**NOVEMBER 2024** 

# The Prospector

Dahlonega Methodist Church

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I'm excited to share with you a vision that God is giving me for our church for the upcoming year. I'm asking you to begin praying for God to guide you as to how you can participate in this vision. I pray our church becomes on fire with the Holy Spirit for disciple making. I'm not talking about the church or the pastors making disciples from the congregation (although that is foundational), but I want us to mature as each member of the church becomes a disciple maker as a follower of Jesus.

The vision that God gave us is that you will go out into the community in your everyday life and help people to know Jesus, and to grow closer to him. This is always been the primary function of the Church, it's just that churches in the West have forgotten that in our modern era. This is the model of church in the Bible and it was the form of church that formed the Methodist movement. It time to lay aside all the things that entangle us and press on toward the goal which Christ calls us onward. To go and make disciples ... I believe it is the most crucial thing that we can do for our community, our nation and the world. Selah

In Christ,

Steve



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### DMC Women of Faith

**November 5th, 10AM, Fellowship Hall**—Refreshments, Fellowship and Let's Get to Know Each Other! All women are invited!

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>:** No meeting. Ecumenical Advent Services will be at St. Luke's Catholic Church, with a light lunch afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

### Monday Night Bible Study

Join Pastor Robin and Dan as they lead us through Pete Greig's *The Prayer Course*. The Prayer Course is a four-week journey that will help you and your community to grow and deepen your prayer life.

Classes will meet on Mondays from 6 PM until 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Schedule: November 11: Adoration and Petition November 18: Intercession and Unanswered Prayer November 25: Contemplation and Listening December 2: Spiritual Warfare For more information of each class click here: <u>https://prayercourse.org/sessions/</u>

### **Globetrotters-November**

**On Tuesday, 12 November 2024**, The Globetrotters are hitting the road to Atlanta! First stop, we will be eating lunch at the iconic Mary Mac's Tea Room. Don't let the "tea room" fool you--it is a restaurant serving up traditional southern cuisine. They still make the food the same way they did when it opened in 1945! Once we have gotten our fill of fried chicken and sweet tea, we will expand our horizons with a visit to the High Museum of Art. **We will depart the Walmart parking lot at 9 am**. For more information on Mary Mac's, visit <u>https://marymacs.com</u>; Information on the High Museum of Art can be found at <u>https://high.org</u>. Tickets for the High Museum are \$23.50. **To RSVP for this outing**, please contact Deena Rankin, 678-923-1034, or, Cindy Williams, 706-973-9272, <u>no later than 5 November 2024.</u>

**On Thursday, 12 December 2024**, get into the festive Christmas spirit, as The Globetrotters tour the historic Tate House, a stunning neo-classical mansion made from pink and white Etowah Marble. From the beautiful decorations to the sounds of Christmas music playing throughout the house, this tour will bring the spirit of the season to our hearts and minds. Before arriving for the tour, we will have a delightful lunch at the Lucky Hare, Marble Hill, GA. Please visit am <u>https://www.tatehouse.com</u> to learn more about the Christmas tour. Tickets for adults are \$25, payable on site. **We will depart the Walmart parking lot at 10 am**. **To RSVP for this outing**, please contact Deena Rankin, 678-923-1034, or, Cindy Williams, 706-973-9272, <u>no later than 3 December</u>.

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

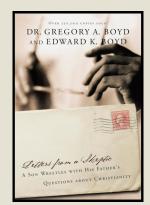
With cooler weather coming the Sportsmen's Group will meet at Ivie Lodge on Camp Glisson beginning November 18th at 6pm. Please contact Ray at <u>repolk175@gmail.com</u> if you plan to attend, so we can get a close headcount.

### Wesley Dinner Bell Schedule

Many thanks to the small groups who have supported the Wesley dinner bell thus far, we have meals covered thru December. The reports from these groups have all been over-whelmingly blessed. We now have dates for 2025 and are looking for new volunteers for this dates (all Thursdays) March 6, April 3, and May 1st. Please contact Kara Martina if you too want to be blessed! 706-300-4210. February 6th has been taken by the "Dickens Small Group"!!

### **BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club will be discussing Letters from a Skeptic: A Son Wrestles with His Father's Questions about Christianity



Tuesday, November 12th, at 7:00pm in Room 308. Check Dahlonega's local library for check out availability or click here to purchase on Amazon: <u>https://a.co/d/8VBWF11</u>

Explore the profound dynamics between a Christian son and his skeptical father in this powerful book, as it delves into the big questions of Christianity with a compelling blend of intelligent answers and heartfelt faith.

Greg Boyd and his father, Ed, were on opposite sides of a great divide. Greg was a newfound Christian, while his father was a longtime agnostic. So Greg offered his father an invitation: Ed could write with any questions on Christianity, and his son would offer a response.

Letters from a Skeptic contains this special correspondence. The letters tackle some of today's toughest challenges facing Christianity, including:

Do all non-Christians go to hell? How can we believe a man rose from the dead? Why is the world so full of suffering? How do we know the Bible was divinely inspired? Does God know the future? Each response offers insights into these difficult questions, while delivering intelligent answers that connect with both the heart and mind. Whether you're a skeptic, a believer, or just unsure, these letters can provide a practical, common-sense guide to the Christian faith.

### FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP LOVE \* SERVE \* GIVE \* GROW

**LOVE -** 1 John 4:7-8 says, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

**SERVE** – Matthew 5:16, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven."

**GIVE** – Deuteronomy 15:10, "You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake."

**GROW** – Colossians 2:7, "Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."

The Bible teaches us that stewardship begins with strong faith in God and his plans for us. By trusting in the Lord, we will become good stewards of the gifts that God has blessed us with; including our time, riches, and talents. Our church has witnessed generations of virtuous stewardship, which has resulted in God's work being done through our ministries.

Over the next several weeks, lets continue to be in prayer, asking the Lord to show us how we can be good stewards of the blessings he has bestowed upon us and how he can use our gifts to further his Kingdom in Dahlonega and to the ends of the earth. We pray the Lords blessing on our congregation and that each of us will submit to God's will in making our

commitment to the 2025 Stewardship Campaign.

The Stewardship Committee

If you would like to pledge online you may do so by clicking on the link: https://dahmc.org/pledge/

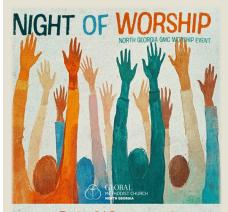


### Spirit and Truth Weekend

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. Dahlonega Methodist Church is a sponsoring church. The other sponsoring churches are Canton First Methodist, Due West Methodist, and New Beginnings.



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



### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

Join us Sunday, November 3rd. at 5pm. at The Highlands, 3678 Cleveland Highway, Gainesville, GA 30506, for an unforgettable evening of WORSHIPING PASSIONATELY! Experience uplifting worship, inspiring testimonies from General Conference delegates about the Holy Spirit's work in Costa Rica. We will also have updates on the GMC, and a special message from our Conference Superintendent.



THE PROSPECTOR

### Come Celebrate Christmas

### Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 1st at 6:30p.m.

Please join us for a wonderful musical service to prepare our hearts and minds for the Advent season and to watch the Sanctuary come alive with its Christmas décor! The offering at the Hanging of the Greens will be for CHP.

### Advent

Location: St. Luke's Catholic Church Time: 12:00 noon Dates: December 3, December 10, December 17 Luncheon: Soup, Salad & Dessert will be provided following the Service.

### **DMC Christmas Lessons and Carols Service**

The DMC Choir and Handbell Choir will be presenting the second annual Lessons and Carols service on December 8th at 4:00 pm. The Lessons and Carols service guides the listener through the story of mankind from the fall to the birth of our Savior. This story is told through readings of Scripture (the Lessons) that are accompanied by hymns and anthems (the Carols). The tradition of the Lessons and Carols service began well over a century ago and is one of the most popular Christmas services today. If you are interested in being involved in the service, either as a reader or a singer, please contact Zachary Futch at <u>zachary@dahmc.org</u>.

### **MMO Christmas Program**

Tuesday, December 10th—5:00pm

### Live Nativity—Outside in front of Sanctuary

December 14th-6:00-8:00pm

### **Blue Christmas**

December 15th—3:00pm Blue Christmas is a gentle, contemplative service for those who are carrying pain or loss during this season of celebration.

### Christmas Eve Services

Time: 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 11:00pm

### Christmas Day Meal—11:30—3:00pm

Volunteers are needed to decorate, serve, kitchen crew, cleanup, welcome table. If you can help please text/call Brenda Elrod at 678-577-1639 or email at brenda@dahmc.org.

### Boxwood Players Drama Troupe



Next meeting for our Boxwood Players Drama Troupe will be Tuesday Dec. 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more info call Pat Kelley 706 344 9670.



Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has partnered with local churches around the world to deliver 157 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to children in need in 160 countries. Each one-packed full of fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items by a family or individual and sent with prayer that the child who received it will experience God's love through their simple gifts. Many of these children have never before received a present or heard the true meaning of Christmas until they open a gift-filled shoebox from a person like you.

Please take a box from the foyer, fill it, and pray for the child who will receive it. Directions will be inside the box. For more information on gift suggestions click on link below:

https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

The deadline to turn in boxes at the church foyer is November 17th.



### Announcements

### Community Helping Place, Spirit of Christmas

*Spirit of Christmas* is the Community Helping Place's holiday outreach program which provides eligible families food to make a Christmas meal, vouchers for clothing & books, and gifts for the children (ages birth to 18). ). Last year our average families served 263; this year, so far, is 223 families. Financial uncertainty has moved beyond those whose situation is already fragile to include those who have not had to worry about financial insecurity. Your donation of food, toys and money will go a long way in providing a special Christmas for these families. Below is a list of food items that each family will receive this year, along with some cold items CHP will provide on the day of distribution. There is also a suggested toy list below; this is not an inclusive list. You are welcome to use your own creativity; we just ask for no clothing as we do not get sizes of each child.

Please drop off your donations at CHP (not DMC), 1127 Highway 52 East, Dahlonega in the <u>red building</u> in the lower parking lot by December 4th. Call Debi at 706-967-9621, ext. 563 to schedule your drop-off. You can also call her with any questions. They will accept donations up until December 23rd for those late registrations.

### Food List for the Spirit of Christmas:

2 can corn
2 cans green beans
2 cans of fruit
1 can of chicken broth
1 box cornbread mix
2 cans cranberry sauce
1 can of yams
1 box stuffing
1 box instant potatoes
2 boxes of mac & cheese
1 cake or brownie mix
1 container frosting



### Suggested Toys for Spirit of Christmas

Baby's—Pull-ups all sizes, Wipes, Teething Toys Young Girls—Easy Bake Oven, Anything Frozen Girls Age 8-12+ - Art Sets Boys Age 8-12+ Legos, Nerf guns, Football, Baseball glove, Art sets, Board games, fishing poles Teen Girls—High school reading books, brain teasers, spa basket items, Teen Boys—Good dart boards, high school reading books, brain teasers, tools; all ages-fishing poles Middle School age—Science type things

### Middle School age—Science type things

**General**—Action figures (like the multi packs), anything nerf, board games all ages **Most Ages**—wireless earbuds

# Board games for all ages but especially for older children and outdoor games for all ages but especially older children.

This is a list of suggested items based on what we already have and the areas with the greatest need. You are not limited to only these items, they are suggestions.



Symphony Holiday Concerts Directed by Laurin Smith

**Blairsville, Friday, December 13**<sup>th</sup>, **7:00**, Historic Courthouse on the Square, 1 Town Square, Blairsville, Ga 30514, Free admission

**Dahlonega, Saturday, December 14th, 7:30** Pinetree Recreation Center, 215 Pinetree Way, Dahlonega, GA 30533, Free admission

Gainesville, Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00, Atlanta Botanical Garden-Gainesville, 1911 Sweetbay Drive, Gainesville, GA 30501, Tickets \$30 can be purchased on the Garden Website, Atlanta Botanical Garden, Gainesville. Limited seating at this concert.

# Come have fun with us as we kick off the 2024 Holiday Season!

You'll delight in our opener, Holst's *St. Paul's Suite*, which weaves Greensleeves into its Jigs. And we will have little carolers with us (members of the Chattahoochee Elementary Champion Chorus, directed by Rebecca Gerstenlauer) who will sing a traditional Puerto Rican carol, and *S'vivon*, a rousing Hanukkah selection. They will lead you in singing the Christmas carols from Leroy Anderson's *A Christmas Festival*, which includes all our favorites. We will also play several popular Christmas songs that you know and love, finishing with Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride*!

Please add this concert to your calendar!





Dahlonega Methodist Church Children's Ministry

#### Weekly Events for Kids

Sundays at 9:30 am - Nursery, Lil' Kidz Church, and Kidz Church

Sundays from 3:00-4:00 pm - Children's Choir (K-5<sup>th</sup>)

Wednesdays from 5:45-7:30 pm -Wednesdays in the Word (Dinner & Bible Study for  $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$  graders)

### **Family Thanksgiving Feast**

All families (babies-5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Thanksgiving Feast on **Sunday**, **November 17 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm**. We will provide the main dish and drinks. Families are asked to help provide food by bringing a side dish or dessert for the meal. Please do NOT bring any dishes with NUTS. We will eat, fellowship, and give thanks for all that God has blessed us with!



# 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

#### November

3rd—Kwar 10th—Youth 17th-Worship at Roswell 24th—No Youth

The Youth Program is selling some DMC shirts as a fundraiser! We have a sweatshirt, a tee shirt for the Good Shepherd, and a DMC youth shirt. If you're interested in a shirt, please email Bailey at <u>bailey@dahmc.org</u>or call him at 706-962-2614 to get on the order list. Each shirt is \$25 and the sweater is \$40.

**Contact Information** Bailey Tam, Director of Youth Ministry

bailey@dahmc.org 706-962-2614

# One Child El Salvador

### **'FINISH STRONG" - MATCHING FUNDS CHALLENGE FOR LA MAGDALENA SCHOOL**

In 2025, our goal is to complete the final three classrooms at the school. This will COM-PLETE the building infrastructure needed for the education of the children from Kindergarten through graduation from High School! This will include all needed classrooms, Computer Lab, Science Lab, Library, Infirmary, bathrooms, Teacher meeting room, and two small Administrative Offices. Cost for this project is approximately \$36,000.

\*\*CURRENTLY we have a **MATCHING FUND CHALLENGE** for this project! A generous donor has agreed to match construction donations **up to \$18,000** between now & December. **DOUBLE** your donation and let's finish these classrooms!

2025 marks the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our call to partner with Pastor Mauricio to build a school for the poor children in the village of La Magdalena. Let's make this the year that we complete the educational infrastructure of the school!

(NOTE: There are two more infrastructure projects that need to be done, but the classrooms will be complete!)

Please consider taking part is this wonderful opportunity by making a donation of any amount to One Child El Salvador, Inc. and designating the donation for "Construction". Donations may be made online at <u>www.onechildelsalvador.org</u> (choose "Construction" in the drop down box). Or you may donate by check to One Child El Salvador, Inc. and mail to PO Box 274, Dahlonega GA 30533. Be sure to notate "Construction" on the check.

We thank God for the continuing generosity of DMC in supporting this mission that will have lasting impact for the children, their families, and community, and, most importantly, the Kingdom of God!



### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MEET OUR KIDS IN ELSALVADOR IN NOVEMBER!

Although just a couple of weeks away, it is not too late to join our group going to La Magdalena November 13-18. This is a shorter trip, and a great opportunity to see the school, meet the kids, and attend the end-of-year graduations Currently our group consists of Margie Greer, Katie Trammell, Mary Kay Crowell, Linda Gilreath, and Lynn Pfeiffer. There is definitely room for more!

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.



### **CONSTRUCTION TRIP NOW FORMING FOR JANUARY OR FEBRUARY 2025!**

We will soon begin construction of the last few classrooms of the school. If you would like to take part in what may be the final year of construction, please contact Lynn Pfeiffer, Mission Trip Coordinator, as quickly as possible so that we can solidify the dates, schedule an informational meeting, and make definite plans. Other projects are always available, too. Lynn Pfeiffer/ <a href="clpfeiffer1321@gmail.com">clpfeiffer1321@gmail.com</a>/706-265-5236.

### EXCITING UPDATE ON COFFEE TO SUPPORT EL SALVADOR MISSION!



Franciscio Fuentes and daughter Renee at new coffee debut at Gold Rush

OCES debuted our new coffee in October, roasted from our newest shipment of coffee beans from our local farmer in El Salvador, Francisco Fuentes and his family-owned farm, Finca la Providencia! Francisco and his daughter Renee even came for the debut! This is our high-quality medium and dark roast coffees grown high in the volcanic mountains of El Salvador. We also now have a small batch of extra premium coffee from the Caceres family farm. All of our coffee is roasted and bagged locally at Because Coffee in Dawsonville for maximum freshness.

#### **CLEARANCE SALE-A Few Left!**

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)

#### Last chance at these prices! www.onechildcoffee.myshopify.com



### One Child El Salvador

### THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to all who came out to the 5th Annual Concert & BBQ Fundraiser in Hancock Park! A good time was had by all who attended, while helping us raise much-needed funds for the children at the school in La Magdalena!

However, we still have one aspect of our event that is ongoing until November 9th - our Online Raffle for a 1-Week stay at a Beachfront Condo at Panama City Beach, FL. Please see details below, buy some tickets, and help us raise even more needed funds for the school!

# **ONLINE RAFFLE**

### 1-WEEK VACATION IN BEACHFRONT CONDO AT PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL

(3 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms – Sleeps 8 - \$3,000 VALUE)

### Tickets \$10 Each or 6 for \$50

Proceeds benefit One Child El Salvador, Inc.

Purchase Raffle Tickets online www.auctria.events/BEACHRAFFELE or scan QR Code.



DRAWING FOR WINNER WILL BE 11/9/2024

www.onechildelsalvador.org











# 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 November**

The communion rail offering in November is for Jeremiah's Place. Jeremiah's Place is a transitional housing community that provides families with a clean, safe, and stable place to live while they are taught how to start new, prosperous, and productive lives.

Note: Our communion bread is gluten free, vegan and contains no dairy, soy, peanuts, treenuts, 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 – canyouhearme). Open the app and select "DMC Sanctuary". For more information, contact Chuck Bell @ <u>chuck@chuckbellmusic.com</u> 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

### <u>9:30 a.m.</u>

Primetime Class—Room: Library—Facilitator: Chris Buice

### <u>11:00 a.m.</u>

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 2nd 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 <u>karamartina45@gmail.com</u>.

The Veterans will be Recognized on Sunday, November 10th.

