

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)

**Sunday School in July**  
During the month of July, all adult classes will be joining together for Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall at the regular 9:30 AM time. Youth and Elementary Children classes will meet as regularly scheduled.

**Chamblee First UMC is Hiring**  
[chambleeumc.org/employment](https://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)

**Chamblee Methodist Preschool and Kindergarten** is looking for a few dynamic people to join our teaching staff. If you love children, love watching them learn and grow and are looking to fill a few hours in the mornings please consider reaching out to learn more about joining our staff. Contact [director@chambleeumc.org](mailto:director@chambleeumc.org) for more information.

**Campfire Worship** on Sunday, July 12, 7 PM  
Join us as we gather at the outdoor amphitheater, as we sing some of the classic campfire songs. It will be a fun, intergenerational event. (In case of bad weather, we will move to the Youth Suite.)

**Kingswood UMC in Dunwoody** extends an invitation to join the Summer Group, Allen Baston, director, for SONG ARISING, a choral concert, on Sunday, July 19, 3:00 pm. The free concert is filled with beautiful selections by today’s gifted composers.

**Disaster Response Training** on Saturday, Aug 22, 8:30 AM - 4 PM  
When disasters happen, we need people ready to be part of a team that can help. This one-day training will prepare you to assist in a crisis situation. The \$30 fee covers registration covers training materials, snacks, and lunch. Learn more and sign up at [chambleeumc.org/ERT](https://chambleeumc.org/ERT)

**A Night on Broadway** on Sunday, August 23, 5 pm  
Make plans now to attend this musical review. If you would like to sing or suggest someone else, please contact Steve Crocker at [scrocker@chambleeumc.org](mailto:scrocker@chambleeumc.org).

Back to School Supply Drive



We are honored to support Huntley Hills Elementary and other local Title 1 schools by donating school supplies. Shop online and ship directly to the church, or drop items in labeled school bus bins in the breezeway or narthex. For a list of most needed items and an Amazon link, visit [chambleeumc.org/School-Supplies](https://chambleeumc.org/School-Supplies)



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

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

Join us **Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:30 am** in the Youth Corner

Our youth are headed to Lake Junaluska from July 6th-10th. Please be in prayer for them; that they would encounter Christ, learn, and make memories! You can keep up with our journey on Instagram [@chambleeyouth!](https://www.instagram.com/chambleeyouth/)

ChambleeKids

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.

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](https://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. **Room 207**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:cacwilson32@gmail.com)
- 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! (NOTE: Stitchcraft will NOT meet July 1).
- 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 lean more or participate in an upcoming project, visit [chambleeumc.org/missions](https://chambleeumc.org/missions)



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JUNE 28, 2026  
TEN FORTY-FIVE O’CLOCK

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**Show off your Chamblee First UMC pride!**

Check out our online store to purchase 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary apparel items and to preorder your copy of our new **Bicentennial History Book** – a fully documented, professionally published, beautifully bound history of Prospect and Chamblee First UMC, from 1826 to 2026.

Bicentennial Book, \$50 | Tee Shirts, \$20

**[chambleeumc.org/200\\_years](https://chambleeumc.org/200_years)**

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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!

 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](https://chambleeumc.org/give)



**GOD ON STAGE**

This July, join us as we explore **God On Stage, the Gospel according to Broadway**. Each week the sermon will explore different topics, driven in part by themes found in Broadway musicals. The musical selections in worship will reflect those themes as well.

July 5 - *Liberation Stories*  
July 12 - *The Word Made Musical*  
July 19 - *Redemption Stories*  
July 26 - *God and the Prodigal*



**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  
Emily Jameson, PMO Director  
Linda King, Hospitality & Member Care  
Mellie O'Keefe, Kindergarten Director  
Alexis Rodriguez, AV Engineer

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## Order of Worship

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>THE GATHERING</b>                                                                                  |                                                                                |                                      |
| As We Come Together                                                                                   | CFUMC Playlist<br><i>chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Songs</i>                         |                                      |
| <b>THE GREETING</b>                                                                                   |                                                                                |                                      |
| Chiming of the Hour                                                                                   |                                                                                |                                      |
| Welcome & Announcements                                                                               |                                                                                | Rev. Blair Zant<br>Mr. Carson Powell |
| Prelude                                                                                               | <i>O Beautiful for Spacious Skies</i><br>Mr. Bill Callaway, organist           | Ward                                 |
| <b>PRAISE &amp; THANKSGIVING</b>                                                                      |                                                                                |                                      |
| Call to Worship                                                                                       |                                                                                | Rev. Zant                            |
| <i>Congregational Response: We can do all things through Christ's strength</i>                        |                                                                                |                                      |
| Opening Hymn *                                                                                        | <i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i>                                            | UMH <b>404</b>                       |
| Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer                                                             |                                                                                | Mr. Wilson                           |
| Passing of the Peace *                                                                                |                                                                                |                                      |
| <b>CHILDRENS MOMENT</b>                                                                               |                                                                                |                                      |
| Double Dare                                                                                           | After which, children in grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223 | Mrs. Jordan Black                    |
| <b>MINISTRY MOMENT</b>                                                                                |                                                                                |                                      |
| Finance Update                                                                                        |                                                                                | Mr. Larry Pope                       |
| <b>THE OFFERING</b>                                                                                   |                                                                                |                                      |
| Invitation to the Offering                                                                            |                                                                                | Mr. Pope                             |
| Offertory                                                                                             | <i>Wonderful Words of Life</i><br>Chancel Choir with Mr. Callaway, pianist     | Gilpin                               |
| Doxology *                                                                                            |                                                                                | UMH <b>95</b>                        |
| Prayer of Dedication *                                                                                |                                                                                | Rev. Zant                            |
| <b>THE WORD</b>                                                                                       |                                                                                |                                      |
| Scripture                                                                                             | Matthew 26:36-46                                                               | Mr. Powell                           |
| Hymn of Preparation                                                                                   | <i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>                                                    | UMH <b>496</b><br>v. 1-2             |
| Sermon                                                                                                | <b>Dare to Pray</b>                                                            | Rev. Hope Cody Peppers               |
| Daring Prayer Response                                                                                |                                                                                | Rev. Peppers                         |
| In response to the sermon, the congregation is invited to engage in a time of guided prayer together. |                                                                                |                                      |
| <b>RESPONSE TO THE WORD</b>                                                                           |                                                                                |                                      |
| Closing Hymn *                                                                                        | <i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>                                                    | UMH <b>496</b><br>v. 3               |
| <b>SENDING FORTH</b>                                                                                  |                                                                                |                                      |
| Benediction *                                                                                         |                                                                                | Rev. Peppers                         |
| Postlude                                                                                              | <i>The Thunderer March</i><br>Mr. Callaway, organist                           | Sousa                                |

\* please stand as you are able

## 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)

**Our Members:**

- Marcia Myers, undergoing testing for inner ear issues
- Joe Duncan, recovering from back surgery
- Becky Bennett, awaiting treatment options
- Jake Burkhardt, continuing to recover with PT

**Members' family:**

- Bruce Bennett, brother of Becky, currently in good health. Thank you for your prayers.
- Richard and Dotty Casper, parents of Dave (Donna Shackley's SIL), Richard is battling a rare blood disease and in hospice care

**Sympathy to the families of:**

*Mary Elizabeth (Lib) White*, former member, who passed away on June 23. A private service to celebrate her life will be held at St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church on June 26

*Ormond Caldwell*, former beloved CMK teacher, who passed away last week at the age of 95. A celebration of Ormond's life will be held at St. Martin's Episcopal Church on Wednesday, July 1, at 2 p.m.

### Church Financials & Leadership

**Church Business Office Hours**

- Mondays - Thursdays, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM | The office is closed on Fridays during July. (*Note: the church will be closed on July 2 and 3 in observance of Independence Day.*)

**Upcoming Meetings**

- Youth Parent Meeting - today after service - info for July 5-10 trip to Lake Junaluska
- Staff Parish Relations Committee - July 6 | 6:00 PM
- Board of Trustees - July 13 | 6:00 PM
- Finance Committee - July 20 | 6:00 PM
- Missions Committee - July 21 | 6:00 PM

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

| Chamblee First United Methodist<br>Summary of Revenues & Expenses<br>January to May 2026 |                     |                    |                            |                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                                                                          | May<br>2026 Actuals | May<br>2026 Budget | Jan to May<br>2026 Actuals | Jan to May<br>2026 Budget |
| <b>Revenues</b>                                                                          |                     |                    |                            |                           |
| <b>Tithes and Regular Offerings</b>                                                      | \$40,226            | \$59,159           | \$271,726                  | \$295,793                 |
| <b>Investments &amp; Special Funds</b>                                                   | \$0                 | \$333              | -\$83                      | \$1,667                   |
| <b>Miscellaneous Income</b>                                                              | \$9,703             | \$8,100            | \$52,277                   | \$40,500                  |
| <b>Rental income</b>                                                                     | \$9,180             | \$6,667            | \$31,781                   | \$33,333                  |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                                                                    | <b>\$59,109</b>     | <b>\$74,259</b>    | <b>\$355,702</b>           | <b>\$371,293</b>          |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                                                          |                     |                    |                            |                           |
| <b>Conference Apportionments</b>                                                         | \$6,029             | \$6,029            | \$30,144                   | \$30,144                  |
| <b>Missions</b>                                                                          | \$400               | \$1,808            | \$8,869                    | \$9,042                   |
| <b>Program Ministries &amp; Education</b>                                                | \$3,712             | \$7,566            | \$25,827                   | \$37,831                  |
| <b>Minister and Staff Compensation</b>                                                   | \$45,969            | \$43,524           | \$219,452                  | \$217,621                 |
| <b>Local Church Operations</b>                                                           | \$10,667            | \$15,702           | \$79,091                   | \$78,510                  |
| <b>Capital Expenses</b>                                                                  | \$14,234            | \$14,866           | \$80,937                   | \$74,332                  |
| <b>Furniture &amp; Equipment Expense</b>                                                 | \$0                 | \$125              | \$3,317                    | \$625                     |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                                                                    | <b>\$81,010</b>     | <b>\$89,621</b>    | <b>\$447,637</b>           | <b>\$448,104</b>          |
| <b>Transfers from Designated Funds</b>                                                   | \$1,494             | \$3,458            | \$7,997                    | \$17,292                  |
| <small>Note: This includes ERTC refunds</small>                                          |                     |                    |                            |                           |
| <b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>                                                             | <b>-\$20,407</b>    | <b>-\$11,904</b>   | <b>-\$83,938</b>           | <b>-\$59,519</b>          |

Data source: CFUMCMay2026Summary.png