

2024 Annual Giving Campaign

Thrive



prayers



presence



gifts



service



witness

Dear Chamblee First UMC Family,

It has been a little over three months since I was appointed to Chamblee First UMC by the conference. I am humbled and honored to serve as the Senior Pastor here. I feel challenged and encouraged to work hard, in partnership with God, towards our vision and mission to make disciples and be brokers of hope. We want our church to become the central agency of healing in our community.

Thriving as a church requires all of us to make commitments of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. To make room for more of what the Lord wants to do at Chamblee First, we need to be intentional. As we look to 2024, we are setting financial goals that will enable us to continue to live into our values of discipling, being missional, and reflecting the Kingdom of God.

What?

VISION: Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Why?

MISSION: To be and develop spiritual leaders who will risk and influence their communities to push beyond our comfort zone for Christ for the sake of love.

How?

STRATEGY:

- ENGAGE ... in worship, mission, community, discipleship
- EXPLORE ... new ways to be the church
- EMPOWER ... people to make an impact; to lead and be living water in the life of the church and the community
- EVALUATE ... reflect, adjust, and do

Tithes and offerings are the “fuel” that enables our church to thrive. **But there’s something I should clarify** – it is not the sum of gifts (even if regular) that determines our “fuel gauge.” Rather, our Finance Committee must develop the annual budget based on the pledges we make. Pledging is a written commitment you make to give a specific amount or an “at least” estimate to the church for the next year. Without pledges, it is difficult to predict the value of contributions – or “fuel level” -- that will be available for our work.

I’ll be honest with you: the nuance between a pledge and a regular/consistent gift was something I only understood after working with the Finance Committee. So, for 2024, my family and I have decided to officially *pledge* the amount we had already budgeted and planned to *give*. We are grateful to partner with this church – our church – to help accomplish the goals that we believe the Lord has set before us. I invite you to join us and commit to advancing the Kingdom’s work that God is doing *in* and *through* our church by pledging!

Enclosed/attached is a pledge card that I ask that you return to us by **November 19**. The physical pledge card can be mailed or placed in the offering plate. Alternatively, you can easily indicate your pledge and/or schedule your regular giving through Realm at onrealm.org/ChambleeUMC/AddPledge/2024.

For your reference, enclosed/attached are some *Frequently Asked Questions* about stewardship and a copy of the *Giving Philosophy* for Chamblee First. My door is always open if you have any questions about our Vision, Mission, or the life of our church. Most importantly, always keep in mind that Chamblee First is deeply rooted, ever-growing, and God is with us!

Peace & Blessings,

Rev. Minho Chung