

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

Fall Bible Study: Invitation to John, Sundays, 5:15-6:45pm
Dig deeper into God’s word and learn more about Jesus through this informational and transformational short-term “DISCIPLE Bible Study”. Join us for a Preview/Information Session on Sunday Sept 27 at 5pm to learn more! Led by Tom Jones and Donna Scarbrough, this class will meet October 11 - December 20 in Room 205

Taste of Chamblee 2026 on October 17, 3:00-8:00 PM
Join us for an afternoon of connections and community by volunteering at Taste of Chamblee. We'll greet our neighbors, pass out bubbles and stickers, and let our community know about the awesome happenings at Chamblee First UMC. Sign up at chambleeumc.org/taste26

The Great Fall Festival on October 25, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Get ready for Fall Fun! Trunks of treats, fun crafts, bounce houses, the Scouts' Rain Gutter Regatta, touch-a-truck, chicken fingers for sale, and more!

Host a Trunk at the Great Fall Festival on October 25, 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Decorated Trunks Needed! We need your creativity (and candy!) to put the “great” in The Great Fall Festival. We are also accepting candy donations in our orange pumpkins. Sign up to host a Trunk of Treats chambleeumc.org/TrunkHost26

Rooted Retreat at Camp Glisson on November 6-8
Register now for our fall middle school retreat! The cost is \$195 for the weekend and registration is filling fast. Please reach out to Rev. Hope Cody Peppers (hcpeppers@chambleeumc.org) for more details. Scholarships are available as needed.

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/



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

Sunday Evenings: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

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: 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



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
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 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



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

Everyone RSVP by 9/25 at chambleeumc.org/200years
Many hands are needed to help make this event a success. If you can offer an hour of your time, sign up here: chambleeumc.org/bicentennialhelp



Scan to RSVP



CHAMBLEE
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Blair Boyd Zant, Senior Pastor
Rev. Hope Cody Peppers, Pastor of Youth and Community Engagement
Christina Porter, Church Business Administrator
Taylor Aycock, Nursery Coordinator
Jordan Black, Director of Children’s Ministries
Bill Callaway, Organist
Steve Crocker, Director of Music Ministries
Emily Jameson, PMO Director
Linda King, Hospitality & Member Care
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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING		
As We Come Together		
CFUMC Playlist chambleeumc.org/Spotify-Songs		
THE GREETING		
Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome & Announcements	Rev. Hope Cody Peppers Mr. Cameron Wilson	
Prelude	Aria in F Major Bill Callaway, organist	Handel
PRAISE & THANKSGIVING		
Call to Worship	Rev. Peppers	
Opening Hymn *	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah	UMH 127
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer	Mr. Wilson	
Passing of the Peace *		
CHILDRENS MOMENT		
	Are We There Yet?	Mrs. Jordan Black
	After which, children grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223.	
THE OFFERING		
Invitation to the Offering	Mr.Ray Dunahoo	
Offertory	At Calvary Men's Ensemble with Mr. Callaway	Crosby
Doxology *	UMH 95	
Prayer of Dedication *	Mr. Dunahoo	
THE WORD		
Scripture	Exodus 16: 2-15	Miss Aubrey Crye
Sermon	Trust Through Trial	Rev. Peppers
RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
Reaffirmation of Baptism	Rev. Peppers	
Closing Hymn *	Great is Thy Faithfulness	UMH 140 v. 1, 3
SENDING FORTH		
Benediction *	Rev. Peppers	
Postlude	Rigaudon Mr. Callaway, organist	Campra
* 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
Becky Bennett, struggling with effects of immuno therapy
Jake Burkhardt, continuing to recover with PT
Lynn Johnston, under the weather at home
The women on retreat this weekend

Members' family:
Al Stephens, brother of Lee Turner, moving to rehab
Richard and Dotty Casper, parents of Dave (Donna Shackley's SIL), Richard is in hospice care
Olin Craven, Becky Craven’s brother, in hospital

Our Loved Ones:
Moi Monroe, brother of Ann Hammond, recovering from back surgery
Lisa Jackson, friend of Kathryn Rodriguez, diagnosed with glioblastoma with a very bleak prognosis

Sympathy to the family of:
Sharon Myers Hall, niece of Marcia Myers' husband, who passed away on 9/8 after two-year battle with cancer
Shirley Ulmer, mother of Donna Fessenden, who passed away on 9/5 at the age of 98. Funeral services were held on 9/13 in Peachtree City, GA.
Pat Beckler, Ann Hammond's sister-in-law's mother, who passed away on 9/17 in South Carolina

Church Financials & Leadership

Church Business Office Hours

- Mondays - Thursdays, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Fridays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Upcoming Meetings

- Finance Committee - September 21 | 6:00 PM
- Staff Parish Relations Committee - October 5 | 6:00 PM
- Missions Committee - October 20 | 6:00 PM
- Administrative Board - October 26 | 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 July 30, 2026.

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!
Pack 20,000 meals with us on Saturday, September 26, to help break the cycle of global poverty! With this event, Chamblee First UMC will cross the milestone of 150,000 total meals packed.

- Main Shift: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Setup and cleanup shifts available)
- Kickoff Food Drive: Bring 5 canned goods to the event to launch our annual food drive.
- More information at chambleeumc.org/Rise2026

2026 Food Drive and Packing Event
Save the date for our annual food packing event on Sunday, November 15th, which will be a part of our worship experience that day. You can find out more information on the items we are collecting at chambleeumc.org/fooddrive2026