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January 2011

## Chamblee First United Methodist Church

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### A Brand New Year!

Can you believe it? It is 2011! A Brand New Year! A time of new beginnings. We will start the New Year at Chamblee First with a newly restored Education and Administrative Building. What an accomplishment! I am so proud of you and so proud to be the pastor of such a church! When I look over my shoulder at the past year it takes my breath away. So much accomplished and such generosity on your part. There are not enough words to express my appreciation for each one of you. Or my love for you for that matter.

But, (and there is always a but, isn't there?) we are not finished. Not by a long shot. We still have much work to do. There is a place for everyone at Chamblee First to go to work. See Chris Tench if you are willing to help with the nursery or the children. See Mark Vetterling if you are willing to volunteer in the office on a regular or occasional basis. See Steve Anderson to volunteer to help with Wednesday night suppers, basketball, or any of our various activities. See Rev. Michael Stephens if you are willing to help with the Youth providing meals, transportation, or attending meetings. See Rev. Joshua Roberts if you are willing to help with Adult Bible Studies, Membership Visitation, or Missions, local or international. See me if you are willing to help with Evangelism, Worship, or any ministry that we have not listed.

We made a promise to God to help usher

in His Kingdom. We have worked hard to get the facility in order just for that purpose. Now we must fill it up with children, youth, and adults of all ages. We must teach and preach the love of Christ to all who enter here and then go beyond these walls. Oh my, are we going to have fun in 2011.

You are the best church in North Georgia. You are a good people.

You are generous and caring and committed. And in the coming year you will be even better! What a great year we have ahead of us! If you know someone who is looking for a church home, bring them in. If you know someone who may not be looking but needs to be in such a fellowship as ours, invite them.

I am asking you to pray every day of 2011 for your pastors, your staff, and your church. Hold us accountable and keep us on task. And join hands with us to do the work of Christ in this community.



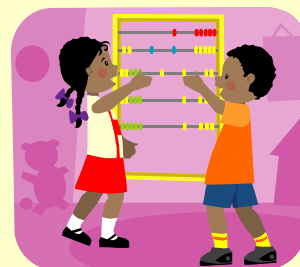
Blessings,

R. Stowe

Happy New Year! 2011 will be a great year here at Chamblee First so get ready! If you are anything like me and my family you are ready to fill in your calendar with as many dates as you can so you can plan your summer and year!

\*Below are some dates that you will want to pencil in:

January- May	Wednesday Night Supper Children's Choir and Fellowship
January 11	Registration for current Kindergarten and PMO families and church members
April 4-8	Dekalb County Spring Break
April 23	Easter Egg Hunt
May 20	Last Day of Dekalb County School
June 20-24	Vacation Bible School
August 7	Commotion Sunday (If Dekalb's first Day of School is Aug. 8 <sup>th</sup> ) Blessing of the Backpacks
August 17	Wednesday Night Supper start back for Fall
October 15	Fall Festival
December 17	Breakfast with Santa
December 18	Live Nativity



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\***Always** confirm the dates with the church calendar on the website in case of changes.

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**We can always use volunteers for Vacation Bible School and all other events.**

**If you would like to help support an event please contact me or call the church!**

**Thank you so much for an awesome 2010 and I know you will make 2011 an even better year!**

*Chris Tench, Children's Director*



## 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Suppers

After the short pause in December the fellowship suppers will resume on the 5<sup>th</sup>. The menu will be breakfast for supper. The staff will be your hosts and do the cooking.

The menu for the rest of the month is as follows:

January 12<sup>th</sup>...Beef Teriyaki w/fried rice, stir fry veggies, bread and cheese cake for dessert.

January 19<sup>th</sup>...Chopped barbecue chicken w/buns, baked beans, potato salad and Key Lime pie for dessert.

January 26<sup>th</sup>...Pot Luck; bring enough for your family and some others.

Other than pot luck, 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.

Adults \$7.00

Kids \$3.25

## Happy New Year!

Happy New Year Chamblee First! First off, I want to say what a great time I have had since moving here to Chamblee. Christmas around the church was a great end to a great year. It was awesome to experience events like the Live Nativity, Breakfast with Santa, the Cantata, and Christmas Eve Candle Light Service. I know that lots of effort went into each of these events, and you all did a wonderful job. Thank you!

Last year was great, but I know that this year will be even better. There will be plenty of mission and service opportunities in the coming year, which I will share more about in later months. We are also going to have several great education opportunities in the New Year. We will continue with Disciple 2 and Modern Parables. Royeese and I are also planning ahead for a United Methodist Beliefs class to be taught during the Sunday School Hour, and a Lenten Study for Thursday nights once Modern Parables ends. If you are interested, please pay close attention to the bulletin and church announcements for more details. In closing, we have one training/educational opportunity coming up very soon in our district. On January 23 at Northbrook UMC the district will host a Connectional Café event. This event has a multitude of classes all intended to help participants grow in their ability to lead and serve in the church. I hope that if you have the time you will consider going. Please let me know if you need more details. As always, you are a great congregation, and it is a privilege to serve as your Associate Pastor.

*Josh*



*Save the Date*

Atlanta Roswell  
District Training Event  
January 23, 2011  
2:30 p.m.  
Northbrook UMC



*2011 District Training Event*

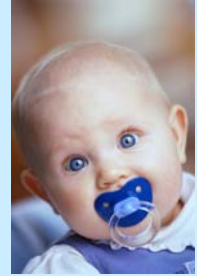
Dear Chamblee Family,

On behalf of all the staff I want to say a word of thanks to you all. The Christmas gifts we received were quite generous and very much appreciated. You have the best staff in North Georgia and I mean that. Each one has their own unique gifts and graces. It is great to know that you feel the same way I do. You all were very kind to remember us in such a fashion. Our ministries are also your ministries. It is a pleasure and privilege to work with you. Your gift is a wonderful icing on an already glorious cake.

*Thank you...Dr. Royeese Stowe*



Parent's Morning Out has openings for the current school year for children ages 12-24 months. If you know anyone with children this age, please help us fill our classes! Also, registration for 2011-2012 will be held on Thursday, January 20 from 9:30am-10:30am. Help us get the word out so we will be overflowing with children next year! Church members may register early, on January 11, so contact Dottie Riviere at 770-457-2525, ext 212 for more information.



### Youth Ministry:

Starting on Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup> our youth group will be meeting from 12:30-2:30pm. Furthermore, we will no longer meet in the Activities Building, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and then split the middle school and high school students for our games and devotion. Our goal here is to allow our students to express themselves within their own age group.

Tutoring Program – Our tutoring program will start back up on Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-3:30pm. We meet every Sunday from 2:30-3:30 in rooms 225 and 223, these rooms are located on the second floor in our church. If your child needs help with any of their subjects please e-mail me at [mstephens5499@gmail.com](mailto:mstephens5499@gmail.com). We are here to help so please take advantage of this great opportunity



## Notes on Music & Drama

“I’d like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony” is a metaphor for me and has nothing to do with music. I’d love to have you join one of our choirs to enjoy both the music making and the camaraderie of team work and spiritual growth as we make harmony together in many ways. We don’t expect perfect harmony, by the way, and we would love to have you in a group as we work hard to be the best we can be in ministry together. All choirs welcome new members at this time, so check the schedule below, and contact Mary Lynn Weatherly at 770-402-7652 for details, or just show up at a rehearsal.

We’re also looking for adults who have an interest in our drama ministry.

After the holidays, choirs will resume as follows:

- Jan. 5** Chancel Choir at 7:30 in the sanctuary
- Jan. 10** Ladies’ Choir at 1:30 p.m. in Music Room 215  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir in the sanctuary
- Jan. 12** Children’s Choirs at 6:30 and 6:50 for ages 4 yrs. by Sept. 1-5<sup>th</sup> grad. Look for signs up stairs near Music Room 215.

I extend heartfelt gratitude to the church staff, singers, drama participants, instrumentalists, sound technicians, and receptive listeners and watchers who contributed time and talents to glorify God through the arts during December.

**Mary Lynn Weatherly,**  
Minister of Music & Drama  
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# Watching the Clock on Activities

## Regular Activities for the Month of January

<u>Sundays</u>	
Worship Service	8:45 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
UMYF	5:00 pm
<u>Mondays</u>	
Ladies Choir	1:30 pm
Bell Choir	6:30 pm
Boy Scouts	7:00 pm
<u>Tuesdays</u>	
Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
Cub Scouts	7:00 pm
<u>Wednesdays</u>	
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
<u>Thursdays</u>	
Modern Parables Bible Study	6:30 pm
AA Meeting	8:00 pm
<u>Fridays</u>	
<u>Saturdays</u>	
Youth Basketball Games	8:00 am
AA Meeting	8:00 pm

Youth basketball:

Our youth basketball season begins Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and continues for 9 consecutive Saturdays. Come to the activities building and watch these athletes play against other church teams in the North Atlanta Church Youth Basketball league; we have 7 teams in 6 age groups. We have boy's and girl's teams starting at age 7 through age 14. We can't say enough about all the volunteer coaches, scorekeepers, timers, etc. that make this program the success it is. Come hungry and have lunch from our concession stand.



Watch for these coming events this year:

- Adult co-ed softball starting in the spring TBD. If you are interested in playing please contact Steve Anderson.
- Fly fishing clinic in April TBA.
- Easter Egg Hunt on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Disc golf tournament on June 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00. This is the first of several throughout the year.
- Corn hole tournaments on March 26<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00am in the activities building.
- Volleyball in late March.
- The third annual golf tournament in September TBA.

**RESTORE update as of 12/31/2010:**

<b>Total Pledged:</b>	<b>\$1,899,152.36</b>
<b>Total Collected:</b>	<b>\$ 983,632.74</b>

**End of the year financial report for 2010:**

<b>Total Tithes &amp; Income:</b>	<b>\$797,461.49</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$796,990.02</b>
<b>Variance:</b>	<b>\$471.47</b>
<b>General fund balance at 12/31/10 is</b>	<b>\$18,654.94</b>

