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The Newsletter of
Chamblee First United Methodist Church



February 2011

It Just Doesn't Get Any Better than This!

Such a church you are! You do so many things right! I am so proud to be a pastor. I want to say to you....here we go again!

Chris Tench is doing an excellent job of filing the gap. Mark Vetterling's resignation left us in a bit of a bind but not for long.

Chris is doing a great job for us and the rest of the staff is pitching in as best they can to help her out.

Kathy Brannon is another one that deserves our thanks.

End of Year reports are done and Kathy, Ann Noel, and Marilyn Caldwell deserve a medal. Under the direction of Mary Lynn Weatherly the choir did an excellent job and represented Chamblee

First extremely well at the choir festival. Of course the best organist in all of North Georgia, Bill Callaway was a part of that success. Alexis Rodriguez makes us all sound better and we hardly ever say thank you to him. Michael Stephens is slowly but steadily growing a youth group and recruiting adult leadership. Steve Anderson is in the throws of Basketball every Saturday and no one knows or appreciates how much work and how many hours are spent before, after, and during the basketball



program. And I cannot say enough good things about Rev. Josh Roberts. He is truly an answer to prayer. A good preacher, a good leader, a good teacher....God surely smiled on Chamblee when Josh was appointed to us. What a great staff to work with and with whom to serve Christ!

And that is just the staff. You, each one of you, are helping to usher in the Kingdom. Missions, Music, Child Care and Education, Youth Tutoring and Life lessons, Fellowship and Fun, Family Life, Recreation, Administration and Organization, Tithing and pledging to both the general budget and to the Restoration Fund, and so much more going on all the time....every day....Bless you all. You are the best! We are just beginning 2011 and it proves so far to be a

great year. I am excited about the possibilities that the year ahead brings. I am glad to be at Chamblee First. There is a place for you....work to be done...fun to be had....it just wouldn't be the same without you!

Blessings,

R. Stowe

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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.



Rev. Joshua Roberts

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The season of Lent is fast approaching! As Christians, each year we use the season of lent as a time to grow closer to God. For some of us this means fasting. For example, we decide that in order to make our lives more simple and focus more of our time and attention on God we are going to give things up. In my most recent years I have given up caffeine and other food items. I'm not quite sure what I might give up this year, but I am fairly confident that something will come to mind. For others, Lent is a time to adopt new practices in their lives for the purpose of reorienting their lives to Jesus. For these people they add time for study and prayer, others carve out to go out in service.

If you do decide that during Lent you want to grow closer to God through group study or service opportunities I have great news for you. During Lent we will have several service opportunities and we are offering several new studies. There is more information about these opportunities listed throughout this edition of the Aspire. Take a moment to read about all of them, and please let me know if you need further information or have any questions. Whatever you may choose to do this Lenten season, I pray that it will be a time of spiritual growth for you. And as always, it is a privilege to serve as your Associate Pastor.

Financials:

Year-to-Date Financial report:

5th Week: January 30, 2011
Total Tithes & Income: \$63,959.45
Total Expenses: \$64,371.47
Variance: (\$412.02)



RESTORE update as of 1/31/2011:

Total Pledged: \$1,899,452.36
Total Collected: \$1,032,718.24

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Join us for Bible Study

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Lenten Studies

24 Hours That Changed The World:
Lead by Rev. Dr. Stowe and Rev. Roberts
Thursday Nights @ 6:30 (March 10 - April 7)

In his inspiring book *24 Hours That Changed the World*, Adam Hamilton guides us, step by step, through the last day of Jesus' life.

Balancing Act:

Lead by Ginny Bolin
Sunday Afternoons @ 4p.m. (March 6 - April 17)

Our lives are filled to capacity with routines, habits, conversations, surprises, and disappointments. With all that's going on in life, it's easy to miss those quiet moments of grace which come more often than we realize. But they are there.

In *The Balancing Act*, a collection of thirty short and insightful devotional readings originally written for his blog at www.fivepractices.org, Bishop Robert Schnase invites readers to take a daily look at how to watch for and include God in their lives

Disciple 2

Every Wednesday 12:15–2 p.m. through July
Lead by Rev. Royeesee Stowe and Rev. Josh Roberts



Tutoring our Youth

Rev. Mikey Stephens
mstephens5499@gmail.com



Chamblee FUMC tutoring program has been such a blessing for the students that attend. One of the goals for the youth ministry this year was to meet our students where they are in life, and who would have thought offering a tutoring program would be that answer? Of course this program / ministry cannot happen without support and leadership from our adult volunteers. Every Sunday Ralph Lehr, David Ridenour, Elizabeth Ridenour, Margaret Teahan and Jennifer Teahan spend an hour each Sunday tutoring our youth. They also spend several hours during the week to prepare themselves so they can be ready to assist the students on Sunday. I am a firm believer that God calls each one of us into some form of ministry, and tutoring has become a big part of our youth programs ministry.

We meet every Sunday from 2:30–3:30 in rooms 225 and 223. If your child is in either middle or high school and they could use additional help in their subjects please email Rev. Michael R. Stephens at mstephens5499@gmail.com.

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Missions

Chair: Robert Rivers riversjr@bellsouth.net

Wesley Community Center

March 12th

9 am - 1 pm

Please join the Missions team at the Wesley Community Center on **Saturday, March 12th** from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. as we volunteer with painting, light carpentry, yard work & more. We will need approx. 8—10 volunteers for this outreach effort. Please contact Dana Shearer at dhearer70@yahoo.com.



Church Work Day

March 19th

8 am

Mark your calendars! We need your help as we spruce up our church and grounds and get ready for spring. All assistance is appreciated and there is a job for everyone....yard work, cleaning and more. We'll see you the 19th! Please contact Robert Rivers with questions.



Habitat for Humanity

Every Saturday April 16th—June 11th

The build starts April 16th and continues each Saturday ending June 11th excepting April 23rd and May 28th. We need at least 20+ people from CFUMC each Saturday. We need everyone's help one or more work days.

Many Thanks!

Questions? Please Email Ray Dunahoo RC@Dunahoo.com



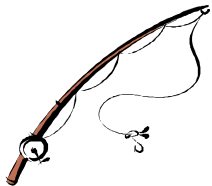
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Sports & Recreation

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Fly Fishing Anyone?



Join us for a free
**Orvis Fly
Fishing Clinic**

Saturday, March 26th
9 a.m.—4 p.m.

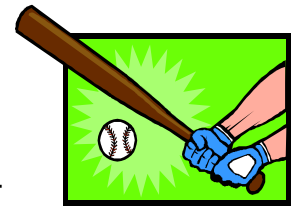
The class is currently full but we are accepting names for the wait list. The professional instructors are providing all the necessary equipment complements of the Orvis Company. The class size is limited to 20 and the participants must be at least age 13; with parent or guardian attending for those ages 13-18 (Orvis rules). This will be held outside at CFUMC unless the weather forces us into the activities building. Lunch will be provided. For more information or to sign up for this free clinic contact Steve Anderson.

Youth Basketball:

Our youth basketball season is well underway. We play every Saturday morning through February 26th with the first game starting at 10 a.m. and the last game starting at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and cheer for your favorite team. Come hungry and have lunch or snacks from our concession stand.



Adult co-ed Softball



We are signing up players now for the spring adult co-ed softball team coached by Kathy Scott. We will be playing Tuesday nights starting late March or early April depending on the weather. The cost per player is \$50 which includes league fees, jersey and game balls.



2010 Easter Egg Hunt

Upcoming Sports & Rec. Events for your Calendar

- Annual Easter Egg Hunt—April 23rd for children 12 & under
- Corn Hole Tournament—May 14th starting at 10 a.m. on the front lawn
- Beginning Volleyball for all ages in late March
- 2nd Annual youth basketball clinic in June
- 3rd Annual golf tournament in September

Photo courtesy of Randy McDow

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Young at Heart

Harry Clark, an Irish Tenor as well as Lay Leader in the Methodist Church, will be singing at 10:30 am on Monday the 21st. Harry will be accompanied by Dixie Lucky.

A covered dish will be served after the program.



Stroke Screening is coming to Chamblee First:

Friday March 11th, 2011

Pre-Registration is required:

Call 1-800-324-1851

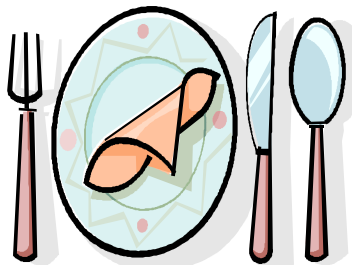
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4 Facts YOU need to know about stroke prevention:

- Stroke is a leading cause of death and permanent disability
- 4 out of 5 stroke victims have no apparent warning signs
- 80% of strokes can be prevented according to National Stroke Association
- Painless ultrasound screenings can help you avoid a stroke

www.LifeLineScreening.com

Food and Fellowship...



Wednesday Night Suppers

Our Weekly Wednesday Night Fellowship Suppers are back in full swing for 2011. Come and join us for a delicious home cooked meal, fun for the kids and time for fellowship with each other.

- **Feb. 2nd:** Beef lasagna, garden salad, bread sticks and strawberry shortcake
- **Feb. 9th:** Garlic butter chicken breast, broccoli soufflé, rice pilaf, dinner rolls and fruit cobbler
- **Feb. 16th:** Pork tenderloins, California mixed vegetables, roasted potatoes, bread sticks and German chocolate cake
- **Feb. 23rd:** Covered Dish. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share with others. No reservation required.

Other than covered dish, the cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for kids. Please make reservations on Sunday by filling out the pew pads or call us on Monday.

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United
Methodist
Women

You are invited!

UMW Lent Event March 13th from 2 - 4 pm

Chamblee First will be hosting the Atlanta- Roswell UMW District Lent Event in our activities building. The program will be a spiritual connection to Lent, as well as a service opportunity to pack 10,000 meals for Stop Hunger Now to ship overseas to support school feeding programs in schools and orphanages around the world. Other churches in the District will be sending volunteers and funds to join us in this Lent Event. We need many volunteers to help set up, clean up, pack meals, and more! Questions? Becky Bennett Jazmin12@bellsouth.net



Mother Daughter Friend Banquet Mach 25th 6 pm

Theme:
Hats off to
Mothers!



Tickets go on Sale at the end of February.

Questions: Shelly Guerrero
shelly@casaguerrero.net



Women's Retreat *Featuring: Rev. Dr. Royeese Stowe* *August 26 - 29th 2011* *Blue Ridge Mountains, NC*

We are excited to announce Chamblee Methodist's 3rd Annual Women's Retreat in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly on **August 26th–28th, 2011**. Please mark your calendars, invite your friends and plan on joining us! Don't miss it!! Stay tuned for further information. For questions, please contact Dana Shearer dshearer70@yahoo.com.

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Children's Programs

Kindergarten News

Allison Spangler, Director
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Kids Corner:

Chris Tench, Director of Children's Programs
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You are the best ever! As I sit to write this that is all I can think to say! You have Sunday School teachers that are teaching on average 8 children in 4 different classrooms. You have 3 acolytes each 11am service.



There are between 15 and 20 children coming for Wednesday Night Fellowship and Choir (we could use more 1st thru 5th grade children). And there are 5 teams of teacher teaching Young Worship! You always step up and fill the need. You Rock!

And do not forget about your Nursery/Child Care Staff, they are here every Sunday loving your children. They also care of them while you are at a committee meeting (when you request child care). Thank them when you can, they do an excellent job!

BUT.... Do not think that you are not needed if you feel called to the children! Extra hands means extra hugs. One more teacher in a classroom or one more child is always welcome, so come on!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 20-24
9:00am-Noon Registration will begin some time in March. We will need all the teachers we can get! Last year we had an average of 250 children each day. If you would like to help out in any way please contact me!

After all the wonderful changes and transitions that occurred in the fall, the Kindergarten staff expected to return from Christmas holidays to a normal schedule. After 4 days of school, we had another week of vacation due to the snow and ice!



Now that February is here, we are once again looking forward to a "normal" month of school. That means we are busy! The units on weather, snow, snowmen, polar bears, and animals that hibernate are giving way to explorations of groundhogs, Valentines, and other interesting topics. The classrooms once full of cool colors like white and blue are exploding with bright reds and shades of pink. Our students are being entertained by a magician one month and "that puppet guy" the next. We're learning about dental health with visits from two dentists in our community. We'll welcome parents into our classrooms next week during an evening Open House so our parents can see some of what their children do at school each day.

The Kindergarten has also had registration for the '11-'12 school year. Thanks to our current parents and church members who enthusiastically recommended our school to their neighbors, we filled every class but one on the first day of open registration (we have one open spot). Showing prospective families around our beautifully renovated and updated facility was such a pleasure!

We always appreciate your encouraging words and ask for your prayers for our students, their families, and the staff.

Yours in Christ, Allison Spangler

Parent's Morning Out has some openings.

- **Wednesday/Friday** (18-24 months as of Sept. 1, 2011) has 8 spots.
- **Friday Class** (12-17 months as of Sept. 1, 2011) has 5 spots available

Questions?: Please contact Dottie Riviere
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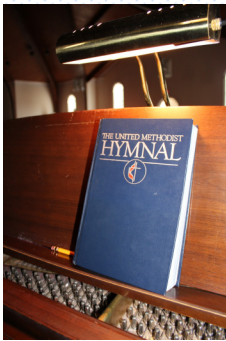
Please join us for CFUMC's Sunday Afternoon Concert Series

March 6th 4:00 p.m. *The Atlanta Flute Choir*, a professional adult group, presents their Spring Concert in our sanctuary

April 3rd 3:15 p.m.: Our own *Bill Callaway* presents an organ recital at the Cathedral of St. Philip.

May 15th 4:00 p.m. *The Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra* presents their Spring Concert in our sanctuary

No cost to attend. Donations are accepted.



Thank you... Many volunteers participate in the music ministry, but there are a few people who take leadership roles and go the extra mile to provide guidance and help for our groups.

We extend our appreciation to these volunteers:

- **Sandra Fancher** for substituting to lead our children's choirs
- **Ralph Lehr** for playing guitar and leading our youth singers
- **Charlie Lynch** for leadership with Chancel Choir
- **Dave Matthews** for leading hymns at the 8:45 service
- **Bobbi Matthews** for leading our K4-1st Sunshine Singers
- **Liesa Nichols** for assisting and accompanying children's choirs
- **Becky Sanders** for accompanying Ladies' Choir and Chancel Choir

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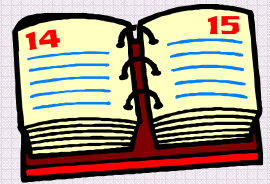
Regular Activities for the Month of February

Sundays	
Worship Service	8:45 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
UMYF	5:00 pm
Mondays	
Ladies Choir	1:30 pm
Bell Choir	6:30 pm
Boy Scouts	7:00 pm
Tuesdays	
Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Cub Scouts	7:00 pm
Disciple 2 Bible Study	12:30 pm
Wednesday Fellowship Supper	6:00 pm
Children's Choirs & Activities	6:30 pm
Chancel Choir	7:30 pm
Thursdays	
Modern Parables Bible Study	6:30 pm
AA Meeting	8:00 pm
Fridays	
Saturdays	
Youth Basketball Games	8:00 am
AA Meeting	8:00 pm

2011 At a Glance:

February:

- 21st Young at Heart 10:30 am



March:

- 6th Spring Concert Atlanta Flute Choir 4 pm
- 9th Ash Wednesday Service
- 10th Lenten Bible Study Begins 6:30 pm
- 11th Life Line Screening 8:15 am
- 12th Wesley Community Center Service Project
- 13th Atlanta Roswell UMW Lent Event 2-4 pm
- 19th Church Workday 8 am
- 25th Mother Daughter Friend Banquet 6 pm
- 26th Fly Fishing 9 am—4 pm (Wait List Available)

April:

- 3rd Bill Callaway at Cathedral St. Philip 3:15 pm
- 8—10th Camp Glisson Mission Trip
- 16th—June 11th Habitat Build Saturday's only
- 23rd Easter Egg Hunt 10 am
- March / April Tues. Adult Co-ed softball
- April 16th—June 11th Habitat for Humanity (Sat.)

May / June / July / August

- May 7th Church Work Day 8 am
- May 14th Corn Hole Tournament 10 am
- May 15th Atlanta Comm. Symphony Orchestra 4pm
- June 20th—24th Vacation Bible School
- June 25th Disc Golf Tournament 2 pm
- July 12th—18th Youth Mission Trip
- July 25th—29th Music Camp
- July 16th— 24th Nicaragua Mission Trip
- August 26th—29th Women's Retreat

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