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# The Prospector

Dahlonega Methodist Church



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish to share with you an important truth about growing deeper and wider in our relationship with our Lord. In order to go deeper we need to immerse ourselves in His revealed word. I recently saw a statistic that only 11% of Christians read the Bible. This is somewhat astounding, yet I can believe it to be accurate based on my experience with people over the years. We deny ourselves great insight, wisdom and openness to His Spirit because we fail to seek Him where He has already given us Truth. As the Psalmist prayed to God, *“Cause me to understand the way of Your precepts, that I may meditate on Your wonderful deeds. My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to Your word (Psalm 119:27-28).”*

God created us in His image, and part of that image is the ability to communicate important ideas and messages throughout the ages through the spoken and written word. God communicated with us through His revealed word which was recorded in set of books that we know collectively as the Bible. This word of God is for our benefit, it enlightens, teaches, edifies, rebukes and warns us (Psalm 19:7-14). It is the best instrument that we have for understanding the “mind of God.” Jesus told the parable of the Sower to instruct us that for true growth we have to not only hear the word of God, but also let it take root in our lives (see Luke 8:4-15). As you go deeper with the Lord, you must be intentional in allowing His word to go deep into your hearts and take root there. Selah.

Steve



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# Announcements

## **Sportsmen's Group—Faith, Fletching, Flintlocks and Fly Rods**

We will gather April 15th at 6pm. Since the weather is warming we will meet at the Church Pavilion. Let Ray know at [repolk175@gmail.com](mailto:repolk175@gmail.com) if you plan to attend so we can have an accurate head count for the meal.

## **Jeremiah's Place 10th Annual Spaghetti Supper**



Are you ready to enjoy some spaghetti? Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**. The Spaghetti Supper will be served from **5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., dine in or take out**. The Spaghetti Supper is a community event with nine churches participating! Tickets will be available between church services on April 7th and 14th. Individual (\$12) and family (\$35) (5 or less) tickets will be available. Tickets are also available online. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tenth-annual-spaghetti-supper-tickets-851054696507?aff=oddtcreator> Come enjoy a great spaghetti dinner and help create a brighter future for homeless individuals and families in Lumpkin County. Contact Linda Herman, [lhherman@windstream.net](mailto:lhherman@windstream.net), if you can volunteer for an hour.

## **Side by Side In Service**

**Volunteer Registration**-Volunteers are needed for the Side by Side community event. Our projects range from visitation to major construction. There is something for everyone and every skill level! **Click on QR code below to volunteer. Volunteer deadline is two weeks prior to April 27th.**



**Side by Side  
in Service**

**Volunteers Needed**  
For the Annual  
Community Helping Event  
Saturday April 27th 2024



For Details Visit  
<https://sidebysideinservice.com/>

## **Project Suggestion**

Projects are aimed at low-income, elderly, and person with needs. Projects are addressed with true needs vs. wants. Sites need to be owner-occupied and the work should be able to be completed in one day. **To suggest a project click on QR code below, go to menu, then suggest a project. Please note project suggestion will be cut off one month prior to April 27th (March 27th) to allow time to process and coordinate request with job leaders and volunteers.**

## Globetrotters

Globetrotters! We are going to the beautiful Gibbs Gardens on Thursday, April 25th. Join us for a walk through the gardens and see colorful blooms of azaleas, tulips, dogwoods and more! We will meet at the church at 8:30 am, carpool/take the church van (up to 14 persons), tour the gardens, and eat lunch there at the Arbor Cafe before returning to the church. Costs will be tickets (\$25 for 18-64 yrs., \$18 for 65+ yrs.), your lunch, and a contribution for gas if riding in the van.

Please RSVP to  
Deena Rankin 678-923-1034 or  
Cindy Williams 706-973-9272 by April 18.



## **GA Musicale Group Music Concert Benefit**

The Georgia Musicale Group will be presenting a classical music concert on Friday, April 26 at 6:00pm at the Dahlonega Methodist Church. Admission is free but donations will be welcomed. The proceeds of the concert will help support One Child El Salvador. The piano works that will be performed include pieces by 19th century Romantic composers beloved by all. The non-profit Georgia Musicale Group was started in 2015 and is comprised of both amateur and professional musicians. The group performs at multiple venues throughout north Georgia.

# Announcements

## Congratulations 2024 Confirmands!

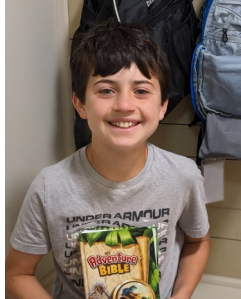
On Sunday, March 24th the Witness Committee hosted the Pastors Confirmation Breakfast for the Confirmands that completed their classes. In addition to a biscuit breakfast, each confirmands picture was taken with Pastor Steve and framed for their remembrance. We love & enjoy giving our faith, support, & kindness to these kids and their families. Thanks to everyone who attended and for all the Witness Committee's help in putting this together.



Ella Mae Black



Alaine Marie Boyce



William "Bo" Wesley Corbin



Eric Brayden Davis



Brooks Edward Endicott



Maddie Ava Layne



Elijah Kenyon Turk



Cameron Walden



## Baptism at Camp Glisson

Everyone is welcome to join us for the baptism of the confirmands Sunday, April 28th at 12:30 at Camp Glisson. This would be a great time to be baptized if you haven't been already. Please email [deborah@dahmc.org](mailto:deborah@dahmc.org) to sign up.

## Piano Recital

You are invited to come and support our DMC Pianist (the 8am & 11am Services), Camille Jennings for her Junior Piano Recital. Camille is a junior at UNG majoring in Music and minoring in Communications.



When:  
Sunday, 28 April 2024  
(4:00-5:00 pm)

Where:  
UNG Dahlonega campus  
Gloria Shott Performance Hall-2nd Floor  
[Link for Details](#)

## Nix Fine Arts Center



# Announcements

## 15th Annual Wesley Golf Classic

We would love to see you come out and play on April 1st, 2024, or sponsor. It's a 4-person scramble hosted by Achasta. \$125 a player, all proceeds go to UNG Wesley. You can register at <https://www.ungwesley.org/golf-tournament>.

## Dahlonge United Women in Faith

All ladies from the church are invited on the first Tuesday of each month, 10AM, in the Fellowship Hall.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Our annual pledge service will focus on ways our generosity nourishes the world and our relationship with Jesus. We will also discuss our future with United Women in Faith.

**Save the date!** The women of Nacoochee Methodist are hosting a Noon Tea Party with and for the women of Dahlonge Methodist. Please save Tuesday, May 14, 11:30am for tea, a light lunch, fellowship and to hear Pastor April Briant bring us an inspiring message "Wherever life plants you, bloom with grace." Please bring your favorite tea cup and saucer. We would greatly appreciate an RSVP. Send a text to Joy at 770-315-8510 (or email [Joy@tedjones.net](mailto:Joy@tedjones.net)). Watch your bulletin for more details closer to May 14th.

## New Bus Donations

*The time has come.* You have heard of the "adventures" of the church bus. We have been traveling the country in our current bus for 12 years, and it is now time to upgrade and purchase a new church bus. If you would like to help with the purchase, please mark your check "church bus". Thank you for your support in helping the next generation of Dahlonge Methodist church move around the country side.

## Office Volunteers

Church office volunteers are needed for the front desk to help cover for meetings, vacations, lunches. Light clerical duties such as answering the phone, greeting callers, establishing reason for calling, and resolving. Greet and assist persons that come to the church office. Maintain security by screening persons that come to the church doors during office hours. If interested, please contact [deborah@dahmc.org](mailto:deborah@dahmc.org).

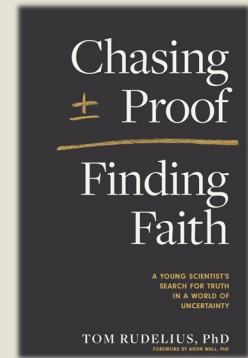
## Altar Guild Volunteers

The altar guild is a ministry - a gift of time and talent to serve God in His house. The housekeeping and decoration of God's house should be done with sincere devotion. The work of the Altar Guild is to prepare all the things necessary for the worship services, such as, restocking the pews with envelopes & etc., replenishing oil in candles, replenishing water for pastors. We are still in need of a few more volunteers. If you can help please contact [linda@dahmc.org](mailto:linda@dahmc.org) or call the church office at 706-864-2521.

## Wesley Dinner Bell Ministry

The Wesley Dinner Bell meal on April 25th will be provided by the 11th Hour Sunday School Class. We will start back when school starts again. For more information either call or text Kara Martina 706-300-4210.

## BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will be discussing *Chasing Proof, Finding Faith*, by Tom Rudelius, on Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30pm in the Library.

## Prayer Retreat

Pastor Steve will be going on a prayer retreat at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, Ga on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in going, please contact the Monastery at 770-760-0959, from 8am-12noon, **as soon as possible to secure a room**. The cost is \$100 per night per person, which includes meals and lodging. For more info go to: <https://www.trappist.net/>.

## Baby Recognition Day 2024

The Dahlonge United Women in Faith (DUWF) would like to recognize **new babies born May 2023 through May 5, 2024**. The babies and their immediate families will be recognized by the church on Sunday, May 12, Mothers Day, at the 9:30 a.m. service. We will also announce their names and birthdates at the 8 and 11 a.m. services. Please provide your child's name and parent contact information to Vanessa Myers, [vanessa@dahmc.org](mailto:vanessa@dahmc.org) or to Linda Herman, [lhherman@windstream.net](mailto:lhherman@windstream.net), is the DUWF contact.

# Announcements

## Northern Star Garden Party

This event is a great opportunity to learn more about Northern Stars mission, hear first hand experiences from some of their young people, tour the new campus, and enjoy a great meal!



The poster features a green star above the text "Northern Star" in a cursive font. Below this, it reads "Third Annual Garden Party Sunday Afternoon 4pm April 28, 2024". The theme is "A Renewed Hope" in red, with the tagline "A Renewed Campus, A Renewed Hope, A Renewed Life". It describes the mission as being "in full bloom" and invites people to tour the new campus. It lists activities like BBQ dinner, live artists, and a silent auction. A QR code is provided for ticket purchases. The event is hosted by Dahlonga Assembly of God at 2152 Dawsonville Hwy, GA 30533.

**Northern Star**  
Third Annual Garden Party  
Sunday Afternoon 4pm  
April 28, 2024

**"A Renewed Hope"**  
A Renewed Campus, A Renewed Hope, A Renewed Life

Northern Star's mission is in full bloom!  
Join us for this year's garden party and tour the new campus to see the renewed hope Northern Star is providing young people aging out of foster care.

To Purchase Tickets or become a Sponsor:  
[northernstarga.org/donate-now](https://northernstarga.org/donate-now)

BBQ dinner,  
live artists, fellowship  
silent auction,  
guest speakers

Dinner & program hosted by Dahlonga Assembly of God, then the party continues next door at the new campus.  
2152 Dawsonville Hwy, Dahlonga, GA 30533

## Wesley in Ireland Trip

Join Rev. Robin Parr to Ireland! Wesley in Ireland, October 1 – 10, 2024. You will see Lough Corrib, Galway, Connemara, Kylemore Abbey, the fjord of Killary Harbour, the Burren, Cliffs of Moher, Adare, the Embry Heck Memorial Church, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Blarney Castle, Kinsale, Cobh, Kinsale, Dublin, and more! For more information:  
<https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/ir24100124w58142#eotours>

First Baptist Dawsonville  
Invites you to

## **RESOLUTE** *Conference*

**How Marriage & Family  
Help Us Understand God**

Special Guests:  
**John Ferrer**



Defending the Faith by  
Defending the Family

**Hillary Ferrer**



How Gender, Marriage,  
Sex & Family Help us see God

**April 14, 5-7:30pm**  
900 Hwy 9 North,  
Dawsonville, GA

To register click on link below:  
[https://  
www.firstbaptistdawsonville.com/  
resolute](https://www.firstbaptistdawsonville.com/resolute)

Doors Open at 4:15pm  
\$10 tickets, pre-sale online  
\$20 at the door



**AT THE  
PAVILION!**

**WEDNESDAY,  
APRIL 24 th  
6:00 – 7:00 PM**

TO BENEFIT THE CHILDREN OF THE LA MAGDALENA  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN EL SALVADOR (DMC MISSION)

*Hamburgers, hot dogs, sides & drinks*

Enjoy good food and fellowship  
in the great Spring weather!

So bring your appetite, a chair, & donations for the kids.

(Donations Cash, Check or Charge

Make checks payable to One Child El Salvador, Inc.)

*No RSVP required, but we will end when the food runs out.*

## One Child El Salvador

*Sharing Gods love through child sponsorship*

### Why choose sponsorship?

- Sponsoring a child is a personal way to show God's love to a child in need. Children living in poverty are especially vulnerable and face uncertain futures.
- Your monthly gift of \$30 will give your sponsored child access to life changing benefits like educational support and life skills.
- As a sponsor, you'll be able to see your impact firsthand through letters, photos and your child's academic progress.
- A sponsor serves as a friend and source of support, with whom they can communicate and develop a meaningful relationship.
- Sponsors receive pictures and details about their child's academic progress, interests, and family at the beginning and towards the end of each school year.
- Once a year sponsors can exchange letters and photos with their child. Volunteers translate your letter.
- It is possible to meet your child in person when you participate in mission trips.



## COFFEE TO SUPPORT EL SALVADOR MISSION



One Child El Salvador, Inc. has a new initiative to financially support the school in La Magdalena, El Salvador. One Child Coffee is high-quality, small-batch, artisan, single-source coffee grown high in the mountains of El

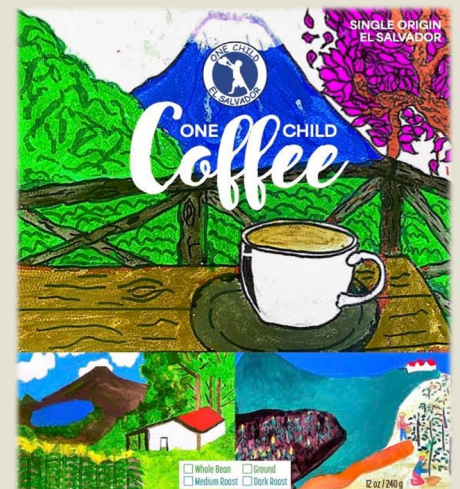
Salvador. We support sustainable coffee growing and work directly with small farmers in El Salvador. The coffee beans are shipped here, then roasted in Georgia for maximum quality and freshness.

The cheerful, colorful artwork on our bags and products is the result of an art contest held at the La Magdalena Christian School. Winners' artwork is used, and reflects the hope for the bright future of the children of our school.

Coffee and products are available on Shopify - <https://onechildcoffee.myshopify.com/> and can be shipped anywhere in the USA.

We have both Medium and Dark Roast Ground and Whole Bean Coffee in 12 oz. bags.

We also have short and long sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts, and mugs. Coffee will be available at church every 3rd Sunday. This will save shipping costs for regular customers.





## KidVenture

For the month of April we will meet on April 14, 21, & 28. We will NOT meet on April 7th due to Spring Break. Our last meeting for the school year is May 5.

## Vacation Bible School

**June 17-20 (Monday-Thursday) - 9am-12pm**

VBS is for children who are

3-years old - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (completed).

We do have 2-year-old classes available for our church families, MMO families, and VBS volunteers.

A Nursery is also available for our VBS volunteers who have children under 2.

Register your child now for Camp Firelight VBS!

Register online now at: [www.dtownkidz.org](http://www.dtownkidz.org)



## Freestyle Day Camp

**July 22-26**

**8:30am-4:30 pm**

Freestyle Day Camp is hosted by our church on DMC property and run by camp staff from Woodlands Camp.

Cost is \$225 (*scholarships are available*)

Freestyle Day Camp is for kids who are rising 1<sup>st</sup>-rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

This is an awesome day camp that your child will love to attend!

You can register now at: <https://www.woodlandscamp.org/freestyle>



Spring break week of April 1-4.

The preschool office  
will close that week as well.

Thank you.”

## Youth Ministry

DMC Youth strive to live **LIFE.**

**Love Everyone**

**Inspire Many**

**Fulfill God's Call**

**Empower Others**

## SPRING SCHEDULE

### Sunday

**MS Worship & HS Small Group**

Sunday Afternoons 4—6pm

Meet at DMC field/Fellowship Hall

MS Worship & HS Small Group

### Wednesday

HS Worship & MS Small Groups

MS Dinner & Small Groups-5:45-7:30pm

HS Dinner & Small Groups-5:45-8:00pm

### April

7th—Bowling

14th—Worship

21st—Worship

28th—Youth Sunday

### Contact Information

Chris Davis:

[chris@dahmc.org](mailto:chris@dahmc.org)

404-693-5387

Bailey Tam:

[bailey@dahmc.org](mailto:bailey@dahmc.org)

706-962-2614

# Sunday Worship

**Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:00 am**

**Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30**—Children’s Ministry available

**Worship in the Sanctuary at 11:00 am**

**Live Streaming 9:30 and 11:00am Service**

<https://dahmc.org/services/#watch-live>

**Communion Rail Offering for April**

April’s Communion Rail offering will be for DMC youth who need help going on mission trips and summer youth camp.

*Note: Our communion bread is gluten free, vegan and contains no dairy, soy, peanuts, tree nuts, fish/shellfish or eggs.*

**Praise Hymnals**

If you would like to purchase a hymnal in honor or memory of a loved one the cost is \$30 each. Please make note on checks “In honor or memory hymnal.” If interested, please email [deborah@dahmc.org](mailto:deborah@dahmc.org) with the following information:

1. Name of person donating
2. Name of person in honor or memory.

**Assisted Listening Capabilities**

DMC is now offering assisted listening capabilities through Listen Technologies. Please download the app “Listen Everywhere” from the APP or Google Play Store to your smart phone and pair your Bluetooth hearing aids or headphones to your device. Connect to the wifi “Listen” (Password – [canyouhearme](#) ). Open the app and select “DMC Sanctuary”. For more information, contact Chuck Bell @ [chuck@chuckbellmusic.com](mailto:chuck@chuckbellmusic.com) or stop by the audio booth on Sunday morning.



**Sunday Adult Growth Groups**—Third Floor, Education Building

**9:30 a.m.**

Primetime Class—Room: Library—Facilitator: Chris Buice  
Primetime class will begin a new study call The Letters to the Thessalonians.

**11:00 a.m.**

11th Hour Class—Room: Library—Facilitator: Jeff Ramsland  
The 11th Hour Class invites you to join with them as they study Altar’d.



Honor a loved one in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, or in remembrance with flowers. Sign up table is outside of Fellowship Hall or you may call the church office. The cost is \$95.00. Please make certain that your check is clearly marked “Altar Flowers”.

**Pillow Ministry**

The Pillow Ministry will be on hold for March, April, and May. If you have a need for a pillow you can always contact the church office during business hours to get one.