

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

### Placing of the Flags

May 23, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

A long-standing tradition of CFUMC is to honor veterans and fallen soldiers by marking their graves on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. We will begin at Prospect Cemetery, 3636 N Peachtree Rd in Chamblee then caravan to 4 nearby cemeteries to honor those who served. Please dedicate 2 hours and join us in upholding this important tradition.

### Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 10:45 AM

Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. Everyone is encouraged to **wear the color red**, symbolizing the fire and power of the Holy Spirit.

### VBS Volunteer Training

May 31, 12:00 - 2:00 PM | Youth Suite

Gear Up for the Snowball Mountain Challenge!

- It's time to prepare for our coolest adventure yet! We want you to feel confident and ready before our adventure begins, so please join us at our upcoming **VBS training session**. Important information (and Lunch!) will be provided.
- IMPORTANT:** 3 more class co-leaders are desperately needed! To volunteer, please email [jblack@chambleeumc.org](mailto:jblack@chambleeumc.org) or visit [chambleeumc.org/vbs-2026](http://chambleeumc.org/vbs-2026)

### 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](http://chambleeumc.org/retreat)

### Chamblee First UMC is Hiring

[chambleeumc.org/employment](http://chambleeumc.org/employment)

We are currently seeking two key team members – a Church Administrator and a Facilities & Campus Activities Manager. If you or someone in your network might be a great fit, we'd love for you to help spread the word! Please direct inquiries to [spr@chambleeumc.org](mailto:spr@chambleeumc.org)



**Rev. Hope Cody Peppers** | [hpeppers@chambleeumc.org](mailto:hope@chambleeumc.org)  
Pastor of Youth & Community Engagement

**Chamblee First Youth** is an inclusive space for all youth, 6th - 12th grades. **LEARNING | PLAYING | GROWING**

**Sunday Mornings:** 9:30-10:30 am

**Sunday Evenings:** 5:00-7:00 pm [chambleeumc.org/youth](http://chambleeumc.org/youth)

Tonight is our last regular Sunday gathering of the school year. Check out our schedule of events at [chambleeumc.org/youth](http://chambleeumc.org/youth)

### Chamblee Youth Preview

June 7, 12:00 PM

All rising 6th graders and their parents are invited to the youth suite to learn more about the exciting transition to Youth Ministry. Pastor Peppers looks forward to welcoming your families and sharing important information about the summer fun with Chamblee Youth.



## Chamblee Kids

Jordan Black | Director of Children's Ministries | [jblack@chambleeumc.org](mailto: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-5<sup>th</sup>

### During Worship, 10:45-11:45

- Children ages 3 through preschool are welcome in **Room 101** for the worship hour.
- Children in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> 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

- Vacation Bible School**, June 15-19, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. We have reached capacity and registration is now closed.
- Glisson's GROW Day Camp** at CFUMC, June 22-26. For rising 1st-6th graders. Learn more and register at [growdaycamps.org](http://growdaycamps.org)

## 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](http://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 song, followed by a short devotion and prayers 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 ten 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 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 [iking@chambleeumc.org](mailto:iking@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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://chambleeumc.org/missions)



### CFUMC Bed DELIVERY Event

May 30, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Sleep in Heavenly Peace and CFUMC volunteers are working to ensure "no kid sleeps on the floor in our town!" Meet at CubeSmart Storage, 4444 N. Shallowford Road in Dunwoody at 8:30 AM, and be sure to wear closed-toed shoes. Scan the QR code for info and to register.



Deeply Rooted. Ever Growing.

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MAY 17, 2026

TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK

Graduate Sunday


4147 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA 30341  
770-457-2525 | [chambleeumc.org](http://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](http://chambleeumc.org/give)

## Love Offering & Farewell Celebration

As is tradition at CFUMC, we honor departing staff with a love offering. In lieu of personal gifts, our Executive Director, **Deanna Hamilton**, has asked that contributions be made to the Rise Up Campaign. As of May 13, we've reached **60%** of our \$85K goal!

Nothing would please Deanna more than to leave knowing our capital expenditures debt has been further reduced. Help celebrate her four years of faithful leadership by supporting the Rise Up Campaign. Please note "Rise Up" on checks or cash envelopes, or give online at [chambleeumc.org/RiseUP](http://chambleeumc.org/RiseUP).

Join us on Sunday, May 31, from 9:30-10:30 AM – **Deanna's last day at CFUMC** – for a special **5th Sunday Celebration!** We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for one, all-church Sunday School including a devotion, treats, and a joyful time of celebration together.



**CHAMBLEE**

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Rev. Blair Boyd Zant, Senior Pastor**

Rev. Hope Cody Peppers, Pastor of Youth and Community Engagement

Taylor Aycock, Nursery Coordinator

Jordan Black, Director of Children's Ministries

Bill Callaway, Organist

Steve Crocker, Director of Music Ministries

Deanna Hamilton, Executive Director

Emily Jameson, PMO Director

Linda King, Hospitality & Member Care

Mellie O'Keefe, Kindergarten Director

Alexis Rodriguez, AV Engineer

## Worship Leaders & Staff

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## Order of Worship

### THE GATHERING

As We Come Together

CFUMC Playlist

[chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Songs](http://chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Songs)

### THE GREETING

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hope Cody Peppers & Mr. Carson Powell

Prelude

*Prelude from Suite 1*  
Mr. Duke Nichols, cellist

Bach

### PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship

Rev. Hope Cody Peppers

Opening Hymn \*

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

UMH **89**  
v. 1,2,4

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Mr. Powell

Passing of the Peace \*

### CHILDRENS MOMENT

Ready for the Next Adventure

Mrs. Jordan Black

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

### THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Blair Boyd Zant

Offertory

*Homeward Bound*  
Miss Elizabeth Jameson, soloist  
Mr. Bill Callaway, pianist

Keen

Doxology \*

UMH **94**  
LASST UNS ERFRUEN

Prayer of Dedication \*

Rev. Zant

### THE WORD

Scripture

Acts 1: 1-11

Mr. Powell

Hymn of Preparation \*

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

UMH **399**

Sermon

**Stop Standin' Around**

Rev. Zant

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Closing Hymn \*

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH **451**  
v. 1-2

Graduate Recognition

Rev. Peppers

Closing Hymn \*

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH **451**  
v. 3

### SENDING FORTH

Benediction \*

Rev. Zant

Postlude

*Pomp and Circumstance*  
Mr. Callaway, organist

Elgar

\* please stand as you are able

## Celebrations

Today we recognize the hard work and academic accomplishments of graduates at all levels. Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

**Carter Gatland**

from Georgia Institute of Technology  
BS in Physics, Minor in History

**Eleanor Gillispie**

from Chamblee High School  
will attend Georgia College & State University

**Avery Hamilton**

from University of Georgia  
BS in Environmental Resource Science  
and Certificate in International Agriculture

**Will Hamilton**

from George State University's College of Law  
Juris Doctor, *Magna cum laude*

**Tate Henderson**

from Oglethorpe University  
BS in Business Administration, Minor in Communications

**Duke Nichols**

from Chamblee High School  
will attend the United States Air Force Academy

**Griffin Scarbrough**

from Mount Pisgah Christian School  
will attend Keune Academy

**Katy Scott**

from The Lovett School  
will attend Louisiana State University

## 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](http://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:

- Becky Bennett, recovering from complications from biopsy
- Ron Clyne, recovering at home
- Becky Bennett, completed treatments for cancer
- Pat Farkas, recovering from surgery
- Jake Burkhardt, continuing to recover with PT

### Our Members' Families:

- Richard and Dotty Casper, parents of Dave (Donna Shackley's SIL), Richard is battling a rare blood disease and facing hospice care
- Mickey Kitchens, uncle of Sheila Gillispie, recovering knee replacement
- Brian Wright, uncle of Sheila Gillispie, recovering from double bypass surgery

*The flowers on the altar this morning are placed by  
Brad & Polly Van Duser to celebrate the engagement of  
Sarah Van Duser and Mason Kreilein*

## Church Financials & Leadership

### Church Business Office Hours

- Mondays - Thursdays, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM | Fridays, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- The church offices will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

### Upcoming Meetings

- Finance Committee - May 18 | 6:00 PM
- Missions & Outreach Committee - May 19 | 6:30 PM

Please visit [chambleeumc.org/leadership](http://chambleeumc.org/leadership) for our current Lay Leadership roster and Chamblee First UMC year-to-date financial reports as of March 31, 2026.