

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

Blessing of the Teachers’ Service

July 27, 10:45 am
Join us in worship next Sunday for a special "Blessing of the Teachers" to honor all educators as they prepare for the start of a new school year. Let’s come together to offer encouragement, support, and prayer for those guiding the next generation. All teachers, staff, and school workers are welcome!

Young Life Leader Interest Night

July 28, 7 pm
Young Life is now recruiting post-high-school age volunteer leaders to serve Chamblee, Dunwoody, North Springs, and Mount Vernon. Young Life Leaders have the opportunity to impact lives by walking alongside students in the most crucial moments of their developing lives. Interested in learning more? Attend YL Leader Interest Night hosted by Grace Midtown, 579 Travis Street NW. Food trucks will be onsite for dinner!

Back-to-School Supply Drive

through July 31
Let’s make sure every child starts the year ready to learn! 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 bins in the breezeway or narthex. For a list of most needed items and an Amazon link, visit chambleeumc.org/School-Supplies



July Sermon Series

Throughout the summer, our worship hour will center on learning to love the way that scripture shapes our faith story. Guided by *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans, we will explore how the Bible invites us into a living, breathing relationship with God—through stories of faith, struggle, hope, and grace. In tandem with “Good Reads” Summer Sunday School, we’ll cover 6 books over 5 weeks!

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India Gleason, Director of Youth Ministries
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CMY is an inclusive space for all youth, rising 6th - 12th grades. Join us for social events, spiritual exploration, and service opportunities.

Sunday mornings: 9:30-10:30 am
For the next few weeks, rising 6th-12th grade students will participate in the “Good Reads” Summer Sunday School experience in Fellowship Hall.

TONIGHT!! Come hang out, enjoy a meal, and connect with friends as we celebrate and say goodbye to India 🇮🇳 Let’s send her off with love and laughter!
📅 **July 20** | ⌚ 5 pm – 7 pm | 📍 The Corner

Chamblee Kids

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

- Following the Children’s Moment, children grades K-5th are dismissed for Kids’ Church and 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. A **calming room** is available in the Narthex at the back of the sanctuary.

Classes & Groups

“Good Reads” Summer Sunday School Jul 6 - Aug 3 at 9:30 am | Fellowship Hall

Looking for a meaningful and flexible way to grow your faith this summer? Join us for a drop-in Sunday school experience that brings all classes together in one space. Each week, a different church member or staff leader will share a book that has deeply impacted their faith journey. No need to commit every week—each session stands on its own and includes engaging teaching, thoughtful discussion in small and large groups, and real-life application. This series runs alongside our *Inspired* sermon series—we’ll explore 6 powerful books in just 5 weeks! Come as you are, and discover faith through stories. Learn more at chambleeumc.org/inspired

Our regular Faith Formation Classes will resume on **Sunday, August 10**. We encourage you to explore any and all classes to find the small group that is right for you!

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 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. **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 205**

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

Christian Yoga

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 am
Christian yoga (poses, meditation, breathing) opens the mind and heart to the word of God. Join us for our final session of the summer on **July 28**. Our normal schedule will resume in August. 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. 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. Reach out to Cameron Wilson at cacwilson32@gmail.com for details.

StitchCraft

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!

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! Contact umw@chambleeumc.org for info and meeting times.

Global Missions & Local Outreach

year round
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



JULY 20, 2025

TEN FORTY-FIVE O’CLOCK

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

4147 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA 30341
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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.

Attendance



Visitor Check-In

We are glad you are 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. **To use the QR code**, open your smartphone’s camera and point it at the code. A notification or link will appear. Tap the link to access the applicable attendance registration webpage.



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



Scan to Give

Celebration of Murals

This spring, Chamblee First UMC came together for a meaningful Family Lenten Service Project. Led by our Missions and Student Ministry teams, we partnered with *The Foundation for Hospital Art* to create colorful, soothing artwork. The painting project was sent out for finishing and framing, and now the completed pieces are temporarily on display at the front of the sanctuary. These beautiful works of art will be permanently installed at the Elaine Clark Center here in Chamblee.



CHAMBLEE
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Worship Leaders & Staff

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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING		
Chiming of the Hour		
THE GREETING		
Welcome & Announcements		Mr. Cameron Wilson
Prelude	<i>Amazing Grace</i> Mr. Bill Callaway, pianist	Berry
PRAISE & THANKSGIVING		
Call to Worship	Psalms	Rev. Blair Zant
Opening Hymn *	Hymns We Love to Sing <small>first verse from a medley of hymns to be called out by the congregation; please utilize the hymn books located in the back of each pew</small>	United Methodist Hymnal
Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer		Mr. Wilson
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		
“Press Here”	<small>After which, children grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223</small>	Mrs. Jordan Black
THE OFFERING		
Invitation to the Offering		Rev. Zant
Offertory	<i>Adante Cantabile</i> Mr. Callaway, organist	Saint-Saens
Doxology *		UMH 95
Prayer of Dedication *		Rev. Zant
THE WORD		
Scripture	Exodus 17:9-13	Mr. Wilson
Sermon	Things I Do For Jesus	Rev. Zant
RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles’ Creed	UMH 881
Closing Song *	<i>Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)</i> featuring India Gleason, Lauren Sangster, and Blair Zant (vocals), accompanied by Dave Worley (guitar) and Jeff Sangster (cajon)	Hillsong United
SENDING FORTH		
Benediction *		Rev. Zant
Postlude	<i>Voluntary in D</i> Mr. Callaway, organist	Purcell

* 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 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:**
- Debbie Hall, completed treatments for breast cancer
 - Ray Dunahoo, upcoming surgery on 7/28
 - Jerry Smith, continuing treatments for cancer
 - Eleanor Wilson, struggling with various health issues.
 - Jake Burkhardt, struggling with effects of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy)
- Our Members’ Families:**
- Bruce Bennett, brother of Becky, foot has healed
 - Coleen Richardson, daughter of Pat and Bill Farkas, recovering from surgery
 - Shaun Reade, SIL of Pat and Bill Farkas, upcoming hernia surgery
 - Todd Van Duser, brother of Brad, battling cancer
 - Shelby Bryce, 2 yr old of Lee Turner, recovering from surgery related to spina bifida
 - Jean Connell, sister of Eleanor Wilson, declining health
 - Diana Stephens, SIL of Lee Turner, battling pancreatic cancer

Our Christian Sympathy to the Family of

George Mattingly, brother in law of Linda Mattingly, who passed away unexpectedly on July 13. The funeral was held be Friday, July 18 in Henderson, Kentucky. Please keep their family in your prayers.

Church Financials & Leadership

- Upcoming Meetings**
- Finance Committee: Mon Jul 28, 6:00 pm (*rescheduled*)
- Summer Hours Notice**
- Through August 15, church business offices will be open Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm and **closed on Fridays**.
 - Regular business hours will resume the week of August 18: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, and Fridays, 8:30 am – 12:00 noon.

Farewell & Best Wishes to India Gleason

Today, we extend our heartfelt thanks to India Gleason for her faithful service as our Youth Ministry Director over the past three years. India has been a tremendous blessing to our church family, and we are so grateful for the time, love, and leadership she has shared with Chamblee First UMC. India will be stepping into a new season of ministry as the Assistant Director of West Georgia United Youth with Community First UMC, and the Assistant Director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of West Georgia. We are excited to see how God will continue to work through her in these new roles.



Please join us in praying for India as she begins this next chapter of her journey in ministry.

Cards and notes of encouragement may be sent to India at:
1900 Vernon Street, Apt 5101, Lagrange, GA 30240