

SEPTEMBER 2024

The Prospector

Dahlonega Methodist Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

While I was at camp meeting this summer, I had a great moment of enlightenment about our lives in Christ. The experience during the week getting to know the families, experiencing hospitality, hearing their stories, praying with them and worshipping together created an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to work that was transformational. I realize camp meetings have changed from what they used to be in the late 1800s until the 1950s - evangelistic tools to reach those who didn't know the Lord and who were not going to church. What they have become is an oasis of living water in an otherwise chaotic, frenetic culture that we have created in modern America. What I experienced in that week was time slowing down to allow Spirit-led Christian community to form; it gave room for God to work healing, reconciliation and salvation in peoples' lives and relationships.

I believe that when the Church is operating as Christ desires, this is what we experience - a taste of the Kingdom of God. We should have more experiences of that in our Church. It's difficult because we're not set apart from our normal routine in church for a week together to bond, to talk to people, pray together, etc., but my vision for the upcoming year and a half is to try and create an atmosphere in our Church where we can experience that same glimpse of the Kingdom of God. We can experience miraculous signs and wonders, reconciliation, healing and salvation. If we don't quench the Holy Spirit in our lives, God will transform our lives more into Christ. I want our church to be a place where we can experience God working in our lives as He transforms our hearts; not only to be more like Him, but to experience His joy, peace, and righteousness. Selah

In Christ,

Steve

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Announcements

DMC Women's Group

September 3rd: Our women's group has withdrawn affiliation with the United Methodist Women in Faith and is now a separate Christian women's group. Join us as we gather input from attendees in forming this ministry from a clean slate. We want to hear your ideas. Please attend so that your voice will be counted! We welcome all women who are believers in the mission of Christ to join our group each month.

October 1st: We will discuss the information gathered at our September meeting, and we will vote to finalize our structure for next year.

The Prayer Team Ministry

The Prayer Team invites you to join us as we pray for each name who is brought before us. Prayer Team will meet in person Wednesday, September 4 from 8 AM until 9 AM in the library. Come be a part of this vital ministry!

Wednesday Night Suppers

Wednesday night suppers will begin September 11th! Remember to make or cancel standing reservations for Wednesday Night Suppers on **Tuesdays by 12 noon**. Reservations can be made by emailing linda@dahmc.org, RSVP Card located in the pews, or call the church office. Those with reservations will be served at 5:45 pm. Non-reservations are welcome to be served after 6:10pm provided food is available. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12 years and under.

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

The Sportsman's Group will meet at 6pm, September 16th at the Church pavilion for dinner and fellowship.

Globetrotters

Hey, Globetrotters! Gather your friends and come make some new ones for a fun afternoon of **BINGO**, Wednesday, September 18th, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. We will be spinning the balls, calling the numbers, and you will be winning the prizes! Light snacks will be provided and we are asking a \$5 donation. Please RSVP to Cindy Williams, (706-973-9272), or, Deena Rankin (678-923-1034), by Monday, 16 Sept 2024. All are welcome!

Globetrotters

Special Wednesday Night Supper Fundraiser 9/18

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! There will be a very special Wednesday Night Supper Fundraiser on Wednesday, 9/18 to raise funds for the school we support in La Magdalena, El Salvador. Once again, we will feature a very special dish - pupusas, known as the "national food of El Salvador", which even have a special day in El Salvador to celebrate them! Our chef will be Mariana Linares, El Salvador native and Board member of One Child El Salvador. She and her hard-working team will be serving up hot, fresh pupusas, as well as the traditional sides of slaw and red sauce. And we will have delicious quesadilla for dessert again (an El Salvadoran rich cheese-flavored pound cake-like sweet bread). Please come and enjoy some wonderful food, while supporting the children. Cost will be donations.



Fall Church Work Day

The DMC Fall 2024 Church Workday is Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 7am to 3pm.

TO VOLUNTEER:

Please fill out the volunteer form by clicking on QR code,



or go to <https://forms.office.com/r/q7eNqrWBCN>

or look for signup sheets in the sanctuary entrance.

Contact Tim Powell
cell (678-640-1070)

or email (tpowell@dahmc.org)
with any questions.

Community Helping Place Needs

The Food Pantry at Community Helping Place has been having a lot of traffic lately but yet, limited food is available from Atlanta Community Food Bank. So if you are able to help with any of these needs, it would be greatly appreciated.

Food Pantry

Pasta, Instant Oats/Grits, Canned Fruit Cereal

Personal Care Pantry

Shampoo, Body Wash,
Toilet Paper, Laundry
Detergent



Announcements

Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Musicians Opportunities

Do you enjoy singing? Do you desire to use your gifts to praise the Lord? Zachary would like to invite all interested congregation members to join the DMC Chancel Choir! The DMC Chancel Choir provides a wonderful opportunity to use the beautiful gifts of music and singing to lead the congregation in the praise and worship of the Author of all beauty, the LORD God Almighty! Choir rehearsals take place Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm and Sunday mornings at 10:15 am before the 11:00 am service. If interested or if you have any questions, please email Zachary at zachary@dahmc.org.

Singing is not the only way you can praise our LORD musically! The DMC Handbell Choir serves as another musical outlet for those who want to use their musical abilities! The use of bells in church is a longstanding Christian tradition, and the beauty and unique sound of the bells is unlike any other instrument! The DMC Handbell Choir rehearses Tuesday afternoons at 5:00 pm and typically plays on the last Sunday of each month. If you are interested, please reach out to Zachary at zachary@dahmc.org.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS: Do you play an instrument and want to serve the LORD musically? Do you have musical talent that you would like to share with the congregation? Zachary is looking to incorporate more musical talent and instruments within the traditional worship services. If you are a musician and have the desire to praise the Almighty God who gave you that ability, please contact Zachary at zachary@dahmc.org.

Lisa Care Benevolence Ministry

Please consider donating to Lisa Care, our benevolence ministry. We've had many needs in the last several months and our account is lower than anticipated. Lisa Care is a vital outreach ministry in our church and community. If you would like to donate, you may do so online or by placing your offering in the pink envelopes located in the black sign-in books and then dropping in the offering plate. Your Lisa Care offerings are greatly appreciated.

Spirit and Truth Weekend

Macland Community Church is hosting a Spirit and Truth Weekend at Macland, 3615 Macland Rd, Powder Springs, GA 30127 on Friday/Saturday, Nov 8-9. Dahlongega Methodist Church is a sponsoring church. The other sponsoring churches are Canton First Methodist, Due West Methodist, and New Beginnings.

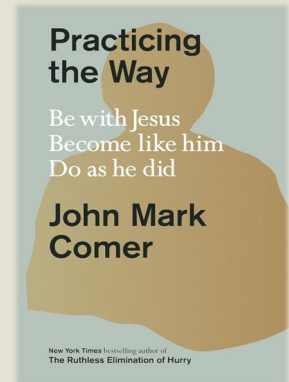


The graphic features a background image of people in a church setting. On the left, the text "Spirit & TRUTH weekend" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below this, it says "Nov 8-9, 2024 Powder Springs, GA Hosted By Macland Community Church". On the right, there is a QR code with the text "Scan to Register!" and a list of topics: "Join Us As We Become More Equipped In:" followed by "BUILDING A FOUNDATION OF PRAYER", "COOPERATING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT", "EVERYDAY EVANGELISM", and "BECOMING A DISCIPLE-MAKER".

The registration link below will enable DMC to register for the event prior to making the link available to the GMC community. To register for the Spirit and Truth Conference click on link: [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be discussing



Wednesday, October 2nd,
at 6:30pm in the Library.

Check Dahlongega's local library for check out availability or click here to purchase on Amazon: <https://a.co/d/hhVPPhM>

We are constantly being formed by the world around us. To be formed by Jesus will require us to become his apprentice.

To live by what the first Christian disciples called a Rule of Life—a set of practices and relational rhythms that slow us down and open up space in our daily lives for God to do what only God can do—transforms the deepest parts of us to become like him.

This introduction to spiritual formation is full of John Mark Comer's trademark mix of theological substance and cultural insight as well as practical wisdom on developing your own Rule of Life.

These ancient practices have much to offer us. By learning to rearrange our days, we can follow the Way of Jesus. We can be with him. Become like him. And do as he did.

Announcements

Staff positions available

DMC is looking for two paid, part-time staff persons. To apply for either position or download the full job descriptions, visit our website at <https://dahmc.org/career-opportunities>.

- **Front Desk Office Assistant** provides essential clerical and administrative support. 29 hours/week Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and occasional Fridays.
- **Accounting Assistant** provides essential accounting assistance. 2 ½ days a week. We prefer a person that is *not part of our church congregation* because the position requires working with sensitive contribution details and pledges.

New Small Groups that are Forming

Ed and Cindy Dickens/A small group for those who are retirement age.

The group will meet every other week. Anyone interested should contact Ed or Cindy at: wedngc79@live.com or 706-265-9229 (Ed's cell).

Jennifer Waters and Marnie Phipps/Ladies Small Group/Tuesday Nights at 6 PM/Starting September 3rd in the DMC Library/ Study will be "Elijah" by Priscilla Shirer/ Anyone interested should contact Marnie Phipps at: gabeekeeper@gmail.com or 706-973-9793

Sarah Adams/Mothers of Preschool or early elementary/This group is for working moms who need a small group that meets in the late afternoon or evenings. Anyone interested should contact Sarah Adams at: saadams618@gmail.com or 706-280-6352

Kara Reyenga's small group for mothers of small children will begin again on September 11 at 11 AM. All moms are welcome! The group meets at The Bear Necessities.

Wesley Dinner Bell

The college school year is starting so it's time to step up for the Wesley Dinner Bell ministry! Dates for the upcoming Wesley Dinner Bell dinners are: (first Thursdays of the months) Thursday, September 5 - the 11th Hour Sunday School class will be hosting and November is covered. Thursday, October 3rd and Thursday, December 5th needs hosting. For these events, set up & delivery to the Wesley House is 6:30pm- with a 7pm dinner time. Plan on serving about 20-25 students plus the group that is doing the meal. The object of this ministry is to get to know as many of the students as possible by forming a relationship with them so plan on being present & talking with them. Generally there's been a main dish(s), salad & dessert (sometimes bread). Water for drinks is acceptable or whatever your group decides on. The students will do all the clean up. If you need any encouragement to participate in this mission just ask some of the small groups who have served last year- their joy is contagious! Any questions or to sign up for a date, please contact Kara Martina by text (706-300-4210).

UNG Wesley Collegiate



UNG Wesley Collegiate has finally launched! UNG Wesley Collegiate, known in short as Wesley, is a pan-Wesleyan college ministry. Meaning we are rooted in Wesleyan theology but we are not tied to a particular denomination. This is a brand new ministry with deep roots here at UNG. DMC has been extremely gracious to college ministry in the past and has continued to support this new college ministry and the direction God has us going. If you'd like to know more about this ministry, you can go to our website <https://www.ungwesleycollegiate.org/>. For those who would like to be donors to this ministry you can go to our website and donate online

or you can continue to give through the church, we just ask that all checks be made out to UNG Wesley Collegiate. Thank you and Have a Blessed Day! -Nathan Dickens

Fall/Winter Bible Studies

Spending time studying God's word can be transformative. If you are ready to take another step in your personal faith journey, join us this season. You are invited to be a part of DMC's commitment to the study of God's word.

**So Come! Come to the Fellowship!
Come and Be Transformed!**

To view the
Fall/Winter Bible Studies
offered and to register, click here:
<https://dahmc.org/bible-studies/>

Disciple 1 and Disciple 2

Beginning September 15th, Disciple 1 and Disciple 2 will be offered.

Disciple 1 titled *Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study* is an overview of the OT and NT, foundational for any Christian who desires to know God through His Word! This course is 25 weeks and will be from 4:00-6:00pm on Sunday afternoon in the Library. Jeff Ramsland will be the facilitator.

Disciple 2 titled *Into the Word Into the World* is designed to guide your personal study while deepening your understanding of Scripture. Each week you will encounter three spiritual disciplines, learn what they are, and discover how you can engage those disciplines. The study will last a total of 24 weeks including 12 weeks on the books of Genesis-Exodus, and 12 weeks on the books of Luke—Acts. This study retains the familiar Disciple 1 format. The class will meet 4:00-6:00pm in room 308. Bob Wilde will be the facilitator.

Books for Disciple 1 and 2 will be available in the Church office for \$34 a set.
(If paying by cash please bring exact dollar amount)



A BIG Thank You!

The Children's Ministry would like to thank each of you for your help with the 100 Envelope Challenge (x2). The generosity and kindness of this church is simply AMAZING!! I cannot thank you enough for your help in making our programs for the kids here at DMC and in our community happen! We could not do what we do without your support and we are genuinely grateful for your support. We love DMC! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

Wednesdays in the Word

Wednesdays in the Word is our NEW Bible study for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders that begins Sept. 4th and will meet on Wed. nights from 5:45-7:30 pm during the school year. We will eat dinner together first in the Fellowship Hall then transition to Bible study on the first floor. Come join us as we dig into God's Word!

Children's Choir

The DMC Children's Choir will begin Sunday, September 8th at 3:00pm in the choir room! All kids K-5th are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop musical ability in the DMC youth, instruct children in the faith through song, give children a structured creative outlet, and most importantly, sing the praise of our Holy and Triune God! If you are interested or have any questions, please reach out to either Vanessa at vanessa@dahmc.org or Zachary at zachary@dahmc.org.

Family Tailgate Party

All families with children (babies-5th grade) are invited to join us for our Family Tailgate Party on **Sunday, September 15 from 4:00-6:00 pm**. We will park cars on the field and enjoy a night of tailgate games, food, fellowship, and crafts as we focus on being on Team Jesus! Families should: Wear your favorite team jersey, decorate your tailgate with your favorite team (if you like), bring a side dish to share with everyone (hot dogs, drinks, and dessert provided), bring camping chairs for your family, and if you have a large yard game, bring it too! Hope to see your family there!



We are so excited for MMO-Preschool to begin! A lot of hard work and many hours went towards getting everything ready for the children's arrival. Open House was a great success and school began Monday, August 26th. We are looking forward to a great year with our 19 teachers & aides, and 76 precious children, ranging from 1-5 yrs. Check us out on our Facebook page at "Dahlonaga Methodist Church MMO-Preschool". Please keep us in your prayers.

Youth Ministry

DMC Youth strive to live **LIFE**.
Love Everyone
Inspire Many
Fulfill God's Call
Empower Others

FALL 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

September

4th—Dinner and small groups
11th—Dinner and small groups
18th—Dinner and small groups
25th—Dinner and small groups

Contact Information

Bailey Tam,
Director of Youth Ministry

bailey@dahmc.org
706-962-2614

One Child El Salvador

AWESOME OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OUR KIDS IN EL SALVADOR!

Have you been desiring to go to El Salvador to see our school and kids, but haven't been inclined to go on a full, working mission trip? Well, **NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!** This will be a bit shorter than our regular trips, and will focus on the children and the "graduations" taking place at the end of this school year. Tentative dates are Wednesday, November 13 through Monday, November 18.

The two graduations are K6 (rising 1st-graders) on Thursday, November 14 and 9th Grade (kids entering high school next year) on Friday, November 15. These are events you don't want to miss! These are major celebrations for the children and their families, and are hours-long events. Other opportunities during this trip will include Sunday worship service at the church in La Magdalena, meeting our



school's awesome, dedicated teachers and staff, touring the school campus, visiting and praying for some kids and families in their homes, and some sight-seeing. If you go and you are a child sponsor, we will make sure that you meet your sponsored child.



We will stay in a nice hotel in Santa Ana, and transportation will be provided in an air-conditioned passenger van with a professional driver. Much more detail will be provided to interested people at an informational meeting in the near future.

If you are interested in going on this trip, please contact Lynn Pfeiffer as quickly as possible so that we can solidify the dates, schedule an informational meeting, and make definite plans. Feel free to contact me with questions. clpfeiffer1321@gmail.com or 706-265-5236.



Come and see for yourself the fruits of this 18 year (and ongoing) mission of Dahlonge Methodist Church and One Child El Salvador, Inc. One thing is for sure if you go on this trip - **YOU WILL BE BLESSED!!!!**



EXCITING UPDATE ON COFFEE TO SUPPORT EL SALVADOR MISSION!



OCES has just received a new shipment of coffee beans from our local farmer in El Salvador, Francisco Fuentes and his family-owned farm, Finca la

Providencia! This will be our high-quality medium and dark roast coffees grown high in the mountains of El Salvador. We have also received a small shipment of very premium coffee from the Caceres family farm. Coffee will be roasted and bagged locally at Because Coffee in Dawsonville for maximum freshness, and will be available for sale later this year.

CLEARANCE SALE

On our current stock of coffee, both Dark and Medium Roast, Whole Beans and Drip Grind. Still fresh and flavorful! (Reg. Price \$18.95)

\$12.50 per 12oz bag (1-4 bags) + tax
\$10 per bag for 5 or more bags + tax
(Free shipping for 10 or more bags)

Order online and we will have the coffee available for quick pickup from a designated table at church. (through 9/30, or until current stock is sold out)

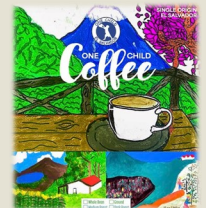
Also selling at 9/11 and 9/18

Wednesday Night Suppers

www.onechildcoffee.myshopify.com



Stock up now, or purchase for gifts, while supporting the kids of the La Magdalena School!



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>

ONE Service
Sunday, September 1st
at 10am
At Hancock Park.

Communion Rail Offering for September goes to the support No One Alone. NOA is dedicated to providing shelter, safety and support services to victims of domestic violence and their children. Since 1992, NOA has been providing emergency shelter and a vast array of support services such as trauma counseling, legal advocacy, financial assistance, children’s groups and life skills classes, to name a few.

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

Sunday Verbal Announcements

If you would like to have a verbal announcement on Sunday mornings during the worship service, the announcement needs to be emailed to deborah@dahmc.org two weeks prior and approved by Steve and Robin.

Want to know more about the ministries of DMC? There is an informational booklet available in the sanctuary foyer.

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.



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”.

Sunday Adult Growth Groups—Third Floor, Education Building

9:30 a.m.

Primetime Class—Room: Library—Facilitator: Chris Buice

11:00 a.m.

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

The 11th Hour Class is beginning a new Bible Study on 1, 2, and 3 John. Ours is a teaching/discussion format, meeting in the Library, Sundays, 11AM-Noon; class leader is Jeff Ramsland. New folks always welcome!

Sewing Hearts Pillow Ministry

The pillows are for those who are going through a difficult time and in need of a little comfort. Loving women of DMC have given their prayers and love in making these. The pillows will be available the first Sunday of each month between services in the foyer. If you or someone you know is in need of a heart pillow, you can always contact the church office during business hours to get one. If you would like to join this ministry, contact Kara Martina at karamartina45@gmail.com.