

JANUARY 2025

The Prospector

Dahlonega Methodist Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we exit a tumultuous old year and embark on a new year, I think it will help us to follow the encouragement found in Scripture. The bible teaches that in times of uncertainty and change, there is something strengthening about focusing on the person of Jesus, the *“image of the invisible God . . . For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.”* (Colossians 1:15; 2:9). We have a rich Christian heritage and God has guided us through so much, so *“let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.”* (Hebrews 12:1-2).

We focus on Jesus because He came to earth not only to save us, but to enlighten us about the spiritual reality of life and give us strength for the journey – He is the *“true light that enlightens everyone . . .”* (John 1:9). He came into the world to give us heavenly spiritual blessings knowing who He is and who we are: *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”* (Ephesians 1:3). To this end, we will be studying in the first few months of 2025 how a life in Christ begins with repentance and faith but extends through union with Jesus in our inner being manifested through a servant’s life. We invite you to come along with us on this journey. Selah.

Steve

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Announcements



Wednesday Night Supper will resume January 8th.
Watch for details



Confirmation Classes 2025

Confirmation classes are for 5th graders and older. Classes will begin on Sunday, **January 19th** from 3:00-4:00 pm in the Church Library. Pastor Steve and Robin Parr will lead the classes. If you would like your child to participate please email deborah@dahmc.org to sign up. Students who complete confirmation will be confirmed on Sunday, March 30th (Classes are ten weeks)

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

The Sportsmen's Group will not meet on January 20th. Our next meeting will be Monday, February 17th at 6pm at the Ivie Lodge on Camp Glisson. Please contact me at repol-k175@gmail.com let me know if you plan to attend, so we can have a good headcount.

DMC Women's Circle of Faith

All women are invited!
(Now meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month)

January 21st, 10AM: Pledge Program presented by Suzanne Crossan

A review of the proposed budget for 2025 and discussion/feedback of donations in 2025 toward various missions. This group having been newly formed, your input on where to use your donations is vital. We focus on local missions but support state, national and world missions as well. *NOTE: Officers meeting immediately following this meeting.*

February 18th, 10AM: Baby Shower for Well Root, formerly United Methodist Children's Home. Well Root's missions are to keep families together whenever possible, provide short-term foster families when necessary, and offer housing and wrap-around support to families and transition-age youth. The goal is to help every family become and stay well-rooted. Sharon Brewer will bring her passion as she informs of this life-changing mission. Details on bringing a gift for the families served will be emailed in late January. Contact Suzanne Crossan at suzannecrossan@yahoo.com or text 706-300-1839 for information.

Epic of Eden **Understand the Old Testament** **Bible Study** **beginning Sunday, January 12th**

Dr. Sandra Richter clearly and powerfully communicates a history of God's redeeming grace, weaving together a story that runs from the Eden of the Garden to the garden of the New Jerusalem. In this study you will gain a rich understanding of the context in which the Old Testament was written. You will "Organize your closet," making sense of all the Old Testament parts, pieces, and stories you've accumulated over time and discover the present-day implications of Scripture's big story. Just because it happened in the past doesn't mean it stays there!

Facilitator: Rev. Robin Parr

Time: 2:00—3:30 pm

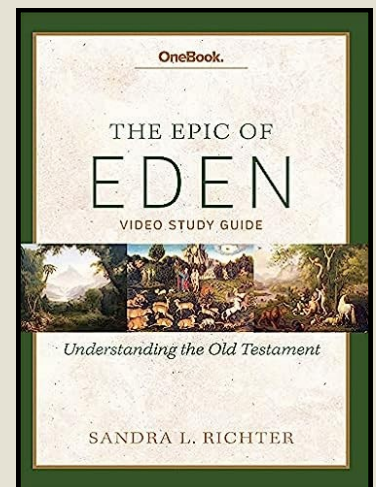
Location: Room 308

Duration: 12 Weeks

Dates: January 12th, 19th, 26th, February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, March 2nd 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.

To purchase a study guide click on

link: <https://my.seedbed.com/product/epic-of-eden-by-sandra-richter/>



Announcements

Globetrotters

Globetrotters: Do you love music? Come test your music knowledge, meet new people, fellowship with friends, and have a singingly good time with **Chuck Bell's Music Trivia!** Light refreshments will be served.

The fun will happen in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, January 28, 2025 from 1-3 pm.** Please RSVP, to Deena Rankin 678-923-1034 or Cindy Williams 706-973-9272 by January 25, 2025.

Globetrotters

Wesley Dinner Bell Schedule

The Wesley Dinner Bell gives thanks for all those groups who have supported this ministry. For 2025 the February & March dates have been filled. Groups are still needed for Thursday, April 3, 2025 and Thursday, May 1, 2025. Please contact Kara Martina by text or email if you're willing to participate (706-300-4210 or karamartina45@gmail.com).

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

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, especially for June and July. If you can help please call the church office at 706-864-2521 or email nancy@dahmc.org.

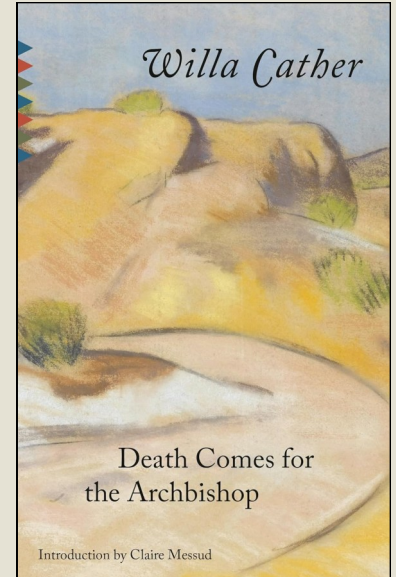
Community Helping Place Needs

The holiday season can be difficult for many families. Many of those families are also facing financial hardship. If you could spare some food for those that come to our Food Pantry, it would be greatly appreciated. At this point, we would really appreciate any food you can provide, but I will give you a list of some of the more popular items: Canned Fruit, Pasta & Pasta sauce, Mac & Cheese, Grits. Please drop off at Community Helping Place.

Thank You!
Many thanks to all who helped with the Christmas Day Meal!
It was an amazing job and amazing event!

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be discussing
Death Come for the Archbishop,
By Willa Cather



**On Wednesday January 22nd,
at 6:30pm in the Library.**
**Check Dahlonga's local library for
check out availability or click here to
purchase on Amazon:**
<https://a.co/d/cfY2zsV>

In 1851 Father Jean Marie Latour comes to serve as the Apostolic Vicar to New Mexico. What he finds is a vast territory of red hills and tortuous arroyos, American by law but Mexican and Indian in custom and belief. In the almost forty years that follow, Latour spreads his faith in the only way he knows—gently, all the while contending with an unforgiving landscape, derelict and sometimes openly rebellious priests, and his own loneliness. Out of these events, Cather gives us an indelible vision of life unfolding in a place where time itself seems suspended.

Children's Ministry, MMO & Preschool, Youth



Dahlonoga Methodist Church Children's Ministry

Sun, Jan. 5 **No Kidz Church (K-5th Grade)**
Worship with families in service.
Classes still available for babies – PreK

Wed, Jan. 8 **Wednesdays in the Word – 5:45-7:30 pm**
 (3rd-5th Grade Bible Study)

Sun, Jan. 12 **Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church at 9:30 am**
Family Pop-Up Event – It's a Glow Birthday Party! 4:00-6:00 pm
It's a glow-in-the-dark birthday celebration for everyone! Families are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall as we eat dinner, play birthday games, & praise the Lord!

Wed, Jan. 15 **Wednesdays in the Word – 5:45-7:30 pm** (3rd-5th Grade Bible Study)

Sun, Jan. 19 **Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church at 9:30 am**

Wed, Jan. 22 **Wednesdays in the Word – 5:45-7:30 pm** (3rd-5th Grade Bible Study)

Sun, Jan. 26 **Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church at 9:30 am**

Wed, Jan. 29 **Wednesdays in the Word – 5:45-7:30 pm** (3rd-5th Grade Bible Study)

Save the Dates

Please mark your calendar for these important dates:

March 30th: Rise Up! Family Easter Event 4:00-6:00 pm

June 16-19 (M-Th): Vacation Bible School 9:00 am-12:00 pm



Thank you to everyone who joined us for an amazing dinner at Wolf Mountain Vineyards benefiting our sweet children! It was a huge success! Thank you to Lindsey Smith and the Boegner Family for this wonderful fundraiser opportunity and Wolf Mountain staff who always does an amazing job.

Chasing Away Winter 5K February 8, 2025, 8:45 am @ Camp Glisson



Join us for our annual 5K Run/Walk & 1 Mile Fun Run @ Camp Glisson! This is a fun event for all ages! Proceeds benefit the children of MMO/Preschool.



Scan the QR code to register!

Youth Ministry

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

WINTER SCHEDULE

Sunday

MS Worship & HS Small Group

Sunday Afternoons 4—6pm

Meet at DMC field/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

HS Worship & MS Small Groups

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

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

January

2nd—4th—MS Ski Trip

5th—NO Youth

17th—20th—HS Ski Trip

Middle School Ski Trip-Beech Mtn. NC

January 2—4/\$225/\$100 deposit by

December 4th./Beech Mountain, NC

High School Ski Trip-Winterplace, WV

January 17-20th/\$275, \$100 deposit by

December 4th./Winterplace, WV

Contact Information

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One Child El Salvador



URGENT HELP NEEDED IN OUR “FINISH STRONG” MATCHING FUNDS CHALLENGE FOR

In 2025, our goal is to complete the final three classrooms at the school. This will COMPLETE 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!

SO FAR, WE ONLY HAVE \$8250 TOWARD THE \$18,000 MATCH! WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FINISH THE NEEDED CONSTRUCTION!

2025 marks the 19th 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 in 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 www.onechildelsalvador.org (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!



Classroom building completed in 2023, with Pastor Francisco (School Administrator), Greg Thomas, and the local Educational



SKIP THE STARBUCKS - ENJOY HIGH-QUALITY COFFEE AT HOME WHILE HELPING CHILDREN IN EL SALVADOR



OCES debuted our newest 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! 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, as needed, at Because Coffee in Dawsonville for maximum freshness.

WE NOW HAVE K-CUPS

One Child Coffee comes in medium and dark roast, drip grind, whole bean, and now K-cups. Something Proceeds from your One Child Coffee purchases make it possible for children in El Salvador to receive the blessing of an excellent Christian education and to have a better future!

www.onechildcoffee.myshopify.com



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 January

January’s communion rail offering is for Dahlonga Pregnancy Center. When you make a financial gift, you are standing in the gap for women and ensuring they are cared for with compassion, love and empowered in their pregnancy choices. North Georgia Pregnancy Services Center is the only reproductive medical clinic in the Dahlonga and Dawsonville areas providing holistic care for women at no cost. Dahlonga Pregnancy Center is able to serve our community because of the passionate people who feel inspired to contribute to the cause.

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

Park Street Improvement Project

The Park Street Utilities Improvement Project is not expected to affect traffic flow around the Church during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, as no work should be done North of Arcadia street until 2025. More details will follow after the New Year.

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

New folks always welcome!

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”.