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The Prospector

Dahlonega Methodist Church

EMMAUS

We are all on a journey with Christ, some following closely and others meandering away. Regardless Jesus beckons all to follow Him closely, to get to know Him more and more intimately and to share His love with others.

What if an opportunity to spend three days smothered in the love of God was made available to you, how would you respond? What is this experience? A weekend retreat called The Walk to Emmaus. What is The Walk to Emmaus? Simply – an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as He is revealed to you in scripture while seeing and experiencing Him through the lives of other believers. It is more than three days on retreat; it is an opportunity to learn and live out what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

What happens on the weekend retreat? For 72-hours you experience first-hand Christian spiritual renewal and formation. It is opportunity to join with other travelers with Christ in small groups singing, laughing, learning, praying, worshiping and discussing God's gift of grace. You will discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and how you offer grace to others. Holy Communion is celebrated each day after times of personal reflection and examination. You will leave the weekend having experienced Christian love in action in new ways and will be equipped to share, to serve and to lead in new ways.

What is the purpose of Emmaus? To develop Christian leaders to serve in their local congregations and ministries. The Emmaus experience – the weekend and life afterward inspires, challenges and equips participants for Christian action in their homes, churches, places of work and recreation.

Who should go to Emmaus Weekend? Members of the local church who desire to strengthen their spiritual lives; who have unanswered questions about their faith; who recognize that being a Christian involves responsibility; and who are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God.

My own Emmaus experience began before I "walked". Members of this church began praying for me and others to agree to attend and participate. I walked with five other men (6 women attended the next weekend) from this congregation in October 2004. Since then, I served on walks as laity and clergy for four different WTE Communities, served on the Board of Georgia Foothills Walk to Emmaus. This summer I have been asked to serve as the Lead Spiritual Director for the GFWTE Community Men's Walk #40. I would love for men from this congregation to participate, I'm sure there is something God can teach me through you! I'd love for 6 women to participate the following weekend. Since the spring of 2004 over 150 men and women from the congregation have participated in this ministry. Steve, Robin and I hope and pray to revive this ministry here. Please pray. Those of you who have walked please come back, re-engage with the community, spread the word, invite a friend. Those of you interested let us know.

Georgia Foothills Walk to Emmaus Community holds Men's Walk July 10-13 and Women's Walk July 17-20 at Camp of Colors just outside Dahlonega on 9E.

Rev. Ed Dickens

Contact Ed for more Info: 706-265-9229

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Announcements

ConnectAbility

Praise in the Park Concert, benefitting ConnectAbility, Saturday, June 14th at Hancock Park, 5pm. Bring your favorite picnic set-up. Live music & program 6-7:30pm. There will be an offering during the program to benefit ConnectAbility.

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

The Sportsmen's Group will meet at 6pm, Monday, June 16th at the Church pavilion for a meal and fellowship. Please email Ray at repolk175@gmail.com if you plan to attend so we can have a good headcount for the meal.

DMC Women's Circle of Faith

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

June 24th—Luncheon—We are going to Hacienda restaurant next to Publix in Dahlonega at 1pm. If it's not open at that time we will go to the one in Dawsonville, behind the Kroger gas station. Check for an email or call the church office for an update.

July 22nd—We will carpool to Bethel MC Dawsonville camp meeting July 22. Following the service, we will fellowship with a meal in Dawsonville. More information to follow.

Globetrotters

Globetrotters!! Here's the scoop! Gather your friends and come make some new ones for a lively afternoon of BINGO!! Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. We will be spinning the balls, calling the numbers, and you will be winning the prizes! I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!! Join us for some sweet fun, while enjoying a variety of ice cream and toppings! Please RSVP, no later than June 20, 2025, to Cindy Williams, (706-973-9272), or Deena Rankin, (678-923-1034).

Looking ahead... Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live during the time that Jesus was alive? Then join the Globetrotters as we travel to LaGrange, GA, to the **Biblical History Center**, for a 1st century meal and tour on **Saturday, August 23rd**.

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.

The highlight of any visit to the Biblical History Center is a walk through the archaeological replica garden where full-scale reconstructions of structures relevant to daily life in Biblical times bring history to life. Four areas of ancient life are represented in our Archaeological Replica Garden: Life of the Shepherd, Life of the Farmer, Life of the Village, and Roman Theater and Market Street.

We will **depart** the **Walmart** parking lot at **7:00 am** on the church bus. It will be a fun, full day of fellowship and learning. The center is completely handicap accessible. Please advise us of any dietary restrictions or food allergies. The tour and meal package collectively runs approximately 3 hours long. The tour itself runs for 1.5 hours. Cost is \$75 per person for the meal/tour. **Deadline to reserve your spot and pay for the tour, (\$75, non-refundable), is August 13, 2025. RSVP to Deena Rankin 678-923-1034 or Cindy Williams 706-973-9272.** Learn more by visiting <https://biblicalhistorycenter.com>.

CHP Summer Food Program

Outreach Mission Opportunities June 25th and July 16th from 10-1

Every summer CHP has a summer food program for school aged children that live in Lumpkin County and attend LC schools, that receive free or reduced breakfast & lunch during the school year. During the summer these families have added expenses, such as childcare and buying additional food. This program is designed to provide breakfast, lunch and snacks throughout the summer just as they received during the school year.

Volunteers are needed on June 25th and July 16th at CHP for the distribution of the food.

How it works:

The drive-thru event is 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The first time volunteers should come 15 minutes early to learn what to do. If it is their second time volunteering, they can arrive by 9:55.

One person will have the list of families that have pre-registered. Each family will be assigned a number, the volunteer will meet the clients at their car, call out the number to the person with the list. That volunteer will tell the other 3 people how many are in the household. Then one or more of those volunteers will collect the appropriate food for that household, will bring it to their car and put it in the car.

If you can help pull food, pack boxes, and pass out food on June 25th and July 16th, for the summer food program at CHP, please call Debi Holloway at 706-867-9621.

Urgent CHP Pantry Needs: Fruit Juice, Jelly, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Diapers



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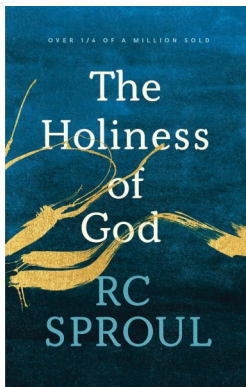
Holy Land Classic Journey



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 reading the following two books over the summer. The discussion on the two books will be Wednesday, August 27th at 6:30pm in the Library. Come join us!

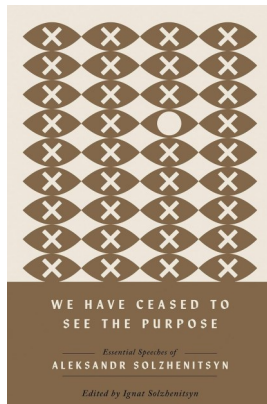


The Holiness of God

Central to God's character is the quality of holiness. Yet most people struggle to define what God's holiness precisely is. R. C. Sproul, in this classic theological work, puts the holiness of God in its proper and central place in the Christian life. Drawing from both the Old Testament and the New Testament, he paints an awe-inspiring vision of God that encourages Christians to become holy just as God is holy.

Click here to purchase the book: [The Holiness of God: Sproul, R. C.: 9780842339650: Amazon.com: Books](https://www.amazon.com/dp/9780842339650)

The Dahlonga Library has one available to check out.



We Have Ceased to See the Purpose

This collection brings together ten of Nobel Prize-winner Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's most memorable and consequential speeches, delivered in the West and in Russia between 1972 and 1997.

Following his exile from the USSR in 1974, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn lived and traveled in the West for twenty years before the fall of Communism allowed him to return home to Russia. The majority of the speeches collected in this volume straddle this period of exile. Click here to purchase the book:

[We Have Ceased to See the Purpose: Essential Speeches of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn \(The Center for Ethics and Culture Solzhenitsyn Series\): Solzhenitsyn, Aleksandr, Solzhenitsyn, Ignat: 9780268208585: Amazon.com: Books](https://www.amazon.com/dp/9780268208585)

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

You are invited to join a Dementia Caregiver Support Group at Dahlonga Assisted Living and Memory Care beginning Tuesday, June 3rd, 1:00pm-2:00pm. The group will meet twice a month for 8 weeks. For more information on how to RSVP, click here: [Dementia Caregiver Support Group.pdf](#)

Church Workday

June 7th 9am -noon

Coffee & Breakfast Treats 8am

Start the day at 8am with coffee and Breakfast Treats in the Fellowship Hall. After coffee we will do some summer cleanup. We will pull weeds, cut some bushes, spread mulch, polish pews, wash windows, and other detail cleaning. We will need to borrow rakes, shovels, and wheel barrels. Feel free to bring paper towels and dusting/cleaning rags. Contact Chris Tench at 770-265-6946 or scan below to leave a text or email with your name and contact number. Thank you all so much for serving the church!



Thank you for your support!

Each spring Lumpkin County's churches sponsor the Hearts for the Homeless Spaghetti Supper to support Jeremiah's Place for homeless women and children. The sponsoring churches have expanded each year from three churches to over ten churches. Our church's many faithful volunteers include volunteers from St. Peter Lutheran Church and Creekstone Church. Thank you, Dahlonga Methodist Church, for your special support once again! We appreciate the leadership of Steve and Paige Ferrell, Brenda Elrod, and Gail Dowsett (our Italian chef). This year's successful fundraiser truly makes a difference in the lives of so many families in need.

2025 Pre-K Graduates



Ms. Rebecca Rawlins

Ms. Jordan Weeks

Asher Airich
Lovelynn Brown
Ridge Flatt
Patton Francis
Zane Fulcher
Cedar Ray Hollis
Emma Huerta
Alyssa Knotts
Jack Odom
Ana Rose Pike
Walker Sullens
Liv Thornton

Ms. Tammy Hardin

Ms. Mariah Champagne

Perry Brown
Raelynn Brown
Gaines Chatham
Haven Gooch
Bryant Pendley
Hannah Rawlins
Houston Reyenga
Wesley Reyenga
Kaden Rich
Levi Smith
Callie Stepp
Charlie Stringer

Congratulations

High School Seniors!

Shelby Myers
Georgia College

Jillian Gastley
West Georgia

Elliot Kiefaber
Lanier Tech

Reilly Myers
UNG

Cal Faulkner
GA Tech

Jake Lloyd
GA Southern

Bryden Williams
GA Southern

Morgan Powell
University of South Carolina Upstate

Will Routhier
UGA

Wyatt Windham
GA Tech

Lily Clenney
UNG

Trent Mobley
Berry College

Gavin Grizzle
Lanier Tech

Antony Ramirez



Children's Ministry, MMO & Preschool, Youth



June Calendar for D-Town Kidz

Summer Schedule for D-Town Kidz

Kidz Church (K-5th grade) will meet as usual in June, but it will **NOT** meet for the month of July.

Nursery & Lil' Kidz (babies-PreK) **WILL** continue to meet as usual in both June & July at the 9:30 service.

We will promote kids to their new classes the first Sunday in August.

Summer Kidz Church Fun

Join us at Kidz Church at 9:30 am in June!

June 1 - No Kidz Church for K-5th (First Sunday Family Worship)

June 8 - Pentecost Sunday – Wear red

June 15 - Road Trip VBS Kick-Off (Wear a shirt you got on a road trip)

June 22 - Wear your VBS T-Shirt

June 29 – Wear Red, White, or Blue (or all 3 colors)

June Summer Pop-Up Event

Friday, June 13th – Main Street Movies at Hancock Park. Join us in the park at 8:00 pm for the community movie! Bring a chair or blanket!

VBS Registration

Register your child now for VBS!

Register online at: www.dtownkidz.org

VBS is June 16-19 from 9am-12pm.

Our theme this year is Road Trip!

For ages 3-years – 5th grade (completed)



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.

Youth Ministry

DMC Youth strive to live **LIFE**.

Love Everyone

Inspire Many

Fulfill God's Call

Empower Others

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Summer Schedule/May 25th—July 30th

Over the summer, Sundays will be Serve and Swim. Meet at the church at 4pm and return by 6:30-7pm. On Wednesdays we will have "Adventure Days" where we go hiking, swimming, etc.

June

1st—NO Youth Activities

June 16-19—VBS

June 20-29—HS Mission Trip

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.

Sundays During School Year

MS Worship & HS Small Group

Sunday Afternoons 4—6pm

Meet at DMC field/Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays During School Year

HS Worship & MS Small Groups

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

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

Contact Information

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

One Child El Salvador

LA MAGDALENA SENIORS PREPARING FOR SUCCESS!

Since the beginning of the 2025 school year in January, the first graduating class of seniors of the La Magdalena Christian School have been being prepared for success upon graduation! Building on preparation that began the previous year, these students are being prepared for their best possible futures! Partnering with the school in Santa Ana, our students have had aptitude tests, attended a College and Career Day in Santa Ana, are regularly hearing talks from successful professionals (Christian) who are visiting the school, receiving specialized training for possible careers, learning English through an now enhanced English Program, and more!



FACT: Without a school of this caliber, most of these kids would not have the opportunity for a successful future. Many would have dropped out of school long before this point, per national statistics.

Thanks to your continued financial support, our kids will have choices in their lives, and will be able to have a positive, tangible effect on their lives, as well as the lives of their families and community!

If you are not already, please consider helping financially so that YOU can also be a part of positively changing the lives of these children. We are still only receiving about half of the monthly cost of \$15,000 that it takes to operate the school. Please consider a recurring monthly donation, Sponsorship, or a one-time donation, as well as supporting our fundraisers.

YOU are instrumental in "Changing the heart of a Nation - One Child at a Time"!



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!

We still have a very limited amount of La Libertad coffee-rated as a top 10 coffee in El Salvador-available in 12oz bags.

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>

There will be
ONE Service
on July 6th at 10am
at Hancock Park.

The Church Office will be
closed Friday, July 4th.

Communion Rail Offering for June is for One Child El Salvador

One Child El Salvador, Inc. is a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization which exists to improve the lives of children in the nation of El Salvador through the establishment of schools to bring high-quality Christian education to the children, and through programs to help strengthen the family unit and improve the communities in which they live. Check out their website at www.onechildelsalvador.org. Please make your checks out to "One Child El Salvador."

He Knows My Name (...and now you can too!)

Studies show that hearing your name spoken can lead to a sense of inclusion & feeling known. So, we will begin having Nametag Sundays on the first Sunday of the month, aligning with Holy Communion and our children being present in worship services. Look for nametag stations in the Narthex on both floors of the sanctuary.

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 resuming the study 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 \$110.00. 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 hctrow@gmail.com or Betty Fisher at bettyfisher5262@msn.com.