

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

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

Blessing of the Students
Aug 3, during and after worship
Next Sunday during worship, we’re celebrating our amazing children and youth as they begin a new school year! Join us for a special time of encouragement and blessings as we pray for hope, confidence, curiosity, and courage. After worship, the fun continues! Stick around to decorate and personalize water bottles—a creative way to carry a reminder of God’s love and presence throughout the school year.

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.

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.



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. chambleeumc.org/inspired

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 27, 2025
TEN FORTY-FIVE O’CLOCK
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST


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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

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](#)



Member
Check-In



Scan to Give



Rev. Blair Boyd Zant, Senior Pastor
Taylor Aycock, Nursery Coordinator
Jordan Black, Director of Children's Ministries
Bill Callaway, Organist
Deanna Hamilton, Executive Director
Emily Jameson, PMO Director
Linda King, Hospitality & Member Care
Lauren Sangster, Interim Music Director
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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING

Special Music
Open The Eyes of My Heart
Maggie Victorio-Mundie & Lauren Sangster (vocals)
accompanied by
Dave Worley (guitarist) and Jeff Sangster (cajon)
Baloché

THE GREETING

Welcome &
Announcements
Ms. Linda KIng

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship
Luke 5: 1-11
Rev. Blair Zant
Opening Song *
Here For You
Mission House
Prayers of the People
and The Lord's Prayer
Ms. King
Passing of the Peace

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jonah and the Whale
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
Trust In God
CFUMC Musicians
Elevation Worship
Doxology *
UMH 95
Prayer of Dedication *
Rev. Zant

THE WORD

Scripture
John 21: 1-14
Ms. King
Sermon
Big Fish Stories
Rev. Zant

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Closing Song *
Jesus We Love You
McClure

SENDING FORTH

Blessing of the Teachers *
Rev. Zant
Benediction *
Postlude
Proclaim the Glory of the Lord
Mr. Bill Callaway, organist
Kellner

* 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:

- 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
- Todd Van Duser, brother of Brad, battling cancer
- Shaun Reade, SIL of Pat and Bill Farkas, recovering from surgery
- Shelby Bryce, 2 yr old of Lee Turner, recovering from surgery related to spina bifida
- Diana Stephens, SIL of Lee Turner, battling pancreatic cancer

Our 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.

Blessing of the Teachers

This week, teachers, staff, and administrators will return to area school buildings to prepare themselves and their classrooms for the 2025-2026 year.

If you live with a teacher, or have ever watched one up close, you know that educators spend hours and hours and hours creating space and plans to ensure that learners and their families know from Day 1 that here, they will be instructed, challenged, welcomed, and loved.

Today, at the conclusion of our worship service, we are going to spend time praying for and over our schools and their hardworking staff. If you are a school employee, at any level or role, we'd love for you to come and receive a blessing.

Throughout the year, this church will be praying for you, your vital work, your encouragement, and safety. Thank you for bringing the love of Christ to the work you do!

Church Financials & Leadership

Upcoming Meetings

- Finance Committee:** *Monday, Jul 28, 6 pm* (rescheduled)
Preliminary Financials as of June 30, 2025:
YTD revenue = \$409,622 | YTD expenses = \$508,510
- Staff Parish Relations:** *Monday, Aug 4, 6 pm*
Questions, comments, or compliments can be addressed to spr@chambleeumc.org
- Board of Trustees:** *Monday, Aug 11, 6 pm*

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.