

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

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/

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

Rise Against Hunger: Sign up now for September 26th packing event!

Want to make a big impact fast? Join us on September 26th to pack 20,000 meals for international programs that nourish communities and help break the cycle of poverty. With this event, Chamblee First UMC will hit a milestone of 150,000 total meals packed. Main packing runs from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, with additional shifts available for setup and cleanup. We encourage church families to register now at chambleeumc.org/Rise2026 before we open spots to local high school groups.

Youth Ministry Family Meeting tonight!

Are you a middle schooler, high schooler or parent of a youth? Please make plans to join us tonight from 5-7 PM in the Youth Suite for our Family Meeting, where we will help set the agenda, activities, teaching, and schedule for the school year. Dinner is provided! If you have any questions, see Pastor Hope Cody Peppers after the service or email her at hcpeppers@chambleeumc.org.



Rev. Hope Cody Peppers | hcpeppers@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

Chamblee Kids

Jordan Black | Director of Children's Ministries | jblack@chambleeumc.org

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

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 AM

- 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**
Current study: More Messy People by Jennifer Cowart
Next study: Winning the War on Worry by Louie Giglio.

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**
Current study: You're Only Human by Kelly M. Kapic
Next study: Essential Guide to Becoming a Disciple by Greg Ogden.

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**
Current study: Embracing the Uncertain by Magrey R. deVega
Next study: The Heart of the Psalms: God's Word to the World by James C. Howell

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



AUGUST 30, 2026

TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK



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instagram.com/chambleeyouth

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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.

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

Welcome to Rev Dr. Brett Opalinski

Rev. Dr. Brett Opalinski is an ordained United Methodist elder from the Florida Annual Conference. He has served in local churches for over 20 years, and chaired the Board of Ordained Ministry for the Florida Annual Conference. He is a Candler graduate (98T) and has a PhD in New Testament and Early Christianity from Iliff School of Theology/University of Denver. He has been a long-time social justice and civil rights advocate, working in issues related to anti-racism, LGBTQ+ rights, poverty, and criminal justice reform and is committed to helping local churches (and the General Church) engage the world in a way that makes the Kingdom of God visible.



CHAMBLEE
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 Leslie Hall
Prelude	<i>O For A Thousand Tongues</i> Bill Callaway, pianist	Hustad
PRAISE & THANKSGIVING		
Call to Worship		Rev. Peppers
Opening Hymn *	Wesley Hymns Medley 1	
Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer		Ms. Hall
Passing of the Peace *		
CHILDRENS MOMENT		
	Bible Presentation After which, children grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223.	Mrs. Jordan Black Rev. Peppers
THE OFFERING		
Invitation to the Offering		Rev. Blair Zant
Offertory	<i>And Can It Be?</i> Chancel Choir with Mr. Callaway	Wesley
Doxology *		UMH 95
Prayer of Dedication *		Rev. Zant
THE WORD		
Scripture	Romans 12:9-21	Ms. Hall
Hymn of Preparation	<i>Wesley Hymns Medley 2</i>	
Sermon	A Growing Prospect	Rev. Brett Opalinski
RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
Affirmation of Faith *	The Apostles’ Creed	UMH 881
Closing Hymn	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i>	UMH 302 v. 1, 2
SENDING FORTH		
Benediction *		Rev. Opalinski
Postlude	<i>Come Thou Long Expected Jesus</i> Mr. Callaway, organist	Good
* 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:**
- Tom Jones, undergoing radiation therapy
 - Marcia Myers, completed her radiation treatments
 - Becky Bennett, undergoing immunotherapy
 - Jake Burkhardt, continuing to recover with PT
- Members' family:**
- Richard and Dotty Casper, parents of Dave (Donna Shackley's SIL), Richard is in hospice care
- Our Loved Ones:**
- Ed and Ann Harris, former members, both recovering from hospitalizations
 - Lisa Jackson, friend of Kathryn Rodriguez, diagnosed with gioblastoma with a very bleak prognosis
 - Clinton Roth, 7-year old friend of the Rowell family, home and continuing to recover
 - Alexandra Landreau,16 yr-old friend of Jan Rowell, completed treatments and awaiting next steps
- Sympathy to the families of:**
- Debbie Rochester, former member, who passed away on 8/24. A celebration of life will be held in 9/5 at the Oostanaula Methodist Church in Rome. Please keep her daughter, Bevin in your prayers.
 - Rev. Valerie Harvard, former staff member 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**
- 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.

Deeply Rooted.

Ever Growing.



200 YEARS

Join us to celebrate Chamblee First UMC’s Bicentennial -

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

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

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