

# 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)

**Family Lenten Service Project**  
*March 30, 12-2 pm*  
Elementary and Preschool families will complete a service project benefitting Chamblee Mission's ministry partners and our local community. Lunch included. Register online at [chambleeumc.org/happenings](https://chambleeumc.org/happenings)

**Grow Day Camp**  
*registration now open*  
CFUMC is thrilled to host Grow Day Camp again this summer, Jul 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 now open*  
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 April program will feature Chamblee First’s very own Brad Sherrill. Details coming soon! To ensure appropriate catering numbers, please **RSVP** to [iking@chambleeumc.org](mailto:iking@chambleeumc.org)

**StitchCraft**  
*Wednesdays, 12 pm - AND - 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10 am*  
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!) Join us the second Thursday of each month at Goldberg's Deli, 4520 Chamblee Dunwoody Road.

## Local Outreach & Global Missions



**Bedding Drive**  
*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 labeled collection bins located around the church.

## Holy Week Services

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| • Sun, Apr 13    | Palm Sunday, 10:45 am       |
| • Thur, Apr 17 * | Maundy Thursday, 7 pm       |
| • Fri, Apr 18 *  | Good Friday, 7 pm           |
| • Sun, Apr 20    | Easter Sunday, 9 am & 11 am |

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

## 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!**
  - A newly formed group comprised of new friends from all life stages. s. This group is focusing on forming connections, building Christian community, and deepening our faith. **Room 200**
- Bridge Class**
  - 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**
- Faith Class**
  - 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**
- 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 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. 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.



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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! CMY spent the weekend at Glisson’s Spiritual Life Retreat so **no meeting tonight, Mar 9.**



MARCH 9, 2025  
TEN FORTY-FIVE O’CLOCK  
**FIRST 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 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)

Sermon Series for Lent

Sundays at 10:45 am, Mar 9 - Apr 13

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. We will follow Jesus through the Gospel of Luke, discovering how his life and teachings, death and resurrection, call us to transformation. Each week, we will explore a new spiritual discipline, learning how fasting, prayer, scripture, worship, and acts of mercy shape our faith. Join us 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](https://chambleeumc.org/watch-archive)



Rev. Blair Zant, Senior Pastor  
Zack Wright, Director of Music Ministries  
Alexis Rodriguez, AV Engineer  
Mellie O'Keefe, Kindergarten Director  
Linda King, Hospitality & Member Care  
Emily Jameson, PMO Director  
Deanna Hamilton, Executive Director  
India Gleason, Youth Director  
Bill Callaway, Organist  
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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING		
Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome & Announcements		Mr. Cameron Wilson
Prelude	Highland Cathedral Mr. Bill Callaway, organist	Callahan

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING		
Lenten Call to Worship		Rev. Blair Boyd Zant
Opening Hymn *	I Love to Tell the Story verses 1, 2, 4	UMH 156
Prayer of Confession and The Lord's Prayer		Mr. Wilson
Passing of the Peace		

CHILDREN'S MOMENT		
Planting Our Alleluias	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	Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley Chancel Choir and Bill Callaway, organist	Traditional
Doxology *		UMH 95
Prayer of Dedication *		Rev. Zant

THE WORD		
Scripture	Luke 4:1-13	Mr. Wilson
Song	Open The Eyes of My Heart	
Sermon	ROOTED: Lessons from the Wilderness	Rev. Zant

RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
Closing Song *	Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)	

SENDING FORTH		
Benediction *		Rev. Zant
Postlude	To God Be the Glory Mr. Callaway, organist	Swann

\* Please stand as you are able

Spiritual Discipline for Lent



Throughout the season of Lent, we are invited to deepen our walk with God through intentional prayer, reflection, and **spiritual disciplines**. We are excited to offer opportunities for you to engage in these practices in a meaningful way.

Over the next 6 weeks, the creation of **prayer stations** in our worship space will support you on your Lenten journey. Each station will offer 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 the **prayer 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.

Together, let us walk through this season with open hearts and minds, trusting that God will renew and transform us through these spiritual practices.

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).



Prayer List

- Our Members:**
- Eleanor Wilson, struggling with various health issues; she will be 100 on Jul 4
  - Barbara Berryman, recovering at home from GI surgery
  - Debbie Hall, undergoing chemo treatment for breast cancer
  - Jerry Smith, recovering from back surgery, awaiting kidney surgery
  - Jake Burkhardt, struggling with effects of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy)
- Our Members' Families:**
- Jean Connell, sister of Eleanor, recovering from a hospitalization and declining health
  - Aiden Hare, grandson of Pat & Bill Farkas, recovering from 2nd degree burns
  - 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

- Our Sympathy to the Family of:**
- Kay Humphries, sister of Sarah Rondeau, who passed away on Feb 26 in Texas. A celebration of life was held on Mar 8 at Concord Methodist Church in Americus, GA

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)

- Upcoming Meetings**
- Mon Mar 10, 6 pm: Board of Trustees
  - Mon Mar 17, 6 pm: Finance Committee