

SEPTEMBER 2025

# The Prospector

Dahlonega Methodist Church

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are here at the end of the summer and the beginning of the school year and everything starts to get hectic around the church and family schedules. Much activity is good because it signifies dynamism and growth in our lives, but we must be careful not to add simple busyness which adds nothing to our life.

Someone wrote that the thinking capacity of our nation severely declined the moment that radios in automobiles became standard. No longer would any journey afford an opportunity for deep thought and soul-searching. We learned to fill our time with either music or chatter.

We who follow the Lord know how deadly it is to fill your mind with clatter and busyness. The Lord said if we truly wish to know him, we have to learn to be still. He said if we really want to hear him in prayer, we have to enter into our inner rooms and shut the door and listen. God speaks to us in silence.

Elijah was the greatest prophet, but he too became entangled in the politics and business of his day. Though he was strong in witness for the Lord, his inner life became lacking. Only when he was broken in despair, out in the desert silence, could he begin to hear "The still small voice" of God. Only then could his healing and strengthening commence.

Our lives are never too busy that we should forget to be still and know that the Lord is God. It is the Way.

Selah,

Steve



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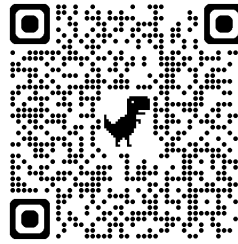
# Announcements

## 2025 Small Group Survey

For this survey a small group is defined as any group that meets within and outside the church for the purposes of Christian fellowship, prayer, Bible Study, life group, spiritual growth, discipleship, or support either physically or spiritually. The members could be members of the church or may also be ecumenical.

This survey is to help us better assess how many groups are meeting, the nature of the groups, and how the church may support existing or develop new small groups.

**Please use the QR Code to complete the survey.**



## Adult Bible Studies Fall 2025-Winter 2026

The fall Bible studies will begin soon! To view the Fall/Winter Bible Studies offered and to register for a class click here: <https://dahmc.org/bible-studies/>

You may also go to the DMC website, [www.dahmc.org](http://www.dahmc.org), click on the *Ministries* tab, then *Small groups*. The Bible Study brochure can also be found in the foyer.

## Disciple 1 and Disciple 2

Pastor Steve will be teaching Disciple 1 and Jeff Ramsland Disciple 2. Anyone who has taken Disciple 1 but never took Disciple 2 is welcomed and encouraged to join in with Disciple 2 starting September 14th, Sundays 4-6pm.

## History of Christianity

Join Pastor Steve's continued study on the History of Christianity beginning September 14th at 6-7pm in the Sanctuary. In this six weeks class we will look at Reformation, Counter Reformation in the Roman Church; Ottoman Conquest in East, Wesleyan Revival and Great Awakening, Missionary Explosion, Modernity Faith & Science, Worldwide Expansion.

## Wordbytes

Wordbytes will resume on Tuesday, September 9th from Noon until 1 PM. Our study will be Sandra Richter's "Deborah". We will meet in the Vestibule (gathering area) outside of the sanctuary. Please feel free to bring your lunch and join us for this *Epic of Eden* study. To learn more about this study, please click on the link: <https://my.seedbed.com/product/epic-of-eden-deborah-unlikely-heroes-and-the-book-of-judges/>

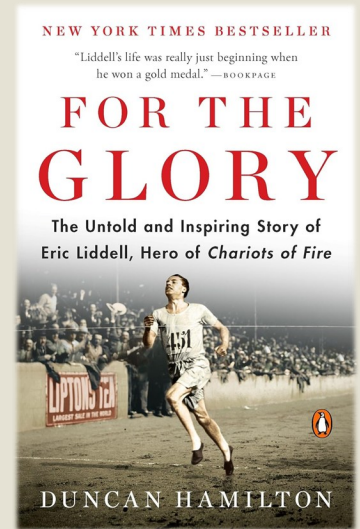
## Achasta Ladies Bible Study

Achasta Ladies Bible Study will start back on Wednesday, September 10 with a brunch at the Achasta Clubhouse from 9:30-11:15 AM. Come hear about our two studies: Luke in the Land and Brought to the Light. For more information please contact Rev. Robin Parr.

## Monday Night Bible Study

Dan & Robin Parr will facilitate the Monday Night Bible Study that begins September 8th, at 6:00-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Mark's Gospel is a monumental piece of historical and theological reflection on the most influential person ever to walk the face of the Earth. Over the course of 12 weeks, Dr. Brad Johnson will guide learners through Mark's narration of the events leading up to and immediately following the life of Jesus. Under the power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Mark has artfully created reading cues that will direct the study to a depth of understanding we may not have yet reached. Anyone who picks up and reads the Gospel of Mark is bound to experience something greater, something richer, and something infinitely more valuable: *transformation*. **Books will be available in the church office or the first day of class and cost \$15.**

## Book Club



The Book Club will be discussing, *For the Glory*, by Duncan Hamilton, on Wednesday, September 24th at 6:30 in the Library. The book may be purchased from this link <https://a.co/d/4FzbEKP> or check it out at the Dahlonge Library.

Many people will remember Eric Liddell as the Olympic gold medalist from the Academy Award winning film *Chariots of Fire*. Famously, Liddell would not run on Sunday because of his strict observance of the Christian sabbath, and so he did not compete in his signature event, the 100 meters, at the 1924 Paris Olympics. He was the greatest sprinter in the world at the time, and his choice not to run was ridiculed by the British Olympic committee, his fellow athletes, and most of the world press. Yet Liddell triumphed in a new event, winning the 400 meters in Paris.

Liddell ran—and lived—for the glory of his God. After winning gold, he dedicated himself to missionary work. He travelled to China to work in a local school and as a missionary. He married and had children there. Once imprisoned, Liddell did what he was born to do, practice his faith and his sport. He became the moral center of an unbearable world.



# Announcements

## Church Operating Budget Update

Dear Church:

Last month the finance committee revisited our current operating budget and took proactive measures to amend our budget to reflect a reallocation of our resources.

We are encouraged that our church continues to receive contributions at the same pace as 2024 and by amending the church budget we can ensure that the church's financial resources are used effectively and wisely, consistent with our church's mission.

We are called to be good stewards of our trusted resources. Therefore, last month we met with ministry leaders and requested that each ministry review their current line-item budget and look for ways they could trim expenses without impacting negatively on their ministry and programs.

Accordingly, the Finance Committee prayerfully and unanimously approved a 6% reduction in our budgeted revenue for FY 25.

Our amended budget still reflects an overall 6% increase in giving and we trust God will provide and that we will be able to meet our revised giving numbers. And, it is important to note that our church is blessed to be in a sound fiscal position.

The revised YTD budget and giving will be reflected each Sunday in our church bulletin and it is updated monthly.

Please take a moment, each Sunday, to review this information. And, continue to spend time in prayer about our church, its vision and how we can use our resources to answer Gods' call to serve his kingdom.

Blessings,

The Finance Committee



## Prayer Conference with Steve Seamands

Sign up here: [Register for Prayer Conference](#)

NGA GMC PRAYER TEAM PRESENTS  
**PRAYER  
CONFERENCE  
WITH STEVE SEAMANDS**  
SATURDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 27TH**  
10:00AM to 2:00PM  
**HILLSIDE CHURCH**  
Woodstock, GA  
GLOBAL  
METHODIST CHURCH  
NORTH GEORGIA

**The Church Office  
will be closed  
Monday, September 1st.**

Coming Up...

## **A Night of Worship**

Wednesday, October 15th  
at 7-8pm in the Sanctuary.

This evening is meant as a night of fellowship for the church body as we come together to glorify God through worship and song. The band will be made up of many members from our church. All are welcome to join. The altar will be open for times of prayer as well. We are setting an hour of time aside for the Lord's will to be done for all those who attend.

## **2025 DMC Charge Conference Sunday, November 2nd at 4pm at Lumpkin Camp Ground (Bethel Church)**

The mission of the Global Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly and witness boldly in order to spread scriptural holiness across the globe. The North Georgia Conference serves in this mission as it facilitates the mission of the local church. Everyone is invited to attend.



**GLOBAL  
METHODIST CHURCH  
NORTH GEORGIA**

# Announcements

## Globetrotters

**Tuesday, Sept 9**, we are heading to **Mercier Orchards** in Blue Ridge, GA, for apple picking/a tractor ride and a visit to their world-famous bakery and market. After an enjoyable lunch, we will return to Dahlonega. We will depart from the Walmart parking lot at 9:00 am. **RSVP to Deena Rankin, 678-923-1034, or Cindy Williams, 706-973-9272, no later than Tuesday, September 2.**

**Friday, Oct 10:** Put on your sneakers because we're winding our way through **Uncle Shuck's Corn Maze!** Team up or conquer the maze on your own, visit the pumpkin patch, and enjoy some of the fun, festival food, (think corndog, roasted corn, funnel cakes, etc).

## Wednesday Night SUPPER



Wednesday Night Suppers will resume September 10th. The menu will be chicken enchiladas. Please remember to update your standing reservations by calling the church office or email [nancy@dahmc.org](mailto:nancy@dahmc.org). Those with reservations will be served at 5:45pm. Non-reservations are welcome to be served after 6:10pm provided food is available. The cost will be \$8 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years and under.

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

The Sportsmen's Group will meet under the Church pavilion on September 15th at 6pm for a meal, devotional and fellowship. Please contact Ray at [repolk175@gmail.com](mailto:repolk175@gmail.com) if you plan to attend so we can have a good headcount.

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

**September 16th:** Bridgette Barker, Director of Lumpkin County Family Connections will talk about this local non-profit which has a 20-year history. Located within the local school system, Family Connections strives to prevent child abuse and neglect and to help every child have the opportunity to succeed in school.

**October 21<sup>st</sup>:** Donnie Carder will talk about his family's ministry of many years, Kentucky Outreach Christmas, providing necessities and cheer for the poor in Kentucky's coal mining communities each year during the Christmas season. Also, Suzanne Crossan will present the Pledge Program, including a review of where our donations have been sent. We focus on local missions but support state, national and world missions as well.

### **Awakening Collegiate Fellowship Dinner Bell Ministry**

The Awakening Collegiate Fellowship Dinner Bell Ministry is starting again. The first date of Sept 4 will be the 11th Hour Sunday School class. Both first Thursdays in Oct 2 & Nov 6 are open. Thursday Dec 4 will be the Dickens small group. Please contact Kara Martina if you're interested in participating or just need more information about this fun & rewarding ministry (706-300-4210) ♥!

### **New Group Forming for Widows**

If you are interested in being in a small group, there will be an information meeting on Sunday, September 14th at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary.

### **Fridays with Friends**

Calling all stay-at-home, work-from-home parents/grandparents... anyone who is home with kids on Fridays: Bring the kids and join in on some fun and fellowship one Friday each month this school year!

- 1st gathering: **Friday, September 19th @ 10:00 at Dahlonega City Hall Park**
- If it rains, we will meet at the Lumpkin County Library
- Email [kara@dahmc.org](mailto:kara@dahmc.org) to receive email reminders and updates

### **Security Team**

If you are interested in serving on the church Security Team, please contact Wally Woods at 706-244-4981 for more information.

### **The New Stove is Here and Paid for Thanks to You!**

The new stove is here and ready for a busy season! Go into the kitchen and check it out. Because you are such a gracious church with prayers and donations, the stove has been paid in full. Thank you all very much!  
*Board of Trustees*



## September Calendar for D-Town Kidz

### A BIG Thank You!

The Children's Ministry would like to thank each of you for your help with the 100 Envelope Challenge. The generosity and kindness of this church is simply AMAZING!! I cannot thank you enough for your help in making our programs for the kids here at DMC and in our community happen! We could not do what we do without your support and we are genuinely grateful for your support. We love DMC! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

### Wednesdays in the Word

Wednesdays in the Word is our Bible study for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders that begins Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> and will meet on Wed. nights from 5:45-7:30 pm during the school year. We will eat dinner together first at the pavilion then transition to Bible study on the first floor. Come join us as we dig into God's Word!

### Family Fall Fiesta

All families with children (babies-5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to join us for our Family Fall Fiesta on **Sunday, September 14 from 4:00-6:00 pm**. It's "nacho" average fall night of fun, games, tacos, pumpkins, and prayer! Hope to see your family there!



We are celebrating  
35 Years of ministry at  
MMO-Preschool  
this year!

We are ready with a lot of hard work, and many hours towards getting everything ready for the children's arrival. Open House was a great success and school began Monday, August 25th. We are looking forward to a great year with our 18 teachers & aides, and 79 precious children, ranging from 1-5 yrs. Check us out on our Facebook page at "Dahlonge Methodist Church MMO-Preschool".  
*Please keep us in your prayers.*

## Youth Ministry

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

### Back to School SCHEDULE

**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

**September**  
7th —Youth  
14th—Youth  
21st—Youth  
28th—NO Youth

**Contact Information**  
Bailey Tam, *Director of Youth Ministry*  
[bailey@dahmc.org](mailto:bailey@dahmc.org)/706-962-2614



# One Child El Salvador

## Bible Week 2025 at La Escuela Cristiana Cantón La Magdalena

This year's **Bible Week**, themed "*Padres de la Fe*" ("Fathers of Faith"), reminded us how trust in God paves the path to true blessing. The school celebrated with a week full of faith-centered lessons, worship, and joy, all grounded in the biblical values that drive their mission.



## A Generous Boost from the Dalis Foundation

We are immensely grateful to the **Dalis Foundation** for their generous \$10,000 donation! This gift will help rebuild the school's cistern—vital for dependable water supply—as well as enhance their English language teaching program. This support creates a foundation for both physical infrastructure and academic growth.

## Rotary's Ongoing Support

Our recent donation of **\$3,000 from Rotary** is already on its way to El Salvador. These funds will allow the school to purchase **six additional televisions** for classroom use—powerful tools for educational engagement, digital teaching resources, and enhancing interactive learning. In addition, several members of the **Dahlonge Rotary**, along with **Pastor Steve**, will travel to El Salvador and La Magdalena School in **November**. Their visit will provide them with first-hand experience of the school, deepen relationships, and open doors to further opportunities of service and support.

## We're Still \$15,000 Short—Let's Join Hands to Complete the Classrooms!

While tremendous progress has been made, the construction of the new classrooms remains **\$15,000 short** of completion. Your support—through donations, prayers, and spreading the word—will help us cross the finish line and ensure that our children continue to learn and grow within safe, faith-filled spaces.

## Welcoming New Board Members

We're delighted to welcome **seven new board members** who bring energy, dedication, and renewed commitment to our mission of building Christian schools in El Salvador:

Andrew Meyer  
Deidra Brewer  
Amanda Tolbert  
Josh McKeever

RJ McBrayer  
Michelle Pisarik  
Quataunda Armstrong



Their passion, skills, and fresh perspectives promise to guide us toward our goals stronger than ever!

## ONE CHILD COFFEE Coming this Fall!

We are excited to announce that **One Child Coffee** will be available, both hot and cold, on select Sundays this fall! Our first event will be the **August 31st Hancock Park Service**, where we will serve a small variety of **flavored coffee drinks**, using our **premium Salvadoran coffee beans**. We'll also be sharing information about our **Child Sponsorship program**, offering a simple way for you to enjoy a great cup of coffee while making a lasting impact.

We'll continue offering coffee in **front of the side entrance to the church on September 14th and 21st, and October 5th**—weather permitting.

New Pickup Option at the Church  
To make things even easier, a **One Child Coffee pick-up box** will soon be located in the **foyer of the side entrance**. If you order from our online store, your bag of coffee will be waiting there with your name on it, ready for Sunday pick-up.

[OneChildCoffee.myshopify.com](https://OneChildCoffee.myshopify.com)

Looking Ahead

Our **2025 shipment of green coffee beans from El Salvador** is expected to arrive soon, and we are thrilled to see how this program continues to grow—thanks to the faithful support of this church family. Every cup you enjoy helps provide education and hope for children in El Salvador.



# 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 September** goes to support No One Alone. NOA is dedicated to providing shelter, safety and support services to victims of domestic violence and their children. Since 1992, NOA has been providing emergency shelter and a vast array of support services such as trauma counseling, legal advocacy, financial assistance, children's groups and life skills classes, to name a few.

**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](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". 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 and 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](mailto:bettyfisher5262@msn.com).