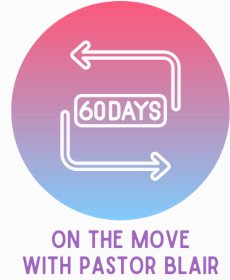


Church Life & Community

Chamblee First UMC helps people find peace and purpose within a Christian community. For our most current calendar, visit chambleeumc.org/happenings

A Message from Rev. Blair Boyd Zant: a lookback at the last sixty days and a preview of the next thirty



Welcome to September, my favorite month and favorite season of the year. We've got the return of college football, the crisp taste of fall in the air, and the sounds of CMK students echoing up and down the Chamblee First hallways. I love September.

This month also means we've celebrated 60 days together as a congregation and pastor. As we reach this milestone, I'm pleased to share memorable moments, meaningful interactions, and the momentum we're gaining together. My open letter to the congregation was published in the Sept 3 edition of our *Deep & Wide* eNewsletter, now available at chambleeumc.org/email-archive.

Emailed twice a month, *Deep & Wide* is an information source for the members, visitors, and friends of Chamblee First UMC. To receive any of CFUMC's eNewsletters, please subscribe here: chambleeumc.org/updates

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

Calling all ROMEOS, a.k.a. CFUMC Retired Men and those who are not yet retired!
Sept 12, 8 am
We continue to honor the late Les Hammond's memory by gathering monthly for our ROMEO breakfast program. We meet at 8 am the second Thursday of each month at Goldberg's Deli, located at 4520 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. Hope to see you there!

First Steps
Sept 22, 12 - 1 pm
New members and visitors are invited to take the First Steps to learn about CFUMC and our ministries. Join us for lunch with the pastor and member of the staff and discover more about our church. RSVP at chambleeumc.org/first-steps

Next Steps
Sept 29, 9:30 - 10:30
All are invited to this casual hour of fellowship. Explore Sunday School classes and small groups at CFUMC. Whether already involved or just curious about what is available or upcoming, come discover new ways to connect. chambleeumc.org/next-steps

Local Outreach & Global Missions

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Mission Project
Sept 14, 8:30 am - 12 pm
Volunteers are still needed to deliver and assemble beds for children in our area who don't have a bed of their own. Review the waiver and access the signup link at chambleeumc.org/SHP

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
• Year to Date, **as of July 31**: Income = \$480,170 | Expenses = \$506,594

Upcoming Meetings
• Board of Trustees, *rescheduled* (Sept 11, 6 pm)
• Finance Committee (Sept 12, 6pm)

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

- 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

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 | **Sunday evenings:** 5-7 incl. dinner

CMY Orientation | TODAY, Sept 8, 4:30 - 5:15

All youth and their parents are asked to attend to learn what's in store for the coming year. We'll go over our 2024-2025 calendar, share our mission and vision, and enjoy a light supper. Please plan to attend! Immediately following this important family meeting, youth will stay for our regular Sunday night gathering.



SEPTEMBER 8, 2024
TEN FORTY-FIVE O'CLOCK
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 for details.

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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!

Attendance



Visitor Check-In

Whether a Visitor or a Member, we are glad you are with us today! Please check-in to connect with this faith community. Simply scan the appropriate QR code to register your attendance.



Member Check-In

Holy Communion at Chamblee First

As United Methodists, we believe that all are welcome at God's Table. Our communion liturgy begins with words spoken on Jesus' behalf inviting "all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another." As all come to His table to partake in His holy mystery, we pray that these words are embodied in the life of everyone who comes.

Ours is an open communion table. You do not have to be a member of this church, or of any church, to participate. **Everyone is invited!**

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.



CHAMBLEE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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
Lauren Sangster, Interim Music Director
Emily Jameson, PMO Director
Linda King, Hospitality & Member Care
Mellie O'Keefe, Kindergarten Director
Alexis Rodriguez, AV Engineer

CFUMC Praise Band: Maggie Victorio-Mundie, Dave Worley, Samantha King

Worship Leaders & Staff

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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship

Prelude

Triumphal March
Mr. Bill Callaway, organist

Rev. Blair Boyd Zant

Stout

THE GREETING

Welcome & Announcements

Ms. India Gleason

Please register your attendance by scanning either the Member or Visitor QR code printed in this bulletin. Let us know if you are new, would like to become a member, or are interested in more information about Chamblee First.

Time of Fellowship *

Opening Hymn *

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

UMH 103

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING



Celebrating Margaret Sanchez

Ms. Jennifer Teahan

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Ms. Gleason

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

FaithWorks

Introducing Jordan Black

Rev. Zant

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

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 *CHAMBLEE* to 73256

Ms. Gleason

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision
Chancel Choir with Mr. Callaway, organist

Parker

Doxology *

UMH 95

Blessing of the Offering *

Rev. Zant

THE WORD

Scripture

James 2:1-10, 14-17 (NRSV)

Ms. Linda King

Sermon

A Faith That Works

Rev. Zant

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

UMH 12

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Zant

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn *

Remembrance
led by the CFUMC Praise Band

Hillsong Worship

Benediction *

Rev. Zant

Postlude

Jupiter Chorale from "The Planets"
Mr. Callaway, organist

Holst

* 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 or by scanning this QR code. If you have a prayer request or a praise to share, email prayer@chambleeumc.org.



Prayer List



Chamblee First UMC joins congregations and neighbors across the state in grieving with the students, staff, and families of Apalachee High School and Winder, GA.

Our Members:

- Scott Pirnie, upcoming spinal fusion for relief of nerve pain
- Marilyn Van Note, recovering from shoulder surgery on Sept 6
- Dottie Smith, under home hospice care for inoperable pancreatic cancer
- Jake Burkhardt, struggling with effects of CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy)

Our Members' Families:

- JoAnn Boyd, mother of Rev. Blair Boyd Zant, recovering from gall bladder surgery
- Cynthia Wilson Czerwonka, sister of Sandra Fancher, recovering from surgery for spinal nerve pain
- 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

Congratulations to:

- Andre' and Stefanie Vicente on the August 23rd birth of their son, Aiden James. All are doing well.

Christian Sympathy to:

- the family of Marika Huston, mother of Brooke Broadway, who passed away on 8/28. A Celebration of Life was held on 9/3.

With Gratitude ...

Dear church family, I appreciate your prayers, get well cards, birthday cards and thinking of you cards. I'm doing better and hope to see you soon! Love, Eleanor Wilson

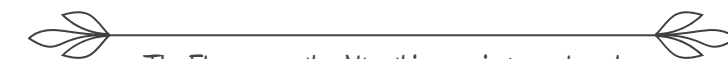
Celebrations



Introducing Jordan Black, our new full-time Director of Children's Ministries.

Jordan is thrilled to join the team at Chamblee First UMC. She is passionate about helping children develop a language of faith, and she can't wait to serve alongside the families and volunteers that make Chamblee First such a special place. Her two young children, Zack (8) and Thea (4), keep her and her husband Ezekiel busy, but she makes time to listen to audiobooks, podcasts, and opera.

Please join us in welcoming Jordan and her family to Chamblee First UMC!



The Flowers on the Altar this morning are placed in appreciation of Mrs. Margaret Sanchez for her time, talents, and service while leading the Children's Ministry through a time of transition, and in honor of our new Director of Children's Ministries, Mrs. Jordan Black