

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](#)

APOSTLE Volunteers Needed
sign up today

Brad Sherrill’s APOSTLE performance on **October 5** will be the kick-off fundraiser for our upcoming Bicentennial celebrations. With up to 300 guests expected, this is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our hospitality and teamwork. To make the evening a success, we need many friendly, organized volunteers to welcome and assist attendees. Review the volunteer opportunities and sign up here: [chambleeumc.org/Apostle-Volunteer](#)

Basketball Registration
now through Oct 10

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/basketball2025](#)

Taste of Chamblee 2025
October 18, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Join us for an afternoon of connection and community by volunteering at Taste of Chamblee. We'll greet our neighbors, pass out bubbles, and let our community know about the awesome happenings at Chamblee First UMC. [chambleeumc.org/Taste25](#)

Sunday Supper Club
1st & 3rd Sundays, 6:30 PM

Looking to make new connections or deepen relationships with your Chamblee First UMC friends and family? The Sunday Supper Club gathers on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and is for anyone eager to build community through food and fellowship. For details, future dates, and to RSVP, visit [chambleeumc.org/SupperClub](#)

Chamblee Farmers Market
Saturdays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

CFUMC is excited to be the new home of the Chamblee Farmer’s Market, featuring fresh locally-grown produce, handmade goods, and artisanal products. Come support local farmers and makers and – as ambassadors of the church – help create a welcoming community atmosphere for visitors to our campus!

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. Our current series, **IN SEASON**, reminds us that God’s words are always in season, God leads us in every season, God hears us no matter the season, and we can thank God for every season.
 - 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. Then, 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.

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Sunday mornings: 9:30-10:30 AM
Confirmation will be included as a track in our CoLABorate Sunday morning experience. Learn more at [chambleeumc.org/youth](#)

Sunday evenings: 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Join us each Sunday night in September for supper and our new series, "Teach Me Something Cool" featuring some of the coolest people we know . . . members of Chamblee Methodist Church! We'll be engaging in active, experiential lessons designed around the exceptional skills and talents of the adults who love and support our Youth Ministry.

Rooted Youth Retreat at Camp Glisson | October 24-26
\$195 per person | students grades 6th-12th
For information and to register by October 5,
visit [chambleeumc.org/youth](#)

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, & 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, 10:30-11:30 am
Christian yoga (poses, meditation, breathing) opens the mind and heart to the word of God. [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!
- 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. To lean more or participate in an upcoming project, **visit** [chambleeumc.org/missions](#)

Backpack Buddies weekly bag packing for 3 local schools, to provide sustenance for 90+ families	groups or individuals, sign up at tinyurl.com/BackpackBuddiesSignup
UMCOR Bucket Check <i>Oct 11, 9 AM - 12:30 PM</i> , hands-on service opportunity for all ages at UMCOR Hub	for details and to register, visit chambleeumc.org/BUCKET-CHECK
Disaster Response Training Nov 1, 8:30 AM - 4 PM, one-day training will prepare you to assist in a crisis situation	for details and to register visit chambleeumc.org/ERT
Cross-Cultural Ministries help with tutoring, homework, Bible lessons, and student relations	after school volunteers needed george.r.hall@gmail.com
Thanksgiving Food Drive Oct 1 - Nov 9	for details & items of the week, visit chambleeumc.org/fooddrive25



SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
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 with groups and activities of interest to 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



Scan to Give

September Sermon Series: *Dear Church*



Today, we continue our study on the Epistles, exploring the five foundational letters written by Paul that shaped the early church. Together, we’ll reflect on the wisdom, encouragement, and challenges these writings continue to offer us today. Join us for **“Dear Church”** – Sundays at 10:45 AM, today through October 5. Available for replay at chambleeumc.org/worship-archive



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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING

As We Come Together	CFUMC Playlist chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Songs	
Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome & Announcements		Mr. Cameron Wilson
Prelude	<i>Aria in F Major</i> Mr. Bill Callaway, organist	Handel

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship	Philippians 3	Rev. Blair Zant
Opening Hymn *	<i>Majesty, Worship His Majesty</i>	UMH 176
Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer		Mr. Wilson
Passing of the Peace		

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Better Together	After which, children grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223	Mrs. Jordan Black
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THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering		Rev. Zant
Offertory	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i> Mr. Callaway, organist	Martin
Doxology *		UMH 95
Prayer of Dedication *		Rev. Zant

THE WORD

Scripture	2 Corinthians 5:17-21	Mr. Wilson
Anthem	<i>At the Name of Jesus</i> Chancel Choir with Mr. Callaway, pianist	Berry
Sermon	Dear Philippi	Rev. Zant

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Closing Song *	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	UMH 298
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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SENDING FORTH

Benediction *		Rev. Zant
Postlude	<i>Trumpet Tune in D Major</i> Mr. Callaway, organist	Charpentier

* 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.



Prayer List

Our Members:

- Barbara Roberts, recovering from surgery to remove kidney stones
- Ross Glover, recovering from a stroke at home
- Jake Burkhardt, struggling with effects of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy)

Our Members’ Families:

- Diana Stephens, SIL of Lee Turner, battling pancreatic cancer; declining quickly
- Lori Fancher, sister-in-law of Mike and Sandra, dealing with pancreatic cancer
- Al & Kathleen Laba, parents of Dennis, health and safety
- Shelby Bryce, 2 yr old of Lee Turner, recovering from surgery related to spina bifida

Our Sympathy to the family of

- Jane Worley**, mother of David, our guitarist, who passed away on Sept 19 after a long battle with dementia.

Celebrating Our New Members

Today, we warmly welcome our newest members to the Chamblee First UMC family!

Steve & Valerie Crocker by transfer of membership from Milledgeville Methodist Church



Church Financials & Leadership

Upcoming Meetings

- Called Meeting of the Administrative Board – **TODAY** at 12:15 PM in Fellowship Hall
- Staff Parish Relations – *Sept 29 / 6:00 PM*
Questions, comments, or compliments can be addressed to spr@chambleeumc.org
- Nominations Committee – *Oct 1 / 6:00 PM*
- Board of Trustees– *Oct 6 / 6:00 PM (new date!)*

Office Closure

The offices of Chamblee First UMC will be closed Monday 10/13 (federal holiday) and Tuesday 10/14. Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten will be closed Oct 13-17 for Fall Break..

Financial Reports Update

as of August 31, 2025 (*reviewed by Finance Committee 9/15/25*)

- REVENUE: YTD actual = \$525,470 | YTD budget = \$577,908
- EXPENSES: YTD actual = \$700,682 | YTD budget = \$703,333

For security purposes, full monthly reports are no longer posted on the public website. Members may request the most recent report by emailing business@chambleeumc.org

APOSTLE: a live performance by Brad Sherrill

Sunday, October 5 | 5:00 PM

Experience a powerful stage adaptation of the Apostle Paul's story from Acts, woven together with inspiring passages from Paul's letters. This moving performance by Atlanta actor Brad Sherrill is enhanced by multimedia from Paul-related sites across Greece and Turkey.

Following the performance, enjoy a celebratory reception with hors d'oeuvres in Fellowship Hall. Complimentary nursery and childcare will be provided for infants through elementary-aged children.

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW at <https://apostle.eventbrite.com>