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The Prospector

Dahlonega Methodist Church

Honoring Lisa Care and Greg Ford

For over 10 years, Greg Ford has led our Lisa Care Ministry. Lisa Care is our benevolence ministry that aids, in the Lumpkin County community, those who are in need.

Becoming a volunteer for Lisa Care requires a love for Jesus Christ, a love for all people, discernment, wisdom, and especially compassion. Greg Ford embodies all of these qualities. Greg is a servant. He has served people faithfully, meeting them each month here at the church to listen, pray, and find ways to alleviate their suffering. He has served people in their homes, going the extra mile to make sure that clients are receiving the care needed. I have watched Greg pray over clients and, at times, cry over them. Greg's deep love and devotion to Jesus Christ is evident in the way that he serves and loves the people who come through our doors.

After 10 years, Greg is stepping down from leadership due to devotion that he has for his brother and making sure his brother is cared for.

Mark and Lisa McClure are also leaders for Lisa Care, and they will continue to meet with clients once a month. However, we are now in need of a volunteer(s) who would be willing to learn first about our Lisa Care ministry and then would be willing to lead a second team. We also need volunteers who would be members of this team.

If you would like to know more about ways you may serve in our Lisa Care Ministry, please contact Mark (770-733-6006) and Lisa (706-429-7562) McClure.

Thank you, Greg Ford, "Well done! Good and Faithful Servant!"

Pastor Robin



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Opportunities to Serve the Community

Provided by the North GA Methodist Disaster Coordinator, there will be a Chainsaw training session that consist of a classroom portion of around 3 hours +/- with the outdoor practical part taking 2 - 3 hours depending on the number of participants. This training is scheduled for Saturday, April 5th 8:30-12p at Dahlonge Methodist Church with the 2-3-hour outdoor session at a site to be determined. If you are interested in joining, please contact Bob Wilde 470-736-4979 or robertwilde@bellsouth.net.

DMC Women's Circle of Faith

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

April 15th – Field trip to Murphy Harpst in Cedartown, and lunch

Join us in front of DMC to gather in the church van. Seating is limited. Text Kara Martina ASAP at **706-300-4210** to reserve your seat (no charge except a love offering for our driver). Departure time is about 8:30. Expect to return to Dahlonge around 3PM.

May 20th – Debra Stipe will talk about her book, Room to Bloom.

Do you ever question whether you are living your best life? Our own Debra Stipe has the guide for you. Full of prompts to direct your thoughts according to God's will, her study book, Room to Bloom guides you to your best life.

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

The Sportsman's Group will meet at 6pm, April 21st at the Church Pavilion for fellowship and a meal. Please contact Ray at repolk175@gmail.com if you plan to attend so we can have a good headcount for the meal.



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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23rd – 5:30 – 6:30 PM at the Pavilion
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 end when the food runs out.*

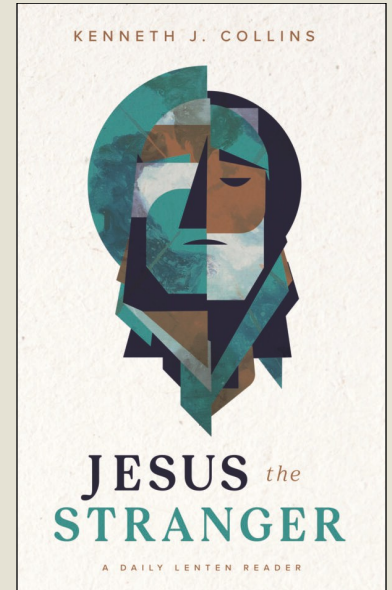
Lisa Care Benevolence Ministry

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 back of the pews and then dropping in the offering plate. Your Lisa Care offerings are greatly appreciated.

Baby Recognition Day 2025

The Dahlonge Circle of Faith would like to honor **new babies born May 2024 through the last week in April 2025**. The babies and their immediate families will be recognized by the church on Sunday, May 11, 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, children's coordinator, or to the church office**. Linda Herman is the Circle of Faith contact. She can be reached at 706-974-5694, lhherman@windstream.net.

Churchwide Study



We will continue during Lent to walk with Jesus and see him in a new way during this season of Lent. *Jesus the Stranger: A Daily Lenten Reader* leads us on this journey, offering a fresh lens through which to see Christ. Focusing on his humanity—especially his experiences of suffering, rejection, and isolation—this Lenten reader helps us relate our own struggles and humanness to his. As we journey with Jesus toward the cross, we are met by our Savior, who lived and fully understands our pain and sorrow—who offers healing, the healing of holy love.

DLCMA Community Lenten Service

All Services at DMC at 12 noon—With a light lunch following the services

April 1st

Abiding and Active Love: 1 John 4:7-12 (God's Act of Love that is Active & Abiding in the hearts and lives of His children)

April 8th

Finding Hope & Love at the Cross: Luke 23:32-46 (The crucifixion of Jesus)
Rev. Robin Parr will be speaking.

Announcements



Side by Side In Service—Uniting in Christ to Serve our Community **May 3, 2025**



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 to volunteer.**
www.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, go to menu, then suggest a project. Please suggest a project early to allow time to process and coordinate request with job leaders and volunteers.**

There is something for everyone and every skill level.

Construction and Landscaping

New Construction, Construction Repair, Light home repair, cleaning, maintenance, Yard cleanup, Special skills (painting, electrical, plumbing, equipment operator), Tree work, Project leaders.

Community Outreach

Friday-set up for Saturday Activities, Visitation to project sites, visitation to nursing home, homebound, personal care center, Team leaders, Sew lap quilts, walker bags, lap quilts for nursing home, Singing at nursing home, suggestion for other projects.

Food

Food Preparation—Friday
Fold Preparation—Saturday
Food Service—Saturday
Cleanup (after 4 o'clock meal)

May 3rd Schedule

7:00—Registration at Dahlonga Baptist
7:30—Commissioning Service
8:00—Volunteers report to work sites
4:00—Volunteers & project owners return
to DBC for a meal and celebration

Any Questions? sidexsideinservice@gmail.com

Can't actively participate? You can donate through www.sidebysideinservice.com or by check. Please indicate "Side by Side" in the memo line.

Without the help of so many in this community, Side by Side would not be possible.



Congratulations 2025 Confirmands!

**Confirmation Sunday is
April 27th at 9:00am.**



Mason Wight



Lyla Jones



Ailey Rose Smith



Camden Olivier



Jane Harrison



Luke Durany



Devon Hammen

Not Shown:
Leah Bruno
Chad Harrison
Sarah Harrison



**The Bruno's—(Left to right)
Katie, Nicole, Saralyn, Travis**

Announcements

Globetrotters

Globetrotters! Join us on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at noon, in the Fellowship Hall, for a Photography Lunch & Learn, featuring our own professional photographer, Margie Greer. Wish you could take better pictures? Tired of blurry pics, people blinking, overly dark or light pictures? With her enthusiastic approach and passion for this artistic craft, Margie will guide us through creative processes, as well as provide an opportunity to view some of her work. She will cover tips for taking better photos from your phone, how to edit from your phone, how to use your phone's camera settings and share the hidden options you may not know about. All about phone photography, no camera needed! A light lunch will be provided. **Please RSVP, by April 18, to Cindy Williams, 706-973-9272, or Deena Rankin, 678-923-1034.**

Upcoming May Event: Saturday, May 17, 2025

We are hitting the road and traveling to LaGrange, GA to the Biblical History Center for an Archaeological Tour and Biblical Meal. Learn about life in Biblical times from the Center's Garden with 23 exhibits from the Old & New Testaments. See real-life archaeological replicas, such as an oasis, OT & NT tombs, altars, threshing floor, grape press, olive press, a grain silo, a village + more. The Artifacts Gallery is an amazing opportunity to peer back across the ages to see what daily life was like in ancient times. The 250 artifacts from the National Treasures of Israel are exhibited in life-like settings. The Center is privileged to be one of only eight museums in the world, and the only one in the Southeast US, to have such a collection. The Biblical Meal is a four-course meal consisting of 15 different food items, including soup, salad, fruit, main course, dessert and all beverages, (grape juice or water). Your guide will explain ancient meal practices including Passover and the Last Supper, and the setting of the table for reconciliation. All of this will be done in our 1st century-style dining rooms, at Roman Triclinium tables. This will be an all-day event with transportation provided in the church bus. The cost will be approximately \$75/person. Departure time, to be announced.

*** For all events, please RSVP to

Deena Rankin, 678-923-1034, or Cindy Williams, 706-973-9272 ***

Globetrotters

Holy Land Classic Journey

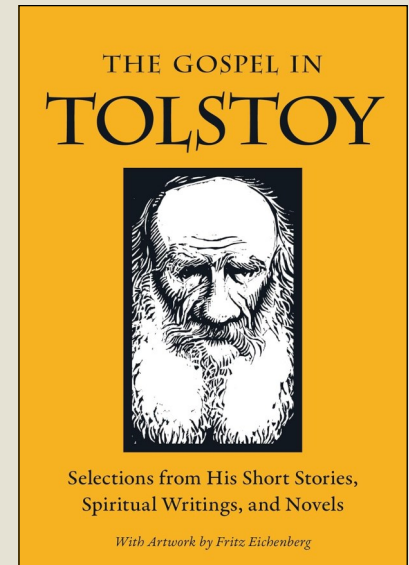


Join Rev. Robin & Dan Parr on a Holy Land Classic Journey, starting at \$4,746 from Atlanta, departing on October 17, 2025. You will see Jericho, Qumran, Bethlehem, Caesarea Maritima, Cana, Nazareth, Galilee, Megiddo, Beit Shean, Chorazim, Kursi, Samaria, Jacob's Well, Jerusalem, and much more! All information may be accessed here: <https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/hl25101725p58142#eotours>

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be discussing *The Gospel In Tolstoy*, Selections from His Short Stories, Spiritual Writings & Novels (The Gospel in Great Writers)

**Wednesday, May 7th
at 6:30pm in the Library.**



This anthology vividly reveals – as none of his novels, novellas, short stories, plays, or essays could on its own – the great Russian novelist's fascination with the life and teachings of Jesus and the gospel themes of betrayal and forgiveness, sacrifice and redemption, death and resurrection.

Drawn from *War and Peace*, *Anna Karenina*, *Resurrection*, *The Death of Ivan Ilyich*, *The Kingdom of God Is Within You*, *Master and Man*, *Walk in the Light*, and *Twenty-Three Tales*, the selections are each prefaced by a contextual note. Newcomers will find in these pages a rich, accessible sampling. Tolstoy enthusiasts will be pleased to find some of the writer's deepest, most compelling passages in one volume.

Click here to purchase book from Amazon: <https://a.co/d/h4jmJUv>

This book is not available at the local library.

Children's Ministry, MMO & Preschool, Youth



April Calendar for D-Town Kidz

Wed, April 2	Wednesdays in the Word —5:45-7:30 pm (3 rd -5 th Grade Bible Study)
Sun, April 6	No Kidz Church (K-5th Grade) <i>Worship with families in service. Classes still available for babies – PreK</i>
Wed, April 9	NO Wednesdays in the Word due to Spring Break
Sun, April 13	Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church at 9:30 am
April 14-17	You've Been Egged! We are coming to "egg" your house with Easter eggs!
Wed, April 16	Wednesdays in the Word – 5:45-7:30 pm (3 rd -5 th Grade Bible Study)
Sun, April 20	Happy Easter! - No Kidz Church (K-5th Grade) <i>Worship with families in service. Classes still available for babies – PreK</i>
Wed, April 23	Wednesdays in the Word – 5:45-7:30 pm (3 rd -5 th Grade Bible Study)
Sun, April 27	Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church at 9:00 am Family Pop-Up Event – 4:00-6:00 pm
Wed, April 30	Wednesdays in the Word – 5:45-7:30 pm (3 rd -5 th Grade Bible Study) <i>This will be our last one for the school year!</i>

Vacation Bible School

June 16-19 (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 Road Trip VBS!

Register online now at: www.dtownkidz.org



Register for PreK Classes

We have openings in our PreK classes if you are interested in registering for 2025-26 school year.

Do you have a heart for children?

If you have a heart for children and would like information on possibly volunteering, substituting, or employment, please contact Angie Mayo @ angie@dahmc.org for more information.

"Spring break week of April 7-10."

The preschool office will close that week as well.

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

Wednesday

HS Worship & MS Small Groups

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

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

April

April 6th—No Youth! Spring Break

April 9th—No Youth! Spring Break

April 20th—No Youth! Easter

High School Mission Trip

June 20-29th /\$400 to go to Colorado Springs, CO Rising

9th—Graduated Seniors welcome

\$200 deposit + Sign ups close May 21st.

Middle School Camp

July 13-16th/\$275 to go/\$100 deposit + sign ups close by June 18th. Ocoee Adventures Retreat Center in Tennessee.

Contact Information

Bailey Tam, *Director of Youth Ministry*
bailey@dahmc.org/706-962-2614

One Child El Salvador

UNG Wesley Collegiate Mission Trip to El Salvador

This past month, UNG Wesley Collegiate went down to El Salvador to La Magdalena for our Spring Break Mission Trip. What an amazing trip! We took 23 people, 16 of which were college students. While down there we were able to spend a lot of time with the students, visiting classrooms, playing soccer, leading different age group chapel services, going to church services, and doing home visits. We had the most incredible time there with the people of La Magdalena. So many relationships made along with many other relationships rekindled by seeing friends we hadn't since last year. It is difficult to put into words how impactful that trip was for our college students. One night at worship we had two students who played with the worship team. One song they sang in English and Spanish, alternating verses in each. When it got to the chorus they would sing English and Spanish at the same time. While they were singing you could feel the Holy Spirit drop in the church and we were all overwhelmed with the goodness of God. A service none of us will ever forget. We have decided to make that our annual Spring Break Mission Trip and many students are looking forward to going back next year. Thank you to all who donated to get these students to La Magdalena and to all who prayed for us while on the trip!



One college student said this about his experience. "This was my first time going to El Salvador and going on a mission trip. Earlier in the year I became a graphic design intern for One Child El Salvador, so I was excited to see the school. I was amazed by how God was providing for La Magdalena and the community. I am honored to be able to help provide for this school and I hope to return one day soon." *Robb Daniel*

YOU ASKED - WE LISTENED!

NEW COFFEE PRODUCTS

NOW AVAILABLE!



Enjoy our much-anticipated Espresso Blend, as well as our expanded Pod (K-cup) line with both Dark and Medium Roast in 12, 18, and 24 count options. Grab yours while supplies last!

No need to go to Starbucks! Enjoy high-quality coffee at home while helping children in El Salvador.

THANK YOU BLACKBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

A big shout-out to Blackburn Elementary School's "Chiefs for Change Club" for their amazing fundraiser selling our coffee to support La Magdalena School kids! Thanks to the students and parents for their dedication and support for One Child El Salvador! Under the coordination of teacher Megan Pendley, this is the second year of this awesome collaboration for kids helping kids!

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>

Holy Week Services

April 17th—Maundy Thursday Service—7:00pm, at DMC

April 18th—Good Friday Service—12 noon, at DMC

April 20th—Sunrise Service at Hancock Park 7:00AM

April 20th—Easter Services 8:00, 9:30, 11:00, at DMC

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.

Confirmation Sunday—ONE Service

April 27th at 9:00am—At DMC

Baptism at Camp Glisson at 2pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the baptism of the confirmands Sunday, April 27th at 2:00pm at Camp Glisson. This would be a great time to be baptized if you haven't been already. Please email deborah@dahmc.org to sign up.

Adult Sunday School Classes—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

We are studying in the Book of Acts. New folks always welcome and bring a friend.

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 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".

Sewing Hearts Circle

Sewing Hearts Circle are women who join for a time of sharing, friendship, fun, talking, and praying, while all the time making and stuffing "Heart Pillows". You don't have to know how to sew to make a "Heart Pillow". You can cut out the pattern and/or only stuff the pillows at the same time enjoy Christian fellowship. The pillows are distributed to children, teens, and adults, who need something to touch as a reminder that "God Loves Them"! We meet once a month on a Friday morning. If you or someone you know is in need of a heart pillow, they will be distributed the second Sunday of each month from 8:00-12 noon. For more information contact Candy Trowbridge at htcrow@gmail.com or Betty Fisher at bettyfisher5262@msn.com.