

MAY 2024

The Prospector

Dahlonega Methodist Church



Farewell Friends,

Monday Dec. 1 2008 is when this journey began with watching the wrecking ball bring the old sanctuary to the ground. That was almost 16 years, 14 mission trips, 14 middle school camps, 12 ski trips, thousands of miles driven, countless service projects, progressive dinners, day trips all over, Sky Zone, Braves games, years of lost sleep, numerous wrestling matches, lunch at El Jimador, Wednesday night supper, Gold Rush, small groups, worship, bible study, hiking, Sunday school, thousands of miles driven, slip n slides, and K-war. Soon this chapter of my life will be closing. As I look back over the years and remember all of the interactions, stories, fiascos, and adventures I am so thankful to have had this opportunity to serve such a fantastic church and community. It has been a great pleasure to have worked with a staff that are not only colleagues but also friends. I often refer to our church as healthy and I hope and pray in the coming decades DMC can continue to be a light in Dahlonega. I will be forever grateful for the youth of this church who always rise to the challenge to continue to Love God and Love People. Thank you to all the adults and college kids who have shared their lives with me and these youth. The experience of countless hours driving, sleeping on air mattresses in church floors, gym floors, and classrooms could never be repaid. This youth group would not be what it is today without many volunteers answering the call of the great commission and using your gifts to pour into amazing, gifted, smart, and awesome youth and young adults. For the rest of my life, I will continue to repeat the stories of the past 15 years and hold onto the fantastic season of life working for Dahlonega Methodist Church. As I move on to the next season, I challenge you all to make sure Steve is picked on from time to time, and good luck to whoever gets to change the sanctuary light bulbs. So, DMC I'll say "see you later" with a great hope that we can all meet up from time to time and continue this amazing journey together as we serve the savior.

Chris Davis



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Announcements

Baby Recognition Day 2024

Dahlongega United Women in Faith Baby Recognition for the past year will be held on Mother's Day, May 12. We are thankful for these little ones and welcome them into our church family. We will honor each child and family during the Mother's Day services. Each child will receive a missions donation in his or her name along with a special book dedicated to child and another to the children's preschool program. The Women in Faith believe in striving to love and care for our children. A special thank you to the Clowers at Giggle Monkey Toys for the donation of the books.

Dahlongega United Women in Faith

May 14th: The women of Nacoochee Methodist are hosting a Noon Tea Party with and for the women of Dahlongega 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 teacup and saucer. We would greatly appreciate an RSVP. Send a text to Joy at 770-315-8510 (or email Joy@tedjones.net). Watch your bulletin for more details closer to May 14th.

June 4th, Tuesday, 12:00 noon: Lunch at Grapevines Italian Restaurant. Join us for fellowship and tasty food as we conclude the 2023-2024 year. RSVP by June 1st to Sharon Dabbs at sbdabbs2004@yahoo.com.

Globetrotters

Save the date! Join the Globetrotters, Thursday, 16 May 2024, 12 pm -2 pm, DMC Fellowship Hall, for a Lunch and Learn Event, exploring gardening in our own backyards! Featuring a local Master Gardener, discover new ideas, or simply refresh your knowledge about native plants and pollinators! Additional details, including lunch options, will be provided at a later date.

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

We will gather May 20th at 6pm at the Church Pavilion for a meal and fellowship. Let Ray know at repolk175@gmail.com if you plan to attend so we can have an accurate head count for the meal.

Scholarships for Our Young Adults to Attend the New Room Conference

For the last several years we have encouraged our young adults to attend the New Room Conference. Prior to 2023, New Room was always near Nashville TN. However, because attendance has grown to over 2400, the conference has been moved to the Woodlands, TX. New Room is a three day deep dive, spiritual conference with great worship and Holy Spirit filled speakers. This time of intensive worship, prayer, and submission to God has empowered our young adults, and many have given their lives to Jesus and now serve our church.

However, most of our young adults are only beginning their careers and some are still in college. Most cannot afford the airfare, hotel, and tickets. This is where you can help. If you would like to sponsor a young adult or a young adult couple, please contact Deborah in the church office. Or for more information, please contact Pastor Robin.

A breakdown of expenses is as follows:

Airfare: Usually between \$400-\$600. (Giving SkyMiles is also possible)

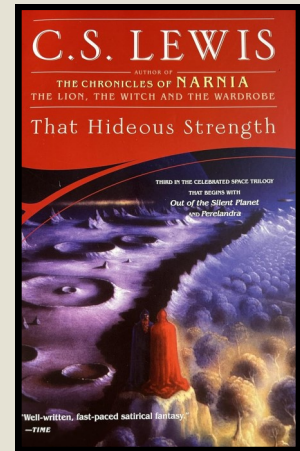
Room: \$200 (We rent a house and all stay together)

Tickets: \$270

Wednesday Night Suppers

Please note the Wednesday Night Suppers have ended for the summer, May—August. Stay posted for the start up date in September.

BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will be discussing
That Hideous Strength:
A Modern Fairy-Tale for Grown-Ups,
by C. S. Lewis, on
Wednesday, May 29th at 6:30pm
in the Library. Copies of this book are available
to check out at Dahlongega's local Library.

Now, the dark forces that have been repulsed in Out of the Silent Planet and Perelandra are massed for an assault on planet Earth. Word is that the mighty wizard Merlin has come back to the land of the living after many centuries, holding the key to ultimate power for the force that can find him and bend him to its will. A sinister technocratic organization is gaining power throughout Europe, with a plan to "recondition" society, and it is up to Ransom and his friends to stop this threat by applying age-old wisdom to a new universe dominated by science. The two groups struggle to a climactic resolution that brings the Space Trilogy to a magnificent, crashing conclusion.

Written during the dark hours immediately before and during World War II, C.S. Lewis's Space Trilogy stands alongside such works as Albert Camus's The Plague and George Orwell's 1984 as a timeless classic, beloved by succeeding generations as much for the sheer wonder of its storytelling as for the significance of its moral concerns.

One Child El Salvador

MISSION TRIPS – BRIEF REPORTS AND UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

This is a busy and exciting year for Mission Trips to El Salvador! God is really moving! And there's proof



that there is something for everyone! We had a group of age 60+ folks (with one younger exception) go in February, who accomplished a lot: Establishing a Library, thanks to a partnership with the Sunrise Rotary Club, including delivering library books, building shelves for the Library, painting a mural on the Library wall; delivering the first batch of letters from Spon-



sors to their sponsored children; delivering letters to the children written by students of Blackburn Elementary School; doing crafts with the children and adults; helping establish a women's Bible study group to meet regularly; meeting with the staff and teachers of the school; and so much more!

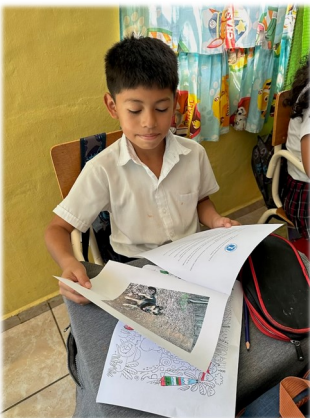


And Nathan led a group of Wesley students to El Salvador in March, including a couple of adults; Pastor Steve and Andrew Myers. They worked mainly in construction of the bathrooms of the new classroom building (currently under construction). A very exciting thing was that Andrew and Rae Lynn were able



to deliver copies of Vanessa's children's devotional book, "Breakfast With Jesus" to the children!

And both groups participated in church ministry, and interacted with the children of the school and people in the community, including visiting and prayer. Most important was that each missionary allowed God to work through them to be the hands, feet, and heart of God to the precious people of La Magdalena. And each missionary was blessed beyond measure from the experience. For the college-age students, a trip like this can be life-changing.



Moises Pena Gonzalez 5th

Several people have expressed interest in going to El Salvador this year. So we are in the process of planning a trip in the summer – probably for a week in July. This will be construction and other things. And we are looking at doing a shorter trip in early November, with the central attraction being the graduations of the children – K6 (entering 1st grade next year) and 9th grade (entering high school next year). Exact dates will be set very soon. Pray about it, and if God is calling you to go serve, let Him make the way! But DON'T DELAY in notifying us if interested in a summer trip, as that time is fast approaching. If you are interested in going to El Salvador on either or both of these trips, please contact Lynn Pfeiffer as quickly as possible. 706-265-5236, or clpfeiffer1321@gmail.com.

Come and be a blessing and be blessed!

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

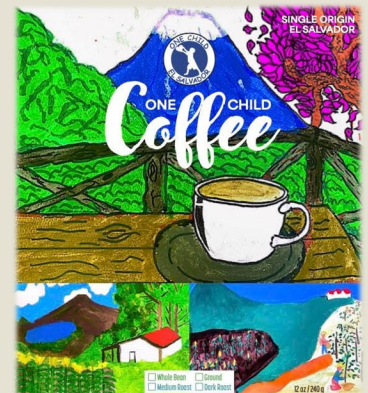


Child Coffee is high-quality, small-batch, artisan, single-source coffee grown high in the mountains of El Salvador. We support sustainable coffee growing and

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.





KidVenture

The last KidVenture for the school year will be Sunday, May 5th. We will have a fun celebration for Cinco de Mayo! KidVenture will resume after Labor Day.

5th Grade Celebration

We will celebrate our 5th graders during Kidz Church on Sunday, May 19th at 9:30 am. All K-5th graders will enjoy breakfast and games as we celebrate our 5th graders!

Vacation Bible School

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

VBS is for children who are 3-years old - 5th 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

VBS Trainings for Volunteers

Adults and youth who are volunteering for VBS this summer, please join us for ONE of these trainings! All trainings will be held in the Fellowship Hall. If you are unable to come to one of these, please see Vanessa.

Wednesday, May 29 at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 pm

Sunday, June 9 at 4:00-5:00pm



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 1st-rising 6th graders. This is an awesome day camp that your child will love to attend!

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



It's hard to believe this is the last month of school for MMO-Preschool. It's been a great year with the littles. We are looking forward to enjoying parents' day, park day and the End of year Program and Graduation on Wed. May 15th.

As far as next school year goes, classes are full with waiting lists.

God is good!

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

May

5th—K-War

12th—Worship

19th—Worship

26th—No Youth

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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>

Please note
that there will be
ONE service on
May 26th at 10am
at Hancock Park.

Communion Rail Offering for May

May Communion Rail offering will be for CHP Summer Bread. Every summer Community Helping Place has a Summer Food Program for school aged children (4-18) that live in Lumpkin County and attend LC Schools, that receive free or reduced breakfast & lunch during the school year. They will receive breakfast, lunch and snacks for Monday—Friday, throughout the summer to get them through until school starts.

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

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 – canyouhear me). Open the app and select “DMC Sanctuary”. For more information, contact Chuck Bell @ 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 on The First Letter to the Corinthians.

11:00 a.m.

11th Hour Class—Room: Library—Facilitator: Jeff Ramsland



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 through May. If you have a need for a pillow you can always contact the church office during business hours to get one.