

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/lupdates

A Night on Broadway
Tonight | 5:00 PM (Sanctuary) | Reception to follow in the Breezeway
Join us for an evening of musical performances as we celebrate the rich history of our Drama Ministry as part of Chamblee First UMC's Bicentennial Celebration.

Last Call: Women's Spiritual Retreat
September 18–20 | Hinton Rural Life Center (Hayesville, NC)
Join us for a refreshing weekend of rest, worship, laughter, and connection with God and one another in the North Carolina mountains.

- Who: Adult women of all ages
- Cost: \$250 **(Deadline: August 24)**

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/

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

5th Sunday Gathering
Every 5th Sunday, all adults are invited to a special AM gathering to learn, connect, and grow with others. Join us Sunday, August 30 at 9:30am for coffee, a sneak preview of our upcoming Fall studies and groups, and teaching from Rev. Dr. Brett Opalinski, Associate Dean of Methodist Studies at Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

PMO and CMK are looking for Substitute Teachers
Parents' Morning Out (PMO) and Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten (CMK) need caring, dependable substitute teachers. CMK is also hiring a Pre-K Assistant. Spend your mornings guiding, playing with, and encouraging our youngest disciples! In interested please contact Emily Jameson, PMO Director, at pmo@chambleeumc.org or Jessica Spencer, our CMK Director at director@chambleeumc.org

August Mission: Supporting Wellroot Transitional Housing
This month, United Methodist Women are collecting supplies for Wellroot's Transitional Housing Program, which supports young adults aging out of foster care. How you can help:

- Donate NEW Items: View the full wishlist at chambleeumc.org/happening/august-wellroots
- Drop Off: Bring your contributions to the designated mission bins during August.

Backpack Buddies: Gear Up for the New School Year!
Feed local students this school year through our Backpack Buddies weekend food bag program. We need weekly volunteers to pick up food, pack bags, and deliver supplies to local schools. Read the task descriptions on our signup page and choose the option that fits your schedule best.

- New Volunteers Welcome: We will pair you with an experienced teammate for your first shift.
- Lunch-Hour Opportunity: Join us for our standard packing time every Tuesday at 12:00 PM—a perfect mid-day service project.
- Learn more at chambleeumc.org/backpackbuddies

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 | hcppeters@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 on September 13th. In the meantime, check out our schedule of events at chambleeumc.org/youth



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AUGUST 23, 2026
TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK

4147 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA 30341
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

Saturday is our Church Clean Up Day, 9 AM - Noon

Help prepare our building and grounds for the October 4th Bicentennial Celebration. Sponsored by the Bicentennial Committee and Trustees, this workday offers hands-on service projects for every skill level.

Where You Can Serve

- Indoors: Clean, dust, and organize indoor spaces.
- Outdoors: Landscape, weed, and tidy the campus grounds.
- Creek Clean Up: Clear trash and debris from the creek.

Register today at chambleeumc.org/companyscoming





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Worship Leaders & Staff

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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING		
As We Come Together	CFUMC Playlist <i>chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Songs</i>	
THE GREETING		
Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Hope Cody Peppers Cameron Wilson
Prelude	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i> Bill Callaway, organist	Hustad
PRAISE & THANKSGIVING		
Call to Worship		Rev. Blair Zant
Opening Hymn	<i>Ye Servants of God</i>	UMH 181
Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer		Mr. Wilson
Passing of the Peace *		
CHILDRENS MOMENT		
	Better Together <i>After which, children grades K-5th are excused for Kid’s Church in room 223.</i>	Mrs. Jordan Black
MINISTRY MOMENT		
	Annual Conference Celebration Report	Jennifer Teahan Sabrina Viner
THE OFFERING		
Invitation to the Offering		Rev. Peppers
Offertory	<i>Jesus, Lover of My Soul</i> Chancel Choir Mr. Callaway	Wesley
Doxology *		UMH 95
Prayer of Dedication *		Rev. Peppers
THE WORD		
Scripture	Acts 2:42-47	Mr. Wilson
Hymn *	<i>Jesu, Thy Boundless Love to Me</i>	UMH 183
Sermon	Christ in Connection	Rev. Zant
RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
Closing Hymn	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	UMH 240 v. 1, 2
SENDING FORTH		
Benediction *		Rev. Zant
Postlude	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> Mr. Callaway, organist	Wesley
* please stand as you are able		

*The flowers on the altar this morning are placed by
Bruce and Nancy Ramsey in remembrance
of the Forum and Glow Sunday School Classes*

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
 - 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
- Sympathy to the family of:**
- Rev. Valerie Harvard, former associate pastor of Chamblee First UMC in the early 2000s, who passed away on 8/7 at the age of 71. A celebration of her life will be held on 9/12 at 2 pm at Hebron Baptist Church in Dacula.

Church Financials & Leadership

- Church Business Office Hours**
- Mondays - Thursdays, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Fridays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Upcoming Meetings**
- Administrative Board - August 24 | 6:00 PM
 - Staff Parish Relations Committee - September 8 | 6:00 PM
 - Board of Trustees - September 14 | 6:00 PM
 - Missions Committee - September 15 | 6:00 PM
 - Finance Committee - September 21 | 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.

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Join us to celebrate Chamblee First UMC’s Bicentennial -

Sunday, October 4:
12:30 PM Ministry Open House
2:00 PM Worship Service
4:00 PM Dinner on the Grounds

Saturday, October 3:
10:00 AM -12:00 PM Tours of Prospect Cemetery every 30 minutes

RSVP by 9/25 at chambleeumc.org/200years

Merchandise including History book, t-shirts, ornaments/suncatchers, stickers are available online and in-person on Sundays.