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Chamblee First UMC Celebrates Bicentennial in 2026



Before there was a city, there was a church. In 1826, Prospect Methodist Church was established at the heart of Roswell Junction, a thriving dairy farming community that would eventually become Chamblee. In this dynamic crossroads where agriculture, military presence, and rail transport converged, Prospect Church became the cornerstone of the community where local leaders and farm owners gathered for fellowship and support. As the town flourished, so too did the church, standing as a steadfast witness to the growth and spirit of this remarkable community.

So much has changed in our community since that humble church first opened its doors in the fall of 1826. The farmlands once vital to the town's commerce have been replaced by multi-use high-rises and bustling subdivisions. Railroads have made way to rapid rail and air travel, connecting us to the world. Today, our community is the fourth most diverse in the state, a vibrant mosaic of cultures and industries from across the globe. As the city evolved, so too did Prospect Church, moving from its original downtown location to its current campus and adopting a name it shares with the city—Chamblee.

Fall of 2026 will mark the 200th anniversary of Chamblee First United Methodist Church, and we are excited to celebrate this incredible milestone alongside the City of Chamblee. Our church and city have grown together over the years, not merely coexisting but thriving in a strong, collaborative community. Each day, we work together to support and uplift Chamblee and its neighbors. As we approach the bicentennial of the church, we invite everyone to join us in celebrating the enduring spirit of Chamblee.



This momentous occasion calls for your help. The history of our church and community is rich, and so many of you have personal connections. Whether you were baptized or married at Chamblee First UMC, have family in the Prospect Church cemetery, or were involved in our Boy or Girl Scouts, Preschool, or recreation programs, your story is part of our legacy. From Broadway-style plays, to recreation and sports teams, to local missions

and ministry, there are countless moments to celebrate. If you have a story or memory to share, we would love to hear from you. Please scan any documents, photos, or written stories, and email them to bicentennial@chambleeumc.org.

Our bicentennial will be unforgettable for both Chamblee First United Methodist Church and the City of Chamblee. We have exciting events planned throughout 2026, culminating in a grand celebration. Be sure to follow Chamblee First UMC on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on all the details—you won't want to miss a single moment of this historic year!



Chamblee High Student Recognized as First Quarterly Winner of State Athlete of the Year Award



Photo courtesy of Georgia Regional Sports Council

The Georgia Regional Sports Council (GRSC) is proud to announce Chamblee High School student Nathalie Tsai as one of their first quarterly winners of the prestigious GRSC Athlete of the Year. Nathalie is a graduating senior and an outstanding volleyball player. The Athlete of the Year Award was established to recognize outstanding graduating seniors who excel in an accredited high school sport. The GRSC serves a nine-county region, encompassing approximately 25,000 senior athletes competing across more than 25 sports. Each quarter, one male and one female student-athlete are selected as Athletes of the Quarter based on the following criteria:

- **Outstanding attendance**
- **A minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA**
- **Exceptional performance in at least one sanctioned sport**
- **Active involvement in community service**

The quarterly winners automatically advance as finalists for the Athlete of the Year Award, which will be presented at the annual GRSC banquet in May. Winners will receive a scholarship to support their post-secondary education.