

JULY 2025

The Prospector

Dahlonega Methodist Church

A Prayer giving thanks for Freedom

Dear God, Creator of All and Author of Liberty,

I thank You today for the freedom that You have given me.

I thank You that You have given me a mind and a soul that are free, and You placed Your Spirit within me to lead me to all freedom.

I thank You that You have forgiven me of my sins and then I am truly free - free from guilt and free from fear of punishment.

I thank you that I live in a country that respects this freedom that You've given us. Help me to live my life in this freedom in a way that glorifies You.

I pray this prayer today in the name of Jesus – the One who has made me “free indeed.” AMEN.



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18th Annual
Tomato Sandwich Supper



Thursday, July 17, 2025—5:00– 6:30pm
BENEFITS The CHP ANNE GREEN FREE CLINIC



BLT, Chips & Homemade Dessert

\$12/PERSON \$35/FAMILY—Dine-in or Take Out

Get tickets and sponsor online at www.communityhelpingplace.org or scan QR code.

Some tickets will be available in the church office.

First, get your Tomato Sandwich Supper between 5pm and 6:30pm at DMC.

After dinner, join us in Hancock Park from 6:30pm-8:00pm

for Live Music featuring: **Kurt Thomas**

Making a difference, one tomato at a time.



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

The Sportsmen's Group will meet at the Church pavilion on July 21st at 6pm for fellowship and a meal. Please contact Ray at repolk175@gmail.com 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)

July 22nd: Field Trip - We will carpool to the Bethel Methodist Church, Dawsonville camp meeting. We will leave at 10 a.m. for the Lumpkin Camp meeting that begins at 11 a.m. Please rsvp to Suzanne Crossan 706-300-1839 (call or text). We will gather at Applebee's after the service for food and fellowship. Details when you make reservation.

August: No Meeting



Donation's Needed

Promise 686 is collecting school supplies for foster, adoptive, and kinship families. Road2Home is hosting a Foster Parent's Night Out on July 19th. We need your help in collecting school supplies. Any and all school supplies are needed and welcome! Please contact Stephanie McDaniel with Promise 686 at 770-876-5257 or Melanie Henson with Road2Home at 706-502-8463 for collection.

CHP Summer Food Program

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.

If you are in need or know someone in need, call 706-867-9621 to register.

Guidelines:

- The child/children live in your household
- The child/children are school aged (4-18)
- The child/children are enrolled in Lumpkin County, Head Start, or Lumpkin County School Systems
- Your household meets the financial guidelines

Food & Personal Care Pantry Needs:

Food Pantry:

Pasta Sauce
Instant Grits

Personal Care Pantry

Shampoo
Deodorant

Summer Food Program

Cereal
Canned chicken

Please drop these items off at
Community Helping Place Food Pantry,
1127 HWY 52E, Dahlonega.



Announcements

Globetrotters

The Globetrotters will take a break during the month of July, but, we'll be back in August! Did someone say road trip?! Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live during the time that Jesus was alive? Then join us as we travel to LaGrange, GA, to the **Biblical History Center**, for a 1st century meal and tour on **Saturday, August 23, 2025**.

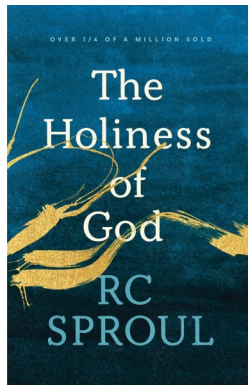
The Biblical Meal is a four-course meal consisting of 15 different food items, including soup, salad, fruit, main course, dessert and all beverages, (grape juice, or water). Your guide will explain ancient meal practices including Passover and the Last Supper, and the setting of the table for reconciliation.

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>.**

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 Dahlonega 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)

Global Methodist Church North Georgia Conference Leadership

Dahlonega Methodist Church is represented well on the leadership team of the NGA GMC.

Rev. Steve Schofield

Cabinet, Vice Chair
Connectional Community Elder,
District 20

Rev. Robin Parr

Cabinet, member
Presiding Elder
2026 Clergy Delegate to GMC
General Conference

Susan Roach

Board of Ministry, Secretary

Moe Nethery

Board of Ministry
Delegate, Annual Conference

Chris Buice

Delegate, Annual Conference

Ed Dickens

Emerging Generations Team

Dan Parr

Connectional Council
Conference Parliamentarian
Nominations and Leadership Committee
Conference Board of Lay Empowerment,
Associate Chair-Connectional
Coordinator

Lay Leader, District 20
2026 Lay Delegate to GMC
General Conference



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH



July Calendar for D-Town Kidz

VBS Thanks

I want to thank each and every adult and youth volunteer who helped out with VBS last week. Whether you were here one day or all four days, you are very much appreciated!! We had over 100 adults and youth helping us out and I could not have done it without your help! We had **270 kids** attend our VBS this week and you so graciously gave of your time and energy to show God's love to each of them. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

Thanks also to every person who donated money or food items. Your generosity helped us provide the BEST VBS!!! Thank you so much!!

Thank you most especially to the parents for bringing your children to VBS this past week. We had so much fun learning that God is with us on the journey! I love being part of such a supporting and loving church family!

No July Kidz Church

There will be **No Kidz Church for the month of July**. **Kidz Church is for those who have completed K-5th Grades. Classes for Pre-K and under are still available.** Kidz Church will resume the 2nd Sunday in August and children will be promoted to their new classes.

Summer Pop-Ups

Mini Golf at Oaks Mini Golf in Gainesville—Thurs, July 10, 11am-1pm
Come join us for a fun afternoon of playing mini golf. Bring a sack lunch!

Pool Party—Wed, July 24 from 3:00-5:00 pm
Come join us for a pool party at the Pinetree Rec Center!



Job Openings!

If you have a passion for children and love Jesus, consider working with us at MMO-Preschool.
Email 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.

Sundays During School Year
MS Worship & HS Small Group
Sunday Afternoons 4—6pm
Meet at DMC field/Fellowship Hall

July

July 13-16—Middle School Camp
July 30—End of Summer Schedule

Middle School Camp

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

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

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"!

Sponsor a Child



- Sponsoring a child is a personal way to show God's love to a child in need. Children living in poverty are especially vulnerable and face uncertain futures.
- Your monthly gift of \$30 will give your sponsored child access to life changing benefits like educational support and life skills.
- As a sponsor, you'll be able to see your impact firsthand through letters, photos and your child's academic progress.
- A sponsor serves as a friend and source of support, with whom they can communicate and

develop a meaningful relationship.

- Sponsors receive pictures and details about their child's academic progress, interests, and family at the beginning and towards the end of each school year.
- Once a year sponsors can exchange letters and photos with their child. Volunteers translate your letter.
- It is possible to meet your child in person when you participate in mission trips.

Click here for more information: <https://onechildelsalvador.org/become-a-sponsor/>

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 **9:15am.**
at Hancock Park.

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

Communion Rail Offering for July is for the Good Samaritan Ministry

The Good Samaritan ministry is designed to help community members with service projects that they may not be able to afford or complete on their own.

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 – 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 \$110.00.

Please make certain that your check is clearly marked "Altar Flowers".

To allow the florist plenty of time to prepare floral arrangements, please give two weeks advance notice if you would like a specific color and/or flowers for your arrangement. Thank you.

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 Betty Fisher at bettyfisher5262@msn.com.