



# Aspire

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## Going Home

I sit at my desk in "borrowed" space and realize that it is almost time to go home. The clock is ticking. In just a few more weeks we will go back to our Sunday School classrooms, our new offices, our restrooms, (praise God!), our church. It will feel good to be home again! Ray and Ray have done a mammoth job and deserve more praise than we can give them.

So ahead of us is moving back, deciding what goes home, what goes away, and what goes where. The actual move will be difficult with phone lines, security lines, office equipment, and on and on. There will be some hard physical labor involved. There will be lots of brain power at work.

Also, we must be ready for Church Conference and so Mark and the rest of us work diligently to get ready for that event. Hope you will be there...if you are a member you have a vote and if you are not a member you still have voice. September 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00 is Church Conference in the Fellowship Hall but at 6:00 we will have our first back Wednesday night supper. It is covered dish so bring enough for your family and one or two more!

The Fall brings us to our programs start-

ing up....Adult Bible Studies, Disciple II on Wednesday noonish, Thursday evening is a new study that I will teach, Modern Parables, Living in the Kingdom. This one is a six week study. After a few weeks rest Josh will be teaching another six week study. Handbells, Ladies Choir, and Children's choirs and activities also start back. The Youth begin their

Wednesday night study as well as their Confirmation classes that will be taught on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour. And we haven't even mentioned Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts. We will have a Stewardship Campaign (very low key because you have already been so generous) this Fall with Consecration Sunday scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Advent will be here before we know it. I can't believe it. God has done marvelous things at Chamblee First. You are a good and wonderful people. One more time let me say it is a privilege to be your pastor. I go to bed at night thinking, "Man, I get to do that again tomorrow." Thank you...for all you do, for all you give, and mostly for who you are.



*Blessings,  
R. Stowe*

September is going to be a great time of transition for the children. They are starting school in a new grade and some of them have transitioned into new Sunday School classes. Some children have moved up into Young Worship which is the worship service for Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children that follows the lectionary of the 11am Worship Service. Some of the children that have been able to come to Young Worship have now aged out as they go into the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade! Those children also received Bibles at Commotion Sunday. Soon all of us will be transitioning into the restored building and some into new rooms!

We are always looking ahead to the future and the future will add a new Sunday School age class for the children when we move back into our beautiful restored building. Children's Sunday School will be 3 classes now: Kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. The Children's Council and the Work Area on Education Committee have been looking at new curriculum for the children's area and have invested



in a study that fits the new classes. This will also include the 3 and 4 year olds. The curriculum is called "Rock Solid" and you can look it up on the internet at [www.iamrocksolid.com](http://www.iamrocksolid.com).

Growth again is a great problem to have and we will soon need to look at adding to our child care staff. If you or anyone you know would like to help day or evening hours as a child care staff, please have them get in touch with me.

Chamblee First is an amazing church. As troubled times continue to hit some around us, Chamblee First continues to invite, grow and help others, your love and support of the children and their families is outstanding. You are the church Christ has called you to be!

*Chris Tench*  
 Director, Children's Programs  
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# Kid's Corner

## Some of September's Goings-On

- Finance Committee—9/2/10 at 6:30 pm
- Missions Committee—9/7/10—7:00 pm
- Young Adults Committee—9/9/10 at 6:30 pm
  - Bingo at Galla's—9/9/10 at 8:00 pm
  - Women's Retreat—9/10 to 9/12
    - UMW Circles Resume
  - Trivia at Galla's—9/15 at 8:00 pm
- 2nd Annual Golf Tournament—9/20 at 7:30 am
  - Children's Council—9/20 at 7:00 pm
    - COM—9/21 at 7:00 pm
  - Youth Confirmation class begins 9/26
  - SPR Committee—9/27/10 at 7:00 pm
  - Family Life Committee—9/27/10 at 7:00 pm
  - Church Conference—9/29 at 7:00 pm

# Kindergarten News



For the first time in our history, we haven't known all summer exactly when the first day of school would be, but our staff is getting very excited about opening our new year in an almost new building! We are thankful to have great office space for our temporary summer home so that many of our preparations can go on as usual, but we are eagerly anticipating greeting our students and their families sometime in September. We've been communicating with parents already and are planning some popsicle parties on the playgrounds before school starts so that teachers can get acquainted with their new students.

On behalf of the Kindergarten staff, I would like to say thank you to all who volunteered their time to help us with moving out last May. Whether you volunteered for one morning or several days, we greatly appreciate all the

help we had from the congregation moving our furniture and over 500 boxes to the Perimeter Park location. We quite literally could not have done it without you. I hope that you have rested up over the summer and will be available to help us again during the move-in!

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We will be welcoming 156 children ages 2 - 5 years when we begin our new year. We will also have five new faces on our staff. We had quite a few applicants for our open positions and are pleased that all five of our new staff members have previous teaching experience as well as Masters degrees. With such an experienced and well-trained staff, plus our SACS accreditation, our school will continue to offer excellent early childhood education to the community. September will be a busy month for us as we move, unpack, clean, set up, organize, and decorate our classrooms. And all of this is before the first student even walks through the doors! Please keep our 25 teachers in your prayers during this time, and please pray for the parents as they prepare themselves and their children for a wonderful new year.



With joy and anticipation,  
Allison Spangler

## Notes on Music & Drama

### September Music

New members are welcomed in all choirs.

Return to Rehearsal Information for all Choirs:

#### September 1

Chancel Choir 7:30-8:45 in the sanctuary

Handel's *Messiah* rehearsals for the December 12th 7:00 p.m.

Christmas program will start on September 15 at 7:30 during regular choir rehearsals. Extra singers are welcomed.

#### September 20

Ladies Choir 1:30-2:30 in the sanctuary

Handbells 6:30-7:30 in the sanctuary

#### October 6

Sonshine Singers (k4-1st) 6:30 Choir Room 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of education building

Good News Singers (2nd-5<sup>th</sup>) 6:55 Choir Room 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of education building



Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the  
LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with glad-  
ness! Come into his pres-  
ence with  
singing!

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Chris Tench provides fellowship for the children's choir groups from 6:30-7:30 when they are not in the choir room, and parent helpers are appreciated and needed for both choir room and fellowship time. Contact Chris Tench or Mary Lynn Weatherly at [mlweatherly@chambleeumc.org](mailto:mlweatherly@chambleeumc.org) if you can help or if you need more information.



# Report on Activities

## Regular Activities for the Month of September

<u>Sundays</u>		
Worship Service		8:45 am
Sunday School		10:00 am
Worship Service		11:00 am
UMYF		12:30 pm
<u>Mondays</u>		
Ladies Choir	Begins 9/20	1:30 pm
Handbell Choir	Begins 9/20	6:30 pm
Boy Scouts		7:00 pm
<u>Tuesdays</u>		
Cub Scouts		7:00 pm
<u>Wednesdays</u>		
Chancel Choir		7:30 pm
<u>Thursdays</u>		
AA Meeting		8:00 pm
<u>Fridays</u>		
<u>Saturdays</u>		
AA Meeting		8:00 pm

### Golf Tournament:

It is not too late to register to play in the September 20<sup>th</sup> tournament at the Trophy Club of Atlanta in Alpharetta. The entry fee is \$75.00 per player which includes green fees, range balls, cart, lunch and more. Sponsorships start at \$100.00. All proceeds will be given to the Restoration Fund. For more information call Steve Anderson at the Church or send him an e-mail at [sanderson@chambleeumc.org](mailto:sanderson@chambleeumc.org).



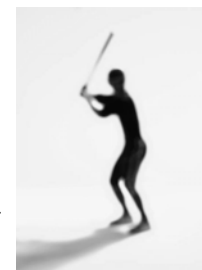
### Youth Basketball:



Registration for our youth basketball begins on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Forms will be available on the web site on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The league is open to boys and girls ages 7-14. No experience is necessary. Anyone interested in coaching or assisting coaches should contact Steve Anderson by calling him at the Church or sending an e-mail to [sander-son@chambleeumc.org](mailto:sanderson@chambleeumc.org).

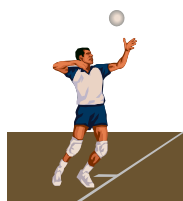
### Co-ed Adult Softball:


It is not too early to be thinking about spring adult softball. We are planning on placing an adult co-ed team in a local league. If you have any interest in playing please contact Steve Anderson at the Church or by e-mail. We will provide more information as it becomes available.



### Volleyball:

The volleyball equipment has arrived. We will be forming co-ed leagues for all ages in November. Games will be in the activities building times, dates, etc to be determined. If you have an interest please contact Steve Anderson.





Our Annual Church Conference will take place at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> following the beginning of our Wednesday Night Supper schedule in the Fellowship Hall. All members will want to be present. *\*\*The Wednesday Night Supper will be Pot-luck.*