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# The Prospector

Dahlonge Methodist Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the years, people have asked me how to know that they are walking in the way that leads to life that Jesus talked about - the straight and narrow way. One of the great evidences in your life is your ability to be able to forgive others.

Forgiveness is such a divine undertaking, that I would hazard to say that it cannot be done without the power of God working in us. On the one hand, forgiveness feels a lot like allowing injustice to occur to ourselves and our souls cry out for justice when we feel that someone is treated us unfairly. On the other hand, as saved sinners who have become temples of the living God we hear Jesus leading us to forgive when someone has treated us unjustly. This feels unfair, yet its very unfairness is what requires forgiveness. In other words, forgiveness is only appropriate in an instance of injustice.

Jesus calls us to the highest standard – His standard. If that seems inhuman to you, then you're correct. Only God can rise to the level of forgiveness that Jesus calls us toward, and we are able to forgive only because we have His Spirit living and guiding us. Jesus teaches that there is a cosmic aspect of every conflict that we encounter, *"Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'" (Matthew 18:21-35). It is God's great mercy for us that should empower us to be able to forgive others. Peter learned that lesson well, as he later wrote that when we don't allow God's forgiveness to pour through us it is as if we are *"nearsighted and blind, forgetting that [we] have been cleansed from [our] past sins."* (2 Peter 1:9).  
Selah, Steve*

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# 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](http://www.sidebysideinservice.com)**

Side by Side "Work Day", May 3<sup>rd</sup>, is fast approaching. DMC is a sponsor, along with nine other Dahlonega Lumpkin County Ministerial Association Churches. Side by Side is a non-profit 501(c)3. Work Day means fulfilling home or property project needs within Lumpkin County for folks unable to physically or financially do the work on their own. Projects range from yard cleanup to trash disposal, building wheelchair accessible ramps, roofing projects, sheetrock, as well as deck and porch replacement.

To complete our projects we need additional volunteers with a variety of skill sets. Even more, we need additional team leaders who will manage each project. If you have not yet volunteered and would like to donate your time and appropriate skills, please go to <https://sidebysideinservice.com/> and complete and return a volunteer application form. We greatly appreciate your help and know you will be rewarded by a day of helping those less fortunate.

For additional information, please contact:

Bob Wilde/Cell (470) 736-4979/[Robertwilde@bellsouth.net](mailto:Robertwilde@bellsouth.net)

Bill Halderson/Cell (912) 399-5069/[bill@haldersonsearch.com](mailto:bill@haldersonsearch.com)

### **Spaghetti Supper**

Jeremiah's Place 11th Annual Spaghetti Supper **this year** will be held at DMC and at nine other local churches on **Tuesday, May 13,**

**5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** This annual

fundraiser provides support for Jeremiah's Place, temporary housing for homeless families.

Tickets will be available after 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. services on May 4th.

More information and tickets can also be purchased online at

[www.lumpkincountyhomeless.org](http://www.lumpkincountyhomeless.org)

and used at any of the church

venues. Tickets sold at the door and on site are CASH/CHECK ONLY. Cost is \$12 per person or \$35 per family up to five members. Children under 13 eat free. **Please**

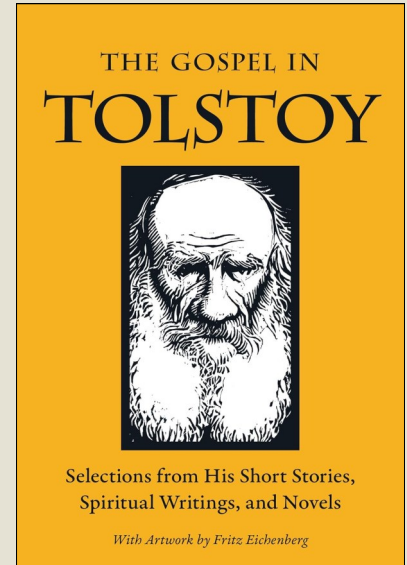
**contact Linda Herman, [lhherman@windstream.net](mailto:lhherman@windstream.net) or 706-974-5694, if you can volunteer for 1.5 hours on May 13, Tuesday.**



## **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.



# Announcements

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

The Sportsmen's Group will meet at the Church pavilion on Monday, May 19th at 6pm for a meal and fellowship. One of our Wesley Chapel members, John Hutchinson, will be our Guest Speaker. Please email Ray at [repolk175@gmail.com](mailto:repolk175@gmail.com) if you plan to attend so we can have a good headcount.

## **Globetrotters**

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, May 17.**

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 9:00 am on the church bus. The meal will be first, followed by the tour, for a total of 3 hours at the center. We will then drive to Frank's Family Restaurant, in Palmetto, for dinner, ([frankspalmetto.com/home](http://frankspalmetto.com/home)), returning to the parking lot that evening. It will be a fun, full day of fellowship and learning. The center is completely handicap accessible, and we will need to know any dietary restrictions or food allergies. The cost is \$75 per person for the meal/tour, plus your dinner on the return trip. **Deadline to reserve your spot and pay for the tour (\$75) is May 9, 2025; cash/check, made payable to DMC. RSVP to Deena Rankin 678-923-1034 or Cindy Williams 706-973-9272.** Learn more by visiting the Biblical History Center.

Globetrotters

## **DMC Women's Circle of Faith**

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

**May 20th at 10am – 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.

**June 24th—Luncheon**, location to be decided by the group at the May 20th meeting.

## **Wednesday Night Suppers**

Please note the Wednesday Night Suppers have ended for the summer. Stay posted for the start up date in September.

## **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>

## **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, starting May 4th, 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.

## **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!



## **North Georgia Chamber Symphony**

Mark your calendars for a fun event! The North Georgia Chamber Symphony will present a Quartet in concert at the Bowen Center for the Arts in Dawsonville, Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. The Quartet, which is comprised of members of the Chamber Symphony, will play a variety of music, classical from the 18<sup>th</sup> century through the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and even a little jazz. The concert is free and open to the public, with plenty of parking available nearby. Thursday, May 8, 2025  
Bowen Center for the Arts  
334 GA-9  
Dawsonville, GA 30534

# Outreach Opportunities



## VISION

TO FULFILL GOD'S PROMISE "TO SET THE LONELY IN FAMILIES." WE WORK TOWARD THIS GOAL BY  
**MOBILIZING CHURCH COMMUNITIES TO CARE FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN.**

## MISSION

### EQUIP CHURCHES TO:

- RAISE AWARENESS AROUND THE NEEDS OF VULNERABLE CHILDREN.
- HELP PREVENT CHILDREN FROM GOING INTO FOSTER CARE BY SUPPORTING BIOLOGICAL FAMILIES IN NEED.
- RECRUIT AND EQUIP FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES.
- CREATE CARE COMMUNITIES FOR THOSE CARING FOR AT-RISK KIDS.

[promise686.org/mission-history/](http://promise686.org/mission-history/)

There is a Care Portal request that just came up regarding a biological mother reunifying with her three children this summer. She is in need of several household items to make her new residence a welcoming place for her children. I think this request would be the perfect Mother's Day challenge for our church to help this parent as she begins the reunification process to reunite with her children. The link to this request is: <https://system.careportal.org/request-engagement/requests/223354>

If you can assist with this request, please email Scott McConnell at [mcconnell.scott1122@gmail.com](mailto:mcconnell.scott1122@gmail.com) or Amy McConnell at [ahanlon09@yahoo.com](mailto:ahanlon09@yahoo.com). When responding to any requests on Care Portal, please click the "provide" button not the "funding" button as funding with go to other church organizations. The "provide" button directly impacts the vulnerable family and alerts the Division of Family & Children Services (DFCS) case manager.

Let's see if we can be the hands and feet of Jesus to help this parent!

*Blessings, Amy & Scott McConnell*

### Northern Star

Northern Star is preparing to open a 9 bedroom residential home. If you would like to support the new project or commit to be a room sponsor, email [northernstarga28@gmail.com](mailto:northernstarga28@gmail.com). Visit their website at [www.northernstarga.org](http://www.northernstarga.org) for additional information.



### 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



# Children's Ministry, MMO & Preschool, Youth



## May Calendar for D-Town Kidz

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Sun, May 4 — **No Kidz Church (K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

*Worship with families in service. Classes still available for babies – PreK*

Sun, May 11—**Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church** at 9:30 am

*Happy Mother's Day!*

Sun, May 18—**Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church** at 9:30 am

Sun, May 25—**ONE Service at 10am at Hancock Park**– No Kidz Church for k-5th.

*Classes for babies-PreK will still be available at the church.*

### Vacation Bible School

**June 16-19 (Monday-Thursday) - 9am-12pm**

VBS is for children who are 3-years old - 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.dtownkidz.org)

### VBS Trainings for Volunteers

Adults and youth who are volunteering for VBS this summer, please join us for ONE of these trainings! All trainings will be held in the Fellowship Hall. If you are unable to come to one of these, please see Vanessa.

Wednesday, May 14 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, June 4 at 6:00 pm

Sunday, June 8 at 4:00 pm



### **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](mailto: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.

#### **May**

May 4th—Youth Sunday Service

May 21st—Nacoochee Adventures Day

May 25th—Summer Schedule Starts

#### **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](mailto: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](http://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 May 25th at 10am  
at Hancock Park.

The Church Office will be  
closed Monday, May 26th  
for Memorial Day.

## **Communion Rail Offering for May**

May Communion Rail offering will be for CHP Summer Bread. Every summer Community Helping Place has a Summer Food Program for school aged children (4-18) that live in Lumpkin County and attend LC Schools, that receive free or reduced breakfast & lunch during the school year. They will receive breakfast, lunch and snacks, Monday—Friday, throughout the summer to get them through until school starts.

## **Special Offering—Sunday, May 11th**

*The Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering is fast approaching on May 11th The purpose of this offering is to provide vital financial assistance for housing and meals to residents who have exhausted their resources, chaplains who provide compassionate pastoral care, and wellness nurses and programming to support the wellbeing and independence of residents.*

**Gift bags have been placed in the Bridal room for our 2025 Communion Stewards.**  
**Thank you for your time and commitment to our church family.**  
**The Nurture Team**

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:hctrow@gmail.com) or Betty Fisher at [bettyfisher5262@msn.com](mailto:bettyfisher5262@msn.com).