The Lord's Prayer

Mrs. Maggie Victorio-Mundie

Passing of the Peace

MINISTRY MOMENT

200 Years

a video presentation by Brad Sherrill & Mark Hickman

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Picture This!

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

Beautiful Things
Maggie-Victorio Mundie, vocals,
Samantha King, vocals & piano, Dave Worley, guitar

Michael Gungor

Doxology *

Prayer of Dedication *

Rev. Zant

THE WORD

Scripture

Judges 11:30-36

Mr. Powell

Song of Preparation

Knowing You

Graham Kendrick

Sermon

Richest Gain:
When The Cost of Winning is Losing

Rev. Zant

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Praise Song *

Knowing You

SENDING FORTH

Benediction *

Rev. Zant

Postlude

Beautiful Things (reprise)
Maggie, Samantha & Dave

* please stand as you are able

Lenten Season & 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

Sundays at 10:45 AM
February 22 - March 29

Table to Tenebrae Service & Supper
6:00 PM | Thursday, April 2

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

Lent is a time for focus, self-examination, reflection, and repentance. During Lent, we remember who we are and embrace the hope of who we can be. The following engagement opportunities may help guide your Lenten journey as you prepare for the coming of Easter:

- **READ & WRITE:** The study of Christian scripture is essential to our Faith Formation. We've set up a station in the sanctuary where all are invited to take part in reading and transcribing the book of John. During Lent, this is a wonderful way to be still, journal a passage or two, and, in doing so, deepen your understanding of God's will.
- **3-PRACTICES CONVERSATIONS:** This Lent, let's practice courage with three practices for crossing the difference divide. Tuesdays, 6-7 PM in the Hospitality Suite or Thursdays, 9-10 AM at Sidecar Coffee in Chamblee. Facilitated by Rev. Zant, we'll discover what can happen when begin with the phrase "I'd be curious to know..."

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 minor surgery
- Ian Gatland, recovering from hospitalization
- Becky Bennett, beginning radiation treatments for cancer in April
- Eleanor Wilson, struggling with strength and energy
- Jake Burkhardt, continuing to recover at home with PT
- Martha Simpson, recovering from a fall at Breman Jewish Center

Our Members' Families:

- Jean Connell, aunt of Sandra Fancher, recovering in hospital from a fall
- Ford King, 1 yr old grandson of Linda King, recovering from surgery on his fingers
- Brianna Hare, 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
- Larry Buchanan, father of Sabrina Viner, recovering from back surgery
- Trevor McEntyre, nephew of Sam and Gayle, recovering from liver transplant and heart bypass surgery
- Sue Lemerman, sister of Barbara Roberts, recovering from a broken ankle and serious leg injury
- Lori Fancher, SIL of Mike and Sandra, dealing with pancreatic cancer

Church Financials & Leadership

Church Business Office Hours

- Mondays - Thursdays, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
- Fridays, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Upcoming Meetings

- Board of Trustees - March 9 | 6:00 PM
- Finance Committee - March 16 | 6:00 PM

Visit chambleeumc.org/leadership for our current roster of 2026 Lay Leaders