

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 and you can sign up for our email newsletter, Deep and Wide, at chambleeumc.org/updates

Church Clean Up Day
Saturday, August 29 9 am to 12 Noon
Company is coming! Please make plans to join us for a Church Clean Up Day on Saturday, August 29th. Sponsored by the Bicentennial Committee and the Trustees, we will gather to help prepare the church and campus for our October 4th Bicentennial Celebration service. There will be places to serve indoors, outdoors and in a creek clean up effort. You can register at chambleeumc.org/companyscoming

Chamblee First UMC is Hiring
chambleeumc.org/employment
We are currently seeking one key team member for the position **Communications and Administrative Assistant**. 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

PMO and CMK are looking for Substitute Teachers
Both our Parents' Morning Out toddler preschool program and Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten are looking for caring, dependable substitute teachers and the CMK is seeking someone for a pre-K assistant role. If you would like to spend your mornings playing and growing with some of our youngest disciples, please contact Emily Jameson, PMO Director, at pmo@chambleeumc.org or Jessica Spencer, our CMK Director at director@chambleeumc.org

Disaster Response Training
August 22, 8 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, training materials, snacks, and lunch. Learn more and sign up at chambleeumc.org/ERT

Presentation of Bibles
August 30 during 10:45 am Worship Service
Chamblee UMC is pleased to present Bibles to all children in 3rd - 5th grade who have not yet received the gift of a Bible from the church. To participate in this year's presentation, please register online at chambleeumc.org/bibles

August Mission: Supporting Wellroot Transitional Housing
This month, the United Methodist Women are sponsoring a drive to support the Wellroots Transitional Housing Program which is for young people who are aging out of the foster care system. You can find the full list of items that are being collected by visiting chambleeumc.org/happening/august-wellroots/

Nominations & Leadership Development Portal
Every board, committee, and leadership role at Chamblee First is a place to grow in faith and get things done! Explore the roles that need leaders for 2027 — and where you might fit. Find out more at chambleeumc.org/nominations-and-leadership-development/

A Night on Broadway
As a part of our bicentennial celebration, we have a night to celebrate the Drama Ministry and its history here at Chamblee First UMC on Sunday, August 23 at 5 pm in the Sanctuary at our A Night on Broadway event and in the Atrium afterwards for a reception.

Chamblee Kids

Jordan Black | Director of Children's Ministries | 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-5th

During Worship, 10:45-11:45
• Children ages 3 through preschool are welcome in **Room 101** for the worship hour.
• Children in grades K-5th 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

- 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 205**

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
- 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
- Christian Yoga

Wednesdays, 10:45-11:45 am
Christian yoga (poses, meditation, breathing) opens the mind and heart to the word of God. You can find more information at 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 in **Room 203**.
- 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
- 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. You can learn more about the organizations that we partner with at chambleeumc.org/missions-partners



Rev. Hope Cody Peppers | hcppppers@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

Weekly Youth Group and supper will resume in early September. In the meantime, check out our schedule of events at chambleeumc.org/youth



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AUGUST 16, 2026

TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK

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770-457-2525 | 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

Deeply Rooted. **200 YEARS** Ever Growing.

Fall 2026 marks the bicentennial of Chamblee First United Methodist Church — 200 years of faith, connection, and service. Join us throughout the year for special events and worship services as we look back with gratitude and look forward with hope. See the most current calendar at [chambleeumc.org/200 years](https://chambleeumc.org/200years)



CHAMBLEE
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Leaders & Staff

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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING		
As We Come Together	CFUMC Playlist chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Songs	
Prelude	<i>Come Thou Almighty King</i> Anna Price, organist	Page
THE GREETING		
Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome & Announcements	Rev. Hope Cody Peppers Carson Powell	
PRAISE & THANKSGIVING		
Call to Worship		Rev. Blair Zant
Opening Hymn	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	UMH 384
Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer		Mr. Powell
Passing of the Peace *		
CHILDRENS MOMENT		
	Let Us Love One Another! 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. Peppers
Offertory	<i>Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i> Chancel Choir with Ms. Price, pianist	Wesley
Doxology *		UMH 95
Prayer of Dedication *		Rev. Peppers
THE WORD		
Scripture	1 John 4:7-10	Mr. Powell
Hymn *	<i>Depth of Mercy</i>	UMH 355
Sermon	Grace Upon Grace	Rev. Zant
RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
Affirmation of Faith *	The Apostles’ Creed	UMH 881
Closing Hymn	<i>And Are We Yet Alive</i>	UMH 553 vs. 1,2,3,6
SENDING FORTH		
Benediction *	“Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.”	Rev. Zant
Postlude	<i>Postlude on Hyfrydol</i> Ms. Price, organist	Young
* 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



- Our Members:**
- Marcia Myers, undergoing radiation treatments for her ear
 - Becky Bennett, undergoing immuno therapy
 - Joe Duncan, recovering from back surgery
 - Jake Burkhardt, continuing to recover with PT
- Our Members’ Families:**
- Richard and Dotty Casper, parents of Dave (Donna Shackley's SIL), Richard is in hospice care
- Our Loved Ones:**
- Edward McElheney, our day porter, recovering from hernia surgery
 - Lisa Jackson, friend of Kathryn Rodriguez, diagnosed with glioblastoma
 - Clinton Roth, 7-year old friend of the Rowell family, home and continuing to recover
- Our Sympathy to the family of:**
- Rev. Dr. Justin Tull, dear friend of Ann Hammond, who passed away on July 3, after a long battle with brain cancer. Funeral services were held in Texas on July 20.

Church Financials & Leadership

Church Business Office Hours

- Mondays - Thursdays, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM | Fridays, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Upcoming Meetings

- Finance Committee - August 17 | 6:00 PM
- Administrative Board - August 24 | 6:00 PM

Please visit chambleeumc.org/leadership for our current Lay Leadership roster and Chamblee First UMC year-to-date financial reports as of June 30, 2026.

Chamblee First United Methodist Summary of Revenues & Expenses January to June 2026				
	Jun 2026 Actuals	Jun 2026 Budget	Jan to Jun 2026 Actuals	Jan to Jun 2026 Budget
Revenues				
Tithes and Regular Offerings	\$48,200	\$59,159	\$319,926	\$354,952
Investments & Special Funds	-\$20	\$333	-\$102	\$2,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$4,779	\$8,100	\$58,913	\$48,600
Rental income	\$4,938	\$6,667	\$36,719	\$40,000
Total Revenues	\$57,897	\$74,259	\$415,456	\$445,552
Expenses				
Conference Apportionments	\$6,029	\$6,029	\$36,173	\$36,173
Missions	\$400	\$1,808	\$9,269	\$10,850
Program Ministries & Education	\$9,519	\$7,566	\$35,346	\$45,398
Minister and Staff Compensation	\$39,333	\$43,524	\$258,784	\$261,145
Local Church Operations	\$10,365	\$15,702	\$89,576	\$94,212
Capital Expenses	\$12,132	\$14,866	\$93,070	\$89,199
Furniture & Equipment Expense	\$0	\$125	\$3,317	\$750
Total Expenses	\$77,777	\$89,621	\$525,535	\$537,725
Transfers from Designated Funds	\$4,377	\$3,458	\$13,374	\$20,750
Note: This includes ERTC refunds				
Net Surplus (Deficit)	-\$15,502	-\$11,904	-\$96,704	-\$71,423

For a more thorough explanation of the financial state of the church can be found at chambleeumc.org/june2026financereport/