



CHAMBLEE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2026 Annual Giving Campaign Glossary of Terms

**Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
Hebrews 11:1**

Stewardship

The devout investment or use of money, time, and ability. In biblical times, a steward supervised a household or an estate. Today, as God's children, we deem God the source of all we have, seek to hold it in trust for God, and desire to be "good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (1 Peter 4:10a) God calls us to be good stewards of all we are given.

Pledging

Stating in written form what you intend to donate in the coming fiscal year. It is not a legal contract, although a pledge is made in good faith. Pledges are made in advance of the fiscal year so that the Finance Committee can make responsible financial plans for the coming year and the congregation can adopt a sustainable budget.

Offering

The gifts brought to God beyond our tithes. An offering is not linked to what we earn—it is freely given by Christians based on their financial situation in life. An offering may be given to express thanks, give praise, or show our love for God.

Tithing

A biblical standard, one-tenth of one's annual income, given as a contribution to support the ministry and mission of the church. According to the scriptures, the purpose of tithing is to teach us to put God first in our lives. Jesus said, *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* (Matthew 6:21)

Tithing is a habit that encourages us to focus on God as the source of our strength, rather than our own achievements or financial assets. Tithing leads to spiritual growth. Tithing also provides the financial assets for congregations to launch and expand a wide continuum of ministries. Together, we can accomplish far more than most of us can achieve individually.

Apportionments

One of the unique and defining factors of the United Methodist Church is that we are Connectional. One way we show this connection is through apportioned giving.

Apportioned giving is a term that describes how the money you give to your church each week is divided and distributed throughout the United Methodist Church. Through you and your support of apportioned giving, we can participate in the ministry and mission of the United Methodist Church both locally and around the world.

- 91.9% of your giving stays in your church supporting and upholding its ministry and mission.
- 2.6% of your giving goes to the General and Jurisdictional Church Funds to fund ministries in the Southeast and around the world through the General and Jurisdictional Church Funds.
- 6.5% of your giving goes to support the ministries of the North Georgia Conference