

# 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)

**Sunday Supper Club**  
*1st & 3rd Sundays*  
Our Summer Sunday Suppers have been a wonderful way to deepen friendships—both old and new. As we head into Fall, we’re excited to continue these meaningful gatherings with a slight change to the format. Brad & Polly Van Duser will host tonight’s supper club in their home. For details, future dates, and to RSVP, visit [chambleeumc.org/SupperClub](http://chambleeumc.org/SupperClub)

**Grief Support Group Begins in August**  
*4<sup>th</sup> Mondays | 7:00 PM*  
Starting August 25, Kingswood UMC will host a monthly Grief Support Group. Open to all, the group will use *Feeling Your Way Through Grief* by Missy Buchanan, available on Amazon or Cokesbury. For details and directions, visit <http://kingswood.church>

**Rise Against Hunger with Chamblee First UMC**  
*Saturday, September 6 | 10:00 AM*  
Hosted by Chamblee First United Methodist Church, our goal is to raise \$8,000 and pack 20,000 meal bags to be distributed around the world. Secure your spot and invite your friends and family to join! **Details and registration information available at** [chambleeumc.org/happenings](http://chambleeumc.org/happenings)

**Presentation of Bibles**  
*Sunday, September 7 | 10:45 AM*  
We are excited to present Bibles to children in 3rd–5th grade who have not yet received this special gift from Chamblee UMC. This meaningful tradition celebrates a key moment in your child’s faith journey. To help us prepare, please register your child at [chambleeumc.org/bibles](http://chambleeumc.org/bibles).

CMY is an inclusive space for all 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Join us for social events, spiritual exploration, and service opportunities.

**Sunday mornings: 9:30-10:30 AM**  
Sunday Morning Series: **WONDER**  
Join us Sunday mornings as we study Psalms and explore what it means to live in awe of our Creator.

**Youth/Parent Open House**  
*TONIGHT at 5:00 PM*

Students in grades 6-12 and their parents are invited to join us in the Youth Corner for pizza and an informational meeting. We'll share our vision for the year, including our search for a new youth leader, details about upcoming Confirmation classes, and key dates and events you won't want to miss. Come connect with CMY and get excited about what's ahead!

**ChambleeKids**  
Jordan Black | Director of Children’s Ministries | [jblack@chambleeumc.org](mailto:jblack@chambleeumc.org)

**Elementary Sunday School, 9:30-10:30**

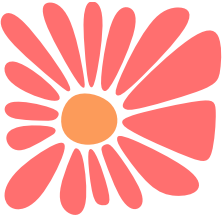
- Our fun-filled programs and age-appropriate curriculum help children develop their faith in meaningful, understandable ways. Our current series, **BLASTOFF**, focuses on spending time with God and others, using our gifts, and sharing our stories.
  - Room 101** - Children ages 3 through preschool
  - 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. Then, following the Children’s Moment, they are dismissed for Kids’ Church in **Room 223** where they can be picked up after the service.

**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.

**Grow with ChambleeKids**  
ChambleeKids is growing, and **we need YOU** to help us continue building a strong, joyful community for our children! You can either volunteer at 9:30 AM with Preschool Sunday School or at 10:45 AM with Preschool or Elementary Children’s Church. No prep required — we provide the curriculum and all supplies. To inquire or sign up, email Jordan Black at [jblack@chambleeumc.org](mailto:jblack@chambleeumc.org). We’d love to have you be part of helping our children grow in faith!



# 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!

- 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:

- 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. Reach out to Cameron Wilson at [cacwilson32@gmail.com](mailto:cacwilson32@gmail.com) for details.
- Christian Yoga**

**Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am**  
Christian yoga (poses, meditation, breathing) opens the mind and heart to the word of God. **Classes resume August 8/27.** [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! **New start time effective 8/20.**
- 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](mailto:umw@chambleeumc.org) for info and meeting times.

# Global Missions & Local Outreach

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](http://chambleeumc.org/missions)

- Disaster Response Volunteers Needed, aka “Hammond’s Hammers”**  
Chamblee Methodist is forming a volunteer team for disaster relief. A one-day training will prepare you to assist with cleanup, supply distribution, and community support. If you are willing to serve in times of crisis or are interested in learning more, contact Mike at [mshackley@comcast.net](mailto:mshackley@comcast.net) or George at [george.r.hall@gmail.com](mailto:george.r.hall@gmail.com)
- After-School Volunteers Needed**  
Join us in supporting out newest outreach partner, Cross-Cultural Ministries. Volunteers help with tutoring, homework, Bible lessons, and building relationships with students. Share language, learning, and love—one afternoon at a time. Contact George at [george.r.hall@gmail.com](mailto:george.r.hall@gmail.com) to get involved.



AUGUST 17, 2025  
TEN FORTY-FIVE O’CLOCK


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



Scan to Give

## Late Summer Sermon Series

**ON PURPOSE:** This series will pose the big question of how to live a life of faith on purpose. More specifically, we'll explore how the church is living on purpose by digging into our mission statement – “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” and our call to action – “deeply rooted, ever growing.”

- Aug 10 – Deeply Rooted
- **TODAY** – Ever Growing
- Aug 24 – On Mission: *20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina Response*
- Aug 31 – Transformed



Rev. Blair Boyd Zant, Senior Pastor  
Taylor Aycok, 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  
Chamblee Methodist Youth (CMY)

### Worship Leaders & Staff

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## Order of Worship

### THE GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour

### THE GREETING

Welcome &  
Announcements

Mr. Cameron Wilson

Prelude

*Maestoso from "Organ Symphony"*  
Mr. Bill Callaway, organist

Saint-Saens

### PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship

Psalms 1

Rev. Blair Zant

Opening Hymn \*

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

UMH 89

Prayers of the People  
and The Lord's Prayer

Mr. Wilson

Passing of the Peace

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

We can ... spend time with others

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

Mrs. Black

### MINISTRY MOMENT

Rise Against Hunger

Mr. George Hall  
Missions Chair

### THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Zant

Offertory

*The Holy City*  
Mrs. Lauren Sangster, soprano,  
accompanied by Mr. Callaway, organist

Adams

Doxology \*

UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication \*

Rev. Zant

### THE WORD

Scripture

Philippians 1: 1-11

Mr. Wilson

Sermon

**Ever Growing**

Rev. Zant

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Closing Hymn \*

*I Surrender All*  
verses 1 & 5

UMH 354

### SENDING FORTH

Benediction \*

Rev. Zant

Postlude

*Maestoso March in A*  
Mr. Bill Callaway, organist

Guilmant

\* 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).



Prayer List

### Our Members:

- Bob Dike, recovering from hernia surgery
- Ross Glover, recovering from a stroke in rehab in Cumming
- Elmo and Yulala Victorio moving to Huntley Hills in September
- Barbara Roberts, recovering from kidney stones
- Louise DeCastro, upcoming surgery on 8/19
- 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:

- Rita Rodriguez, mother of Alexis, recovering from COVID
- Ford King, 9 month old grandson of Linda, recovering at home from surgery
- Al & Kathleen Laba, health issues, staying safe
- Coleen Richardson, daughter of Pat and Bill Farkas, recovering from surgery
- Todd VanDuser, brother of Brad, recovering from cancer surgery
- 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

### Welcome Rev. Lee Fullerton, Guest Pastor Sunday August 24 | 10:45 AM

Next Sunday, we are delighted to welcome back Rev. Lee Fullerton, who faithfully served as Senior Pastor of Chamblee First UMC from 2001 to 2007.

It was during his tenure, in August 2005, that Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, resulting in 1,392 fatalities and causing an estimated \$125 billion in damages. Now, 20 years later, Rev. Fullerton will reflect on Chamblee First UMC's missional response, resilience, and faith during that time of crisis. Join us for this meaningful time of worship and remembrance.

## Interested in a Virtual Bible Study?

Chamblee First United Methodist Church is exploring the idea of launching a Virtual Bible Study via Zoom — so you can join from wherever you are: home, work, or even while traveling.

We want to hear from you! Your input will help us determine interest and shape the format to fit your schedule and needs.

Please take a moment to scan the QR code and **complete the short survey**. If you have questions, contact Steve Rubino at [sjrubino73@yahoo.com](mailto:sjrubino73@yahoo.com).



## Church Financials & Leadership

### Upcoming Meetings

- Finance Committee: *Monday, Aug 18 | 6:00 PM*
- Missions Committee: *Tuesday, Aug 19 | 6:30 pm*
- Administrative Board: *Monday, Aug 25 | 6:00 PM*

### Financials as of June 30, 2025

YTD revenue = \$409,622 | YTD expenses = \$430,901  
*approved by Finance Committee 7/28/25*



The Flowers on the Altar this morning are placed in honor of  
the graceful and talented Mrs. Lauren Sangster  
in appreciation for her leadership as Interim Choir Director