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The Prospector

Dahlonega Methodist Church

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We live in an information age. In that sense, the world has become much smaller and communication can travel around the world in mere seconds. Persons today are exposed to more ideologies, religions and philosophies than any human in previous history, and sometimes the world can seem like a confusing, chaotic mess.

That's why it's more important than ever to remember that our faith is centered around a person – Jesus Christ – not an ideology, religion, or philosophy. When we declare “he is risen!” we are saying that the God of the cosmos has personally come to earth and defeated death for our sakes. He is not an ideology, Religion or philosophy — He is the Lord! In him, all things were made. In him all things hold together. In him, we live and move and have our being. He is reconciling all things into himself through the Cross and the resurrection. We live as a witness to this truth. In this is our courage to face the day.

In Christ,

Steve



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Announcements

Jeremiah's Place Annual Spaghetti Supper



The annual Jeremiah's Place Spaghetti Supper fundraiser will be held at DMC and over ten participating churches on Tuesday, April 21st, 5 p.m.—7:30 p.m.! This annual fundraiser continues to provide support for Jeremiah's Place with short term housing for homeless families. Spaghetti Supper tickets will be available after 8, 9:25, and 11 a.m. services beginning in April. The cost is \$12 per dinner or \$35 for a family of five or less.

We welcome Creekstone Church as they have again volunteered to help us here at

DMC. Linda Herman volunteered to lead this fundraising event at Dahlonga Methodist Church. Our chef, Gail Dowsett, has gratefully volunteered again to be in charge of the cooking and kitchen. This makes for a true family of Christians working together to support the homeless in Lumpkin County. If you can volunteer to help please contact Linda at lhherman@windstream.net or 706-974-5694.

Side-by-Side Ministry



Experience the Joy of helping your neighbors during the Side-by-Side "Work Day", April 25th. DMC is a sponsor, along with other Dahlonga Lumpkin County Ministerial Association Churches. The Side-by-Side Workday means we fulfill home or property project needs within Lumpkin County for homeowners who are 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. There are also community outreach & visitation opportunities, along with food preparation for those not participating in project work. If you have served in the past, you know what a great ministry it is. If you haven't, we invite you to participate this year. You do not have to have professional skills; there is a role for everyone. If you would like to donate your time and talents, please go to sidebysideinservice.com and complete the 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:

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CHP Food Pantry Needs:



Peanut butter, Jelly, canned fruit. These items can be dropped off at CHP or in the CHP bin outside the fellowship hall.

Women's Circle of Faith

3rd Tuesday of the month-10am

April 21st: "Also I hear the Word of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send?' and 'Who will go for us?' Then said I, 'Here am I; send me'" (Isaiah 6:8). God called a small-town girl from the mountains of North Georgia to go. Krista Tritt will share her journey from Lumpkin County High School to elementary school teacher to answering the call to world missions.

Circle of Faith 2026 Program

May 19th—Pud English and Sally Kelley will share information about *The Women of Jeremiah's Place*. This is a group of local women serving as an awareness group to the community whose purpose is to support the families, specifically the children, residing at Jeremiah's Place. They want to provide the children with the best experience possible while they're living in their temporary homes.

June 23rd—Luncheon at Dahlonga Library, Members bring covered dish. Chair Yoga! Welcome Nacoochee Methodist Church Mary & Martha Group

July 21st—Field Trip to Camp Meeting, Lumpkin Campgrounds, Dawsonville
August—NO MEETING

Sept. 15th—Awakening Collegiate Fellowship: Nathan Dickens

Oct. 20th—CHP: Spirit of Christmas, Sarah Chagris, Pledge Prog.

Nov. 1st—Half-Cake Bake Sale Fundraiser
December—NO MEETING

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"! The pillows will be distributed the second Sunday of each month from 8:00-12 noon. For more information contact Betty Fisher at bettyfisher5262@msn.com.

Announcements

Congratulations 2026 Confirmands!

Confirmation Sunday is April 19th at the 9:25am service.



Nola June Wight



Lexington Lee Sipsy



Jude Owen Stephenson



Davis-Townes Hughes



Nathaniel John Braddock



Rebecca Ellen Cox



Amelia Rose Williams

Baptism at Camp Glisson at 2pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for the baptism of the confirmands Sunday, April 19th 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.

Holy Week Services

April 2nd:

Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00pm, at DMC

April 3rd:

Good Friday Service—12 noon, at DMC

April 5th:

Sunrise Service at Hancock Park 7:00AM

April 5th:

Easter Services 8:00, 9:25, 11:00, at DMC

Church office will be closed Friday, April 3rd in observance of Good Friday.

Mothers Day and Baby Recognition Day

The DMC Circle of Faith would like to honor **new babies born May 2025 through the last week in April 2026.**

The babies and their immediate families will be recognized by the church on Sunday, May 10, Mothers Day, at the 9:25 a.m. service.

We will also announce their names and birthdates at the 8am and 11am services.

Please provide your child's name and parent contact information to Vanessa Myers, Children's Coordinator at

vanessa@dahmc.org.

Suzanne Crossan is the Circle of Faith contact and can be reached at

suzannecrossan@yahoo.com

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

The Sportsman's Group will meet April 20th at the Ivie Lodge on Camp Glisson at 6pm for a meal and fellowship. Reverend Paul Bennett will give a presentation on his recent trip to Israel. Please email Ray at repolk175@gmail.com if you plan to attend so we can have a good headcount for the meal.

Globetrotters

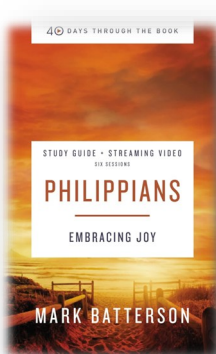
Come with the **Globetrotters** for a blooming good time at the **Atlanta Botanical Gardens in Gainesville**. Stroll through vibrant blooms, enjoy peaceful scenery, and spend quality time together. Whether you love plants and flowers, fresh air, or just good company, this is the perfect chance to relax and connect. All are welcome—bring a friend and come enjoy the day with us, **Tuesday, April 14!** We will depart at 12:30 pm from the Walmart parking lot, (or you can meet us at the gardens). *RSVP, Deena Rankin at 678-923-1034, or, Cindy Williams at 706-973-9272, by April 7.* Admission is \$14.95. Check out their website at <https://atlantabg.org/gainesville-garden/>

Save the date! On **Friday, May 15**, the Globetrotters are heading to historic Madison, GA, for **'The Madison in May Tour of Homes and Gardens'**. This is a self-guided walking tour, featuring a selection of Madison's treasured historic and traditional homes. Experience the living history of the town while strolling through the city's architecturally significant homes as they come into full bloom. *RSVP, Deena Rankin at 678-923-1034, or, Cindy Williams at 706-973-9272, by May 1, with payment marked Globetrotters. Tickets are non-refundable.* This is a rain or shine event. In the event of rain, please bring an umbrella and dress accordingly. Tickets are \$30 per person and support the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center. Lunch will be on your own in Madison.

Globetrotters

Wordbytes

Wordbytes will resume meeting on Tuesdays at 12:00 in the church library on April 14th with session 6 of The Way of Wisdom Proverbs study.



We will begin a new 6 week study on the book of Philippians on May 5th. Joy is everywhere in the book of Philippians. The emotion that Paul poured out in his letter to the church in Philippi shines through in every one of its 104 verses...and Paul wrote it as a prisoner chained to a Roman guard. What gives the Apostle Paul such resounding joy, even in the face of suffering and persecution? In this six-session study (streaming video included), bestselling author and pastor Mark Batterson serves as a tour guide on the letter to the Philippians; uncovering the major themes of joy, gratitude, unity, and purpose found in this inspiring letter.

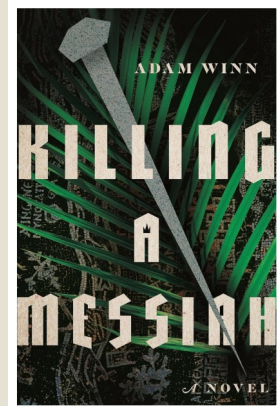
Remember to sign up for the class by going to DMC website www.dahmc.org, click on *Ministries* tab, then *Small Groups* and select

Wordbytes-Philippians. Use this link to purchase the book on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/40-Days-Through-Book-Philippians/dp/0310125928>

Widow Meet & Greet

Please join us for a Widow Meet & Greet on Monday, May 4th at 10am in the library.

Book Club



The Book Club will be discussing *Killing a Messiah*, by Adam Winn on Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:30 in the library. The book may be purchased from this link: <https://a.co/d/03EQaOx4>

As Passover approaches, the city of Jerusalem is a political tinderbox. Judah, a resistance leader, plots to overthrow the Roman occupation. Eleazar and his father, the high priest Caiaphas, seek peace in the city at all costs. Pilate, the Roman governor, maneuvers to keep order (and his own hold on power). Caleb, a shopkeeper, is reluctantly caught up in the intrigue. When rumors start spreading about the popular prophet Jesus, hailed by many as the Messiah, Roman and Jewish leaders alike fear unrest and violence during the upcoming festival. Then, in the midst of this tension, unexpected alliances emerge. In *Killing a Messiah*, New Testament scholar Adam Winn weaves together stories of historical and fictional characters in a fresh reimagining of the events leading up to Jesus' execution. Based on what we know of the first-century context, Winn's narrative offers compelling explanations for gaps in the Gospel accounts. The social, political, and religious realities of Jesus' world come to life and shed new light on our reading of the biblical texts.

In a city full of political entanglements, espionage, and competing interests, the blame for the crucifixion is complex and can't land on just a single party. It takes more than one to kill a messiah.

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Pavilion Project

Hello everyone! Dahlonge Methodist Church has a wonderful blessing right now. Our youth program has grown by incredible amounts over the past few years! We are averaging nearly 80 youth students on Wednesday nights now. This wonderful blessing comes with a massive burden, however: space. Our youth room is not sufficient for comfortably seating so many students. After carefully and prayerfully considering options, we have decided the best course of action is to repurpose the Pavilion into a fully enclosed, climate-controlled group space for the church! This will help alleviate the space concerns but also will turn the current Pavillion space into a space that can be used year-round. This project is already underway, but we need financial help to make it happen! We are hoping to raise \$75,000 to finish the project. If you would like to contribute, make checks out to DMC and indicate in the memo line to the 'Pavilion Project'.

This space will help ALL of the ministries at the church and grant us an answer to the everlasting question of 'available space' here at DMC! *Bailey Tam*

Included pictures: AI rendering of what the space could be turned into, and a current photo.



Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday will be April 26th!

The DMC Youth group will run all three services. Please come and hear how the Holy Spirit is moving so abundantly in our youth group! All the kids are so excited for this opportunity to worship with you all. We will also recognize our graduated High School seniors on that day.

After the 11:00 service we will have a **Potluck Fundraiser** in the Fellowship Hall to help raise more money for our mission trip over the summer.

The cost to get in the door is a donation-you choose what you give! We will also have a **silent auction bake sale**.

Come join us for food and fellowship! 12:15 start time.

Silent
Auction
**BAKE
SALE**

Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Packing Party



Shoebox Packing Party

Samaritan's Purse
Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

WHAT is a Packing Party? This year instead of filling shoeboxes individually, we will be collecting toys & items all year long, then packing them into shoeboxes together in November via a packing party at DMC. It will be **Christmas All Year Round!** Church members of all ages are invited to participate!

WHY are we doing it this way? To collectively send more shoeboxes by working together and buying more quality toys in bulk to share the Gospel with children all over the world. Our goal is 500 shoeboxes.

HOW does it work? You buy new quality items on sale after each holiday, preferably in bulk, to get better prices. Also buy any items that are a good deal even if it's not a holiday sale. For those who prefer not to shop, monetary donations are so appreciated and will be used to buy *WOW* items in bulk, like soccer balls, dolls, and to help pay shipping fees, etc. Checks can be made to DMC. In the memo line put "Operations Christmas Child".

COLLECTION works similarly to how CHP, NOA, and RCH collect items all year long. Bring the newly bought items to the OCC bin outside of the fellowship hall. The items will be picked up weekly and stored at a secure off-site location where they'll be sorted according to age and gender for the packing party in November. Shoebox dimensions are 12" L x 7" W x 4 3/8" T, and are provided by DMC at the party.

*Plastic storage bins are also needed to store items, clear bins preferred but all are appreciated new or used.

Valentine's Day sales are coming up soon - Get your shopping shoes on for Jesus!

Contact Mary Kay Crowell with questions 706-974-4462 mktcrowell@windstream.net

Thank You so much! **Below is a suggested list of items.** Motto: Fun, Packed & Filled with Prayer!

Hygiene/School Supplies	Quality FUN Toys		Accessories	WOW items
Brush/Comb	Sm stuffed Toys	Small cars	Hair bows	Soccer balls
Wash cloth (NO soap)	Jump ropes	Trucks	Sunglasses	Barbie dolls
Cups	Yo-Yos	Airplanes	Watch	Baby dolls
Toothbrush (NO paste)	Slinkies Playdough	Legos	T-shirts	Boys Action figures
Socks	Coloring Books	Bead kits	Shorts	(not war related)
Pencils (#2 & Color)	Balls	Sewing kits	Dresses/skirts	Trucks
Erasers & Sharpeners	Puzzles	Harmonica	Sandals/flip- flops	Cars
Notebook	Card games	Plastic Flute	Fun jewelry	Fanny pack/
Paper	Dominoes	Wrist Jingle bells	Ball caps/hats	Small back pack
Crayons	Tote Bags	And More -	Gloves	Purses
Coloring Books		be Creative!	Bandannas	Watch
Scissors (kids)		(NO War related or	Headbands	Nice Stuffed Toys
Calculator		Camouflage)		
NO Liquids or Food				

Children's Ministry, MMO & Preschool, Youth



Dahlgren Methodist Church Children's Ministry

April Calendar for D-Town Kidz

- Mar. 30-Apr. 2 **You've Been Egged!** We are coming to "egg" your house with Easter eggs!
 Wed, April 1 **Wednesdays in the Word** – 5:45-7:30 pm (3rd-5th Grade Bible Study)
 Sun, April 5 **No Kidz Church (K-5th Grade) – Happy Easter!**
Worship with families in service. Classes still available for babies – PreK
- Wed, April 8 **NO Wednesdays in the Word** due to Spring Break
 Sun, April 12 **Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church** at 9:25 am
 Wed, April 15 **Wednesdays in the Word** – 5:45-7:30 pm (3rd-5th Grade Bible Study)
 Sun, April 19 **Kidz Church for all ages at 9:25 am**
 Wed, April 22 **Wednesdays in the Word** – 5:45-7:30 pm (3rd-5th Grade Bible Study)
 Sun, April 26 **Kidz Church & Lil' Kidz Church** at 9:30 am
Park Party at Yahoola Creek Park (Family Event) – 4:00-6:00 pm
 Wed, April 29 **Wednesdays in the Word** – 5:45-7:30 pm (3rd-5th Grade Bible Study)
This will be our last one for the school year!

Vacation Bible School—June 15-18 (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 Rainforest Falls VBS!

Register online now at: www.dtownkidz.org



We still have openings in our PreK classes if you are interested in registering for the 2026-27 school year. All the other classes are full with a waitlist. Praise the Lord! Spring break week of April 6-9th. The preschool office will close that week as well.

Friends,
 For years, our community has come together to lace up their running shoes for our Annual Chasing Away Winter 5K. While we cherish the memories we've shared on the pavement, DMC MMO Preschool has decided to retire the 5K event to focus our resources more directly on our primary purpose which is providing scholarships for parents who want a faith-based preschool as well as vital preschool needs for the program. With these funds we were able to provide 7 families with a little over \$10,000 in scholarship funds, as well as provide 2 new computers for the teacher and additional classroom needs.

Although we aren't hitting the track this year, the need for your support is greater than ever. We invite you to continue to partner with us by choosing a donation that is meaningful to you, see our New Sponsor Levels. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please email dmcmmopreschool@gmail.com or call 706-864-8521.

With gratitude,
 DMC MMO-Preschool

DMC MMO/Preschool SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

for the 2026-2027 School Year!

- \$2000 PLATINUM SPONSOR**
 - Prominent logo placement on our banner
 - Recognition on social media.
- \$1000 GOLD SPONSOR**
 - Prominent logo placement on our banner.
 - Recognition on social media.
- \$500 SILVER SPONSOR**
 - Small logo on our banner.
 - Recognition on social media.
- \$250 BRONZE SPONSOR**
 - Name on our banner.
 - Recognition on social media.
- \$ANY FRIENDS & FAMILY**
 - Our heartfelt thanks for supporting our mission.

Thank you for your support and making a difference!

Youth Ministry

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

SPRING 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

April
 5th—No Youth/Easter
 12th—Youth
 19th—Youth
 26th—Kwar

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One Child El Salvador, Inc.

To our Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Serving in El Salvador alongside the teachers and children at La Magdalena has been a truly beautiful and humbling blessing. During my time here, I have gained a deeper appreciation for the culture and the people. I am sincerely grateful to be a part of the One Child El Salvador Board, and it has been inspiring to witness the genuine hearts of the people and the love they have for both the church and the school.

Deidre Brewer and I are visiting the La Magdalena Christian School this week to work with the administration on child sponsorship and mental health. We are also delivering letters and videos from the children at Blackburn and Long Branch elementary schools to the children here.

During this visit, however, our brother in Christ, Alex Cordero, experienced the heartbreaking loss of his grown daughter, Marcela, due to illness. While we are deeply saddened by this loss, we remain steadfast in our faith, trusting in God's sovereign will and provision even in times of sorrow.

As Scripture reminds us, *"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit"* (Psalm 34:18).

We ask that you please continue to lift Brother Alex, his family, the school, the church family, and all who loved Marcela in your prayers. May God's comfort, peace, and strength surround them in the days ahead.

Yours in Christ,
Missionary,

Quataunda Armstrong



One Child Coffee

As we prepare for Easter, consider celebrating with purpose through One Child Coffee. We are offering rich Dark Chocolate Espresso Roast Beans, along with delicious chocolate bars infused with our espresso-roasted crushed coffee beans. These unique treats make wonderful gifts for family and friends while supporting a meaningful mission.



Every purchase helps One Child El Salvador, a local nonprofit working to build and sustain a Christian school for rural children in El Salvador, giving them the opportunity for a better life.

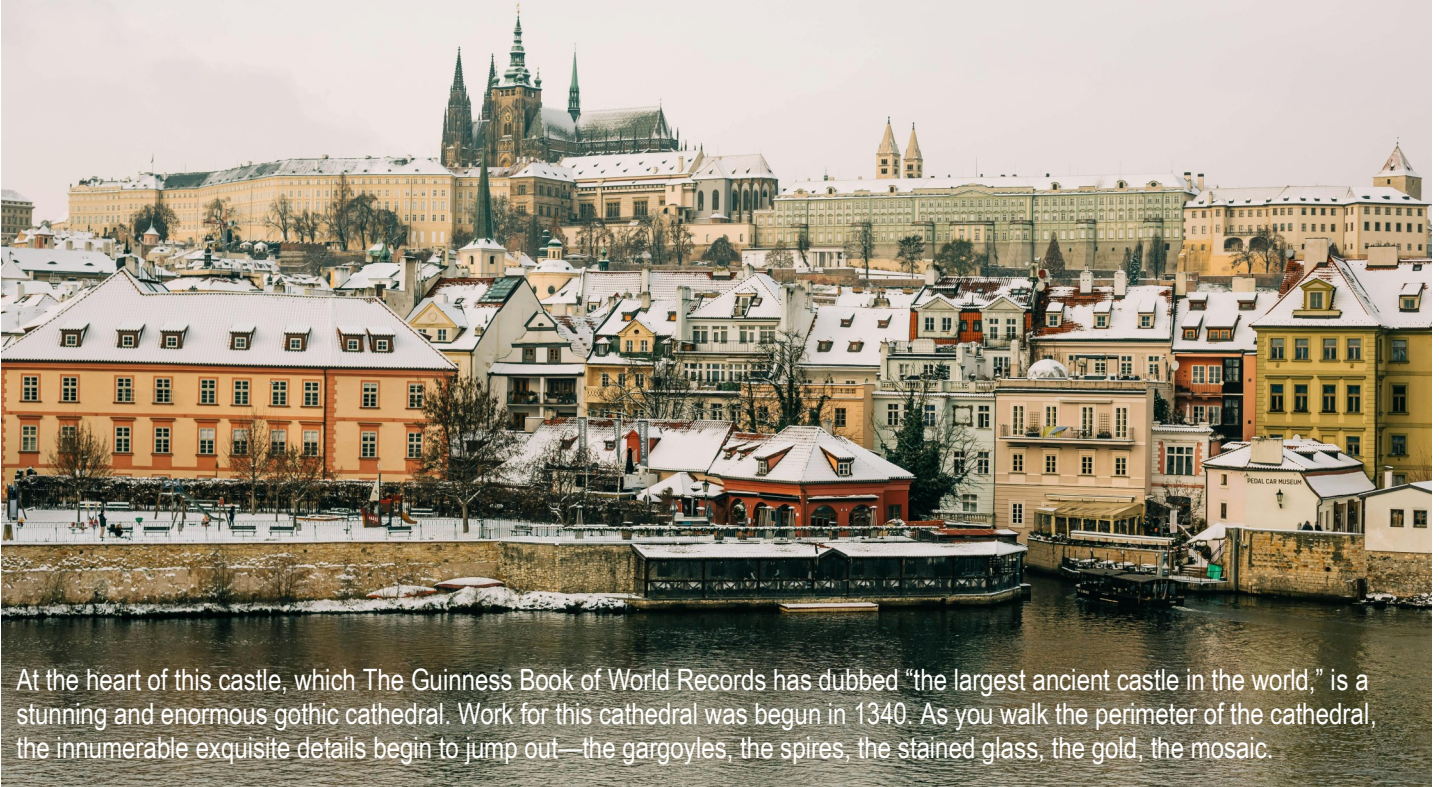
Simply scan the QR code to order online and join us in making a difference this Easter season.



Czech Republic Mission

Spiritual Awakening in the Heart of Europe

Pražský hrad, the Prague Castle sits atop a hill overlooking the capital city of the Czech Republic. The castle has historically served as the residence for the kings of Bohemia, and is currently the residence and work place for the Czech president.



At the heart of this castle, which The Guinness Book of World Records has dubbed “the largest ancient castle in the world,” is a stunning and enormous gothic cathedral. Work for this cathedral was begun in 1340. As you walk the perimeter of the cathedral, the innumerable exquisite details begin to jump out—the gargoyles, the spires, the stained glass, the gold, the mosaic.

As I marveled the cathedral, I noticed an irony—namely, that at the heart of this castle, a symbol of the Czech Republic, stands a church. The irony is this, that God is very much not a part of the lives of your average Czech. You see, only 9-11% of Czechs consider themselves Christians. After years of religious suppression first under Nazi Germany and later under Communism, the church has not really “bounced back,” so to speak.

The Czech Republic might not be as obvious a mission field as other countries, however the poverty at the heart of the nation is undeniably real. To address this poverty, in 2025 DMC partnered with a church in Pilsen, Czech Republic to host an English language camp for middle and high schoolers. At camp, yes, we taught a full day of English lessons during the day, but the team shared their testimonies and sang hymns with the students in the evenings.

For some campers, it was their first time hearing the Good News of the Gospel. For some, it was their first time meeting actual Christians. Some believed. Some are still seeking and having conversations with their new American friends via WhatsApp. Lives were undoubtedly changed by the relationships forged at camp.

We are now enrolling campers for the 2026 YEC (Youth English Camp). We are excited that almost all our friends from last year plan on attending this year and many plan on bringing friends. Attendance could potentially double.

If you'd like to help, there are several ways to do so. Number one, pray that God would bring as many as possible to camp. Number two, pray that God would make ready the hearts of those in attendance to receive the good news of the gospel. Number three, if you find yourself in a position to give, you may do so by writing a check to Dahlonga Methodist Church and put Czech Mission in the memo. For those of you who have already given to our mission, I, on behalf of the team, would like to thank you for your support.

Grace and peace,

Matt Stephenson -T: 706-300-0340 -E: mbstep2055@gmail.com

Sunday Worship

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:00 am

Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:25—Children's Ministry available

Worship in the Sanctuary at 11:00 am

Live Streaming 9:25 and 11:00am Service

<https://dahmc.org/services/#watch-live>

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.

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.

Sunday Verbal Announcements

If you would like to have a verbal announcement on Sunday mornings during the worship service, the announcement needs to be emailed to deborah@dahmc.org two weeks prior and approved by Steve and Robin.

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
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.