

# 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)

### Youth Basketball Registration now - Oct 15

Registration is now open for CFUMC Youth & High School Basketball Leagues. Boys and Girls age 5 (as of 9/1) through age 18 (enrolled in high school) are invited to participate. For details or to register, visit [chambleeumc.org/basketball2024](http://chambleeumc.org/basketball2024)

### First Steps

TODAY, 12 - 1 pm

New members and curious visitors are invited to take the First Steps to learn about CFUMC and our ministries. Join us immediately following today's service for lunch with the pastor in Fellowship Hall.

### Next Steps

Sept 29, 9:30 - 10:30 am

A casual gathering to make new connections or deepen existing relationships. Walking together through our joys and trials is key to our faith. We hope conversations will yield actionable feedback, identify current needs, and spark ideas for the formation of additional small groups. [chambleeumc.org/next-steps](http://chambleeumc.org/next-steps)

### Yoga with Keisha

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 am

Christian yoga (poses, meditation, breathing) opens the mind and heart to the word of God. All are welcome! [chambleeumc.org/yoga](http://chambleeumc.org/yoga)



Oct 19, 3 - 8 pm

This fall, instead of our annual festival on the lawn, CFUMC is excited to sponsor the KidZone at Taste of Chamblee. Join us for an afternoon of connection and community by volunteering at our Booth or in the Zone. We'll greet our neighbors, pass out bubbles, and let our community know about the awesome happenings at Chamblee First UMC. Sign up for a purposeful, fun two-hour shift at [chambleeumc.org/Taste](http://chambleeumc.org/Taste)

### Save these Fall Dates

- Oct 5 - City of Chamblee's Atlanta United Viewing Party at Plaza Fiesta
- Oct 6 - World Communion Day and 2025 Stewardship Campaign kickoff, *For the Love*
- Oct 19 - Chamblee First UMC to host KidZone at Taste of Chamblee
- Oct 26 - Peachtree Symphonic Winds concert featuring the music of John Williams
- Oct 27 - Chamblee First UMC's annual Trunk-of-Treats Festival, expanded this year to include Touch-a-Truck -AND- the recently rescheduled Annual Men's BBQ

# Local Outreach & Global Missions

### Backpack Buddies

weekly

Every week of the school year, CFUMC provides nourishment to local children who have little or nothing to eat on weekends. You can help by participating in a planned packing event or assembling a group and scheduling another. For more info or to sign up, visit <http://tinyurl.com/BackpackBuddiesSignup>

# Church Financials & Leadership

### Month-End Reporting

A hard copy of the latest financial report is available for your review at the Atrium Desk or you may request that a copy via email at [business@chambleeumc.org](mailto:business@chambleeumc.org)

- Year to Date, **as of Aug 31:** Income = \$532,718 | Expenses = \$591,470

### Upcoming Meetings

- UMW Board Meeting (Sept 24, 6:30 pm)
- Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting (Oct 2, 6:00 pm)

### South Central District Charge Conference

Tue, Oct 15, 6:45 pm

Join us in the sanctuary for an evening of information, ideation, and celebration with District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Michael McQueen. All members of Chamblee First are encourage to attend this important meeting focused on the business of our church.

# Classes & Groups

Faith Formation classes for ALL AGES meet Sunday mornings at **9:30 am**. Feel free to explore any and all classes to find the small group that is right for you!

### Bridge Class

- Focuses primarily on relationships. Studies discuss popular culture, books, and current events that raise challenging questions. Members range from families with young children to established career professionals. **Room 200**

### Faith Class

- The Faith Class is one of our largest Sunday school classes. Each Sunday begins with a short devotion by one of the class members followed by a prayer of concerns and praises. 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 studies a wide variety of different curriculum. The lessons are discussion-based to develop faith intellectually. Most members are nearing retirement age. **Room 205**

## Chamblee Kids

Please direct questions about Children's Ministry to [childrens@chambleeumc.org](mailto:childrens@chambleeumc.org)

### SUNDays are FUNdays at CFUMC!

- **Kids' Sunday School**, 9:30-10:30 - Our exciting programs, current curriculum, and wonderful mentors help children develop their faith in fun ways they can understand
- Children grades K-5th are dismissed during the service for **Kids' Church** and can be picked up in Room 223 following the service.
- **Nursery** is available during the service for infants through preschool. A soothing room is available in the Narthex in back of the sanctuary.



India Gleason, Director of Youth Ministries:

[igleason@chambleeumc.org](mailto:igleason@chambleeumc.org)

CMY is an inclusive space for all youth, 6th - 12th grades. Join us for social events, spiritual exploration, and service opportunities.

**Sunday mornings: 9:30-10:30 am**

All students grades 6-12, are invited to participate in *Groove: I Am*, our current youth Sunday school experience. Come for coffee, snacks, and discovery are who God is calling us to be.

**Sunday evenings: 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

Experience meaningful discussion with a small group and find a place to be your authentic self! All students and friends are invited to join us for worship, small groups, dinner, and games each Sunday! For the next 4 weeks we'll learn more about the wisdom God offers us whenever we try to make a godly decision. **GOOD CALL!**

## Wonder-Full Wednesdays

All **Young Adults** are invited to gather each month for Wonder-Full Wednesday! A time of fun and fellowship during which we can learn to listen for God's persistent voice and fully embrace all God has planned for us. Reach out to Cameron Wilson at [cacwilson32@gmail.com](mailto:cacwilson32@gmail.com) for details.



SEPTEMBER 22, 2024  
TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK

EIGHTEENTH 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!

## Order of Worship

### THE GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour		
Call to Worship		Rev. Blair Boyd Zant
Prelude	<i>Benedictus on "Sicilian Mariner's Hymn"</i> Mr. Bill Callaway, organist	Young


### THE GREETING

Welcome & Announcements		Mrs. Deanna Hamilton
Time of Fellowship *		
Opening Hymn *	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	UMH 384

### PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer		Mrs. Hamilton
Choral Response	<i>Trust and Obey</i> Chancel Choir	Sammis

### MINISTRY MOMENT

 Sleep In Heavenly Peace Project	Mr. Brad Van Duser
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### THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering		Rev. Zant
	An offering is collected to support the work of CFUMC in sharing God's love with the world. You may offer a gift as the plate is passed. Or text the word <i>CHAMBLEE</i> to 73256	
Offertory	<i>If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers</i> Chancel Choir with Mr. Callaway, organist	Gillette
Doxology *		UMH 95
Blessing of the Offering *		Rev. Zant

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"The Story & The Song"	After which, children grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223	Mrs. Jordan Black
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### THE WORD

Scripture	James 3:13-4:3; 4:7-8a (NRSV)	Mrs. Hamilton
Sermon	<b>Why Nice Is Not Enough</b>	Rev. Zant

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation *	UMH 885
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**PASTOR:** Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**IN UNISON:** We believe in God the Father; infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

### SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn *	<i>The Summons</i>	TFWS 2130
Benediction *		Rev. Zant
Postlude	<i>Rondeau</i> Mr. Callaway, organist	Mouret

\* During CFUMC services, we frequently **sit** to listen and **stand** for praise or response. If you have difficulty standing or are uncomfortable doing so, feel free to remain seated. No matter your posture, we invite you to spend this time of worship focused on worshipping the Lord.



## 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](http://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:

- Candace Kortovich, upcoming hand surgery
- Scott Pirnie, recovering from spinal fusion
- Marilyn Van Note recovering from shoulder surgery
- Jake Burkhardt, struggling with effects of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy)

### Our Members' Families:

- Claire Winne, mother of Mark, hospitalized in Brunswick
- JoAnn Boyd, mother of Rev. Blair Boyd Zant, recovering from gall bladder surgery
- Mary Ellen Johnson, mother of Whitney, dealing with health challenges
- Lewis Myers, BIL of Marcia Myers, dealing with mouth cancer at 93 years old.
- Lisa Bolt, mother of James Kingman, treatment for esophageal and liver cancer
- Tyler Marshall, nephew of Jo Burkhardt, dealing with bi-polar disorder
- Bruce Bennett, brother of Becky, awaiting surgery to relieve neck pain
- Stan Cowan, brother of Joy Hawkins, recovering from surgery
- Stacy Jarrard Kelley, niece of Debbie Calvert, recovering from a double mastectomy for aggressive form of breast cancer
- Claire Rowell, wife of Jordan and DIL of Jan, maintenance treatments for brain tumor
- Nell Lanier, aunt of Jo Burkhardt, undergoing treatment for liver cancer in Mississippi

### Our Christian Sympathy to:

- the family of **Dottie Smith**, wife of Jerry, who passed away Sept 11 surrounded by family. Arrangements for Dottie's *Celebration of Life* will be shared as soon as possible. Please keep Jerry and their family in your prayers.
- the family of **Shane Wingerson**, father of Erin Smith, who passed away on Aug 31 after a short battle with kidney cancer. He lived in Northern Virginia and Erin and her sister, Shannon, were both there with him when he passed. A *Celebration of Life* will be held Sept 28 in Iowa.

## Attendance



Visitor  
Check-In

Whether a Visitor or a Member, we are glad you are with us today! We ask that you register your attendance by scanning the applicable QR code. Please let us know if you are new, would like to become a member, or are interested in more information about Chamblee First.



Member  
Check-In

## September Sermon Series



Join us Sundays in September for practical lessons from the book of James as, together, we explore the importance of acting in accordance with one's faith.

Miss a recent message or eager for an encore? [chambleeumc.org/watch-archive](http://chambleeumc.org/watch-archive)

## Explore Chamblee First

- Emailed twice a month, **Deep & Wide** is an information source for the members, visitors, and friends of Chamblee First UMC. Recent editions are available at [chambleeumc.org/email-archive](http://chambleeumc.org/email-archive). You may subscribe and set preferences for any of any of CFUMC's eNewsletters at [chambleeumc.org/updates](http://chambleeumc.org/updates)
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## Worship Leaders & Staff

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Rev. Blair Zant, Senior Pastor  
Deanna Hamilton, Executive Director  
Taylor Aycock, Nursery Coordinator  
Bill Callaway, Organist  
Jordan Black, Director of Children's Ministries  
India Gleason, Youth Director  
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**CFUMC Praise Band:** Maggie Victorio-Mundie, Dave Worley, Samantha King