

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

Sunday Supper Club
TONIGHT, September 7, 6:30 PM | Vintage Pizza
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
Beginning September 13, CFUMC will 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!

Organ Concert featuring Bill Callaway
Saturday, September 20 | 3:00 PM
Join us in the sanctuary for an afternoon of beautiful music to celebrate Bill Callaway’s 50 years of public performance – 1975 to 2025. With special musical guests and a reception to follow. Mark your calendars and help us honor this remarkable milestone!

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. Tickets on sale now at <https://apostle.eventbrite.com>

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Sunday mornings: 9:30-10:30 AM

- Join us Sunday mornings for our current series, WONDER, as we study the Psalms and explore what it means to live in awe of our Creator.
- Beginning September 7, Confirmation will be included as a track in our CoLABorate Sunday morning experience. Learn more & register 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 . . . the members of Chamblee Methodist Church (and maybe even your own parents!) 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.

Back to School means Sunday night **Youth Suppers** are back, too! If you are willing & able to provide one meal for our Youth – either homemade or catered – please contact Emily Jameson at emilytjameson@gmail.com



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**.
- Today, **Sept 7**, Kids will brought back to the sanctuary in time for Holy Communion.

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!

- 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, or 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

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

- Disaster Response Volunteers Needed, aka “Hammond’s Hammers”**
Chamblee Methodist is forming a volunteer team for disaster relief. A one-day training will prepare you to assist with cleanup, supply distribution, and community support. If you are willing to serve in times of crisis or are interested in learning more, contact Mike at mshackley@comcast.net or George at george.r.hall@gmail.com
- After-School Volunteers Needed**
Join us in supporting out newest outreach partner, Cross-Cultural Ministries. Volunteers help with tutoring, homework, Bible lessons, and building relationships with students. Share language, learning, and love—one afternoon at a time. Contact George at george.r.hall@gmail.com to get involved.



SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
TEN FORTY-FIVE O’CLOCK


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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 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

Holy Communion & Passing of Peace

As United Methodists, we believe that all are welcome at God’s Table. You do not have to be a member of this church, or of any church, to participate. During communion, the passing of the peace serves as a reminder that those who come to the table are called to be reconciled with one another. Ours is an open communion table. **Everyone is invited!** All elements are gluten-free. If you prefer to receive communion from your pew, please let the usher know and elements will be brought to you.



Rev. Blair Boyd Zant, Senior Pastor
Taylor Aycock, Nursery Coordinator
Jordan Black, Director of Children’s Ministries
Bill Callaway, Organist
Steve Crocker, Director of Music Ministries
Deanna Hamilton, Executive Director
Emily Jameson, PMO Director
Linda King, Hospitality & Member Care
Mellie O’Keefe, Kindergarten Director
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Chamblee Methodist Youth (CMY)

Worship Leaders & Staff

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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour

THE GREETING

Welcome &
Announcements

Mrs. Mary Ruth Kearney

Prelude

Lord, Be Glorified
Mr. Bill Callaway, pianist

Kilpatrick

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship

I Thessalonians 5

Rev. Blair Zant

Opening Hymn *

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing
v. 1-4, 6

UMH **57**

Prayers of the People

Mrs. Kearney

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Presentation of the Bibles

Mrs. Jordan Black

After which, children grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223. They will return to Sanctuary for Holy Communion.

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Zant

Offertory

Create in Me A Clean Heart, O Lord
Chancel Choir
with Mr. Callaway, organist

Mueller

Doxology *

UMH **95**

Prayer of Dedication *

Rev. Zant

THE WORD

Scripture

Romans 3:21-28

Ms. Gleason

Sermon

Dear Rome ...

Rev. Zant

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation, Confession & Pardon

UMH **12**

Passing of the Peace

Great Thanksgiving &
The Lord’s Prayer

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Closing Hymn *

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
v. 1

UMH **557**

SENDING FORTH

Benediction *

Rev. Zant

Postlude

Grand Choeur
Mr. Callaway, organist

Dubois

* 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:

- Marie Glover, recovering from a fall
- Ross Glover, recovering from a stroke, now at home
- Eleanor Wilson, struggling with various health issues
- Jake Burkhardt, struggling with effects of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy)

Our Members’ Families:

- Lori Fancher, sister-in-law of Mike and Sandra, dealing with pancreatic cancer
- Al & Kathleen Laba, parents of Dennis, health and safety
- Coleen Richardson, daughter of Pat and Bill Farkas, recovering from surgery
- Todd VanDuser, brother of Brad, recovering from cancer surgery
- Shaun Reade, SIL of Pat and Bill Farkas, recovering from surgery
- Shelby Bryce, 2 yr old of Lee Turner, recovering from surgery related to spina bifida
- Diana Stephens, SIL of Lee Turner, battling pancreatic cancer

Our Christian Sympathy to the family of

- **James Hiers, Jr.**, father of Bo, who passed away on August 24 at the age of 98. A memorial service is scheduled for September 16 at 11:30 AM at First Presbyterian Church, 147 N. Main St., Cleveland, GA. Visitation at 10:30 AM.

Church Financials & Leadership

Financials as of July 30, 2025

approved by Finance Committee 8/18/25

- REVENUE: YTD actual = \$459,600 | YTD budget = \$521,816
- EXPENSES: YTD actual = \$616,964 | YTD budget = \$616,713

Upcoming Meetings

- Board of Trustees – *September 8 | 6:00 PM*
- Finance Committee – *September 15 | 6:00 PM*

Virtual Bible Study



Chamblee First United Methodist Church is exploring the idea of launching a **Virtual Bible Study** via Zoom. We want to hear from you! Your input will help us determine interest and shape the format to fit your schedule and needs. Please take a moment **today** to complete the short survey. www.chambleeumc.org/survey

September Sermon Series: *Dear Church*

Today, we begin a 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, September 7 through October 5.

This series will prepare our hearts and minds for Brad Sherrill’s epic performance of **APOSTLE** at 5 PM on **October 5** —a powerful retelling of Paul’s story you won’t want to miss! Purchase tickets for this very special event at <https://apostle.eventbrite.com>

Presentation of Bibles

During today’s worship service, Chamblee First United Methodist Church is pleased to present the gift of a Bible to the following children:

Zachary Black | William Harlan | Olive Laba | Rosie Laba

We rejoice with these children and their families as they embark on this new adventure in discovering who God is through the stories of Scripture.