

August 2026

The Prospector

Dahlonega Methodist Church

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is an exciting time to be a part of Dahlonega Methodist Church! In a few days, we will be closing on the property that God gifted us with (although we have to pay for it).

This will allow us to expand our kingdom building ministry and have new space for our youth, children, and adults.

With our church's increasing passion for disciple making, this will allow us to be far more effective and expansive in our witness for Jesus Christ. What a great time to be alive!

In Christ,

Steve



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Wednesday Night SUPPER



Wednesday Night Suppers will resume September 9th.

Please remember to update your standing reservations by calling the church office or email nancy@dahmc.org.

Book Club

The Book Club will be discussing *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society*, by Eugene H. Peterson, August 26th at 6:30 in the library. The book may be purchased from this link:

<https://a.co/d/0eNixl4R>

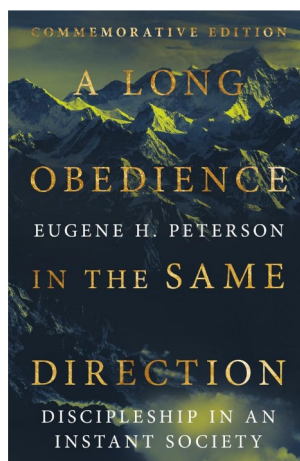
Pursue Deeper Faithfulness with Eugene Peterson's Classic Work on Discipleship.

Since Eugene Peterson first wrote this spiritual formation classic more than forty years ago, hundreds of thousands of Christians have been inspired by its call to deeper discipleship.

As a society, we are still obsessed with the immediate, but Peterson's time-tested prescription for discipleship remains the same—a long obedience in the same direction.

Long obedience requires a deepening life of prayer. Peterson finds encouragement for today's pilgrims in the Songs of Ascents (Psalms 120–134), sung by travelers on their way to worship in Jerusalem. With prophetic and pastoral wisdom, Peterson shows how the psalms teach us to grow in worship, service, joy, work, happiness, humility, community, blessing, and more.

If you would like to join the Book Club and receive email updates, please email sophelia@dahmc.org.



Globetrotters

Kick off the new season with an afternoon of a Globetrotters' favorite--BINGO! Yes, the fun, fellowship and prizes return to the Fellowship Hall, Tuesday, August 25, 2026, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. **Everyone is invited!** Come shake off the summer doldrums and make some new friends! Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Deena Rankin, 678-923-1034, or, Cindy Williams, 706-973-9272, by Tuesday, August 18, 2026.

Join us, Monday, 28 September 2026, as we visit 2 iconic Atlanta landmarks --The Varsity and The Fox Theater! Enjoy lunch, "What'll ya have?", (think famous chili dogs and frosted oranges), at the Varsity, the world's largest drive-in fast food restaurant, established in 1928, followed by a behind the scenes tour of the historic Fox Theater. Come along as we explore the starry skies, lavish lounges, screening room, star dressing rooms and more!. The 60-minute tour, (scheduled at 1:00 pm), will peel back the curtain on this opulent 1929 Moorish-Egyptian architectural gem. Please RSVP, (with payment), no later than, 10 September 2026, Deena Rankin, 678-923-1034, or, Cindy Williams, 706-973-9272, to secure a spot on this trip. Space is limited to 15 persons. The cost of the tour is \$50, non-refundable; lunch is on your own, (no host). We will be departing the Walmart parking lot in the Church van. Departure time to be announced.

SUMMER IS THE TIME FOR FAMILY FUN, ICE-COLD SWEET TREATS, AND CAMP MEETINGS!

ON AUGUST 12TH AT 6:00 PM UNDER THE PAVILION, WE WILL BE GATHERING FOR OUR FIRST HYMN SING AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

COME AND SING PRAISE TO GOD THROUGH ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE CLASSIC HYMNS AND ENJOY THE REFRESHING SWEETNESS OF A FROZEN TREAT!

If you play an instrument and are interested in adding your talent to this hymn sing, please email Zachary at zachary@dahmc.org.

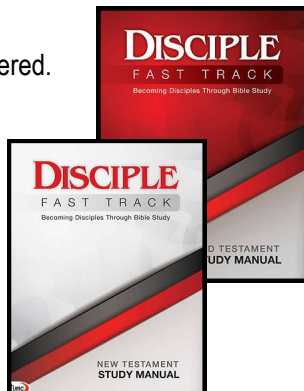
All hymn music will be provided including chord charts for those who want to play, as well as hymnals for our singers. A large list of hymns will also be provided from which we will choose our hymns.

Announcements

Disciple 1 and Disciple 2

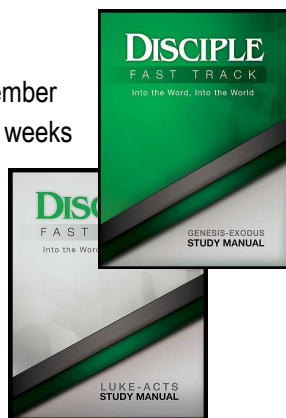
Beginning September 13th, Disciple 1 and Disciple 2 will be offered.

Disciple 1 titled *Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study* is an overview of the OT and NT, foundational for any Christian who desires to know God through His Word! This course is 25 weeks and will be from 4:00-6:00 pm beginning Sunday, September 13th in the Library. Steve Schofield will be the facilitator. More information to follow.



Disciple 2 titled *Into the Word Into the World* is starting on September 10th from 4pm-6pm, in room 308. The study will last a total of 24 weeks including 12 weeks on the books of Genesis-Exodus, and 12 weeks on the books of Luke-Acts. This study retains the familiar Disciple 1 format. Jeff Ramsland will be the facilitator.

Books for Disciple 1 and 2 will be available in the Church office for \$34 a set. (If paying by cash please bring exact dollar



Journeys of Paul Cruise

Join Rev. Robin Parr on the *Journeys of Paul Cruise*, 11 nights aboard Celebrity Ascent, round-trip from Rome, Italy. You will see Chania, Santorini, Kusadasi, Mykonos, Naples, Rome, and much more! Starting at \$4,798* from New York on October 17, 2027. **Register Early and Save—\$150** Register by July 17, 2026/**\$100** Register by October 17, 2026. Brochures are available in the Sanctuary foyer. For additional information and to register click here: <https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/ps27101727a#eotours>.



Widows Group Gathering

Please join us on **Monday, August 10th at 11:00 am** in the Church Library for coffee and snacks. Bring a snack to share with the group! Contact Kara Reyenga with any questions (770) 468-5441.

The **Sportsmen's Group** will meet **August 17th, 6:00 pm** under the Church pavilion for a meal and fellowship. Please contact Ray at repolk175@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Women's Circle of Faith 3rd Tuesday of the month-10am

August: No meeting

Circle of Faith 2026 Program

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.

Community Helping Place

Thank you to everyone who volunteered—or offered to help—with our **Summer Food Program**! Because of your generosity, the program was a great success, serving approximately **280 children** and their families. Your willingness to serve makes ministries like this possible.

This Month's Personal Care Pantry Needs:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body wash or bar soap
- Deodorant (men's and women's)
- Toilet paper

Thank you for continuing to support our neighbors through your generous donations and faithful service!

Churchwide Arts and Crafts Sale!

Coming Soon: — CHURCHWIDE — ARTS and CRAFTS Sale! ♥



**Have you marked
your calendars yet?**
If not, now is the time!



WHERE:

DMC Fellowship Hall



WHEN:

**Saturday,
September 26**



TIMES:

Drop off items	9–11am
Sale	11–4
Cleanup	4–6pm



PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT
the continued efforts of the Building Fund.



NEEDED...

handmade / homemade arts and crafts!



Ideas include but are not limited to:

- paintings
- quilts
- pottery
- birdhouses
- wood carvings
- turned wooden items
- soaps
- candles
- jewelry
- canned goods
- sewn items
- and more!



Not a Crafter? ♥

You don't have to craft alone!
If you'd like to help make items,
crafting groups are currently
being organized.

*This is a wonderful opportunity for
fellowship while creating something
meaningful for the sale.*



Questions or Donations?
To learn more or let us know what
you would like to donate,

TEXT KARA MARTINA
at (706) 300-4210



*We look forward to seeing how God uses the talents of our church family
to make this event a blessing for our congregation and community!* ♥

Children's Ministry, MMO & Preschool, Youth



August Calendar for D-Town Kidz

Kidz Church is Back!

Kidz Church for K-5th graders resumes this month! We will be back on **Sunday, August 9th**. We don't meet on the first Sunday of each month so that our kids can worship with their families in the service.

The 100 Envelope Challenge

Look for the 100 Envelope Board to arrive on **Sunday, August 9th!!** Grab an envelope and help support our Children's Ministry!

Dinner Dash (3rd, 4th, & 5th graders)

Calling all 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders for our Dinner Dash! On **Sunday, August 23rd from 4:00-7:00 pm**, we will dash around to local fast food restaurants for a "progressive dinner" type of meal! Appetizers at Zaxby's, main course at Waffle House, dessert at Wendy's! We will also fit swimming in at Pinetree Rec Center in there for a little bit!

Meet at the church at **3:45 pm**. Pick up at church at **7:00 pm**.

What to bring: bathing suit (already have it on), towel, dry clothes and shoes, \$10.

RSVP to Vanessa so we can make sure we have enough vehicles!

Family Pool Party

All children (babies-5th grade) AND their families are invited to a Family Pool Party at Camp Glisson on **Sunday, August 30th from 4:00-6:00 pm**. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share with everyone. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Hope you will join us for this fun event!

Wednesdays in the Word

Our Bible Study on Wed nights for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will resume on Wed, **Sept. 2** from 5:45-7:30 pm.



We're so excited for the new school year 2026-2027. Looking forward to meeting you and your family at Open House.

Here are some important dates for your calendar:

Thursday, Aug. 20th, Open House for School year 2026-2027

Monday, Aug. 24th, 1st Day of School

See you soon!



Register for PreK Classes!!

We have 2 openings in our PreK classes if you are interested in registering for 2026-27

Youth Ministry

Back to School August Schedule

Join us for an exciting year of fellowship, worship, service, and fun! Mark your calendars for these upcoming Youth Ministry events for the month of August!

August

- **August 2** – First Youth Gathering of the School Year!
 - **August 9** – Youth
 - **August 16** – Youth
 - **August 23** – Youth
 - **August 30** – Youth
- August 16** – High School El Salvador Mission Trip Information Meeting

High School El Salvador Mission Trip

February 13–15 (Dates TBD)

Estimated Cost: \$1,200–\$1,500

Weekly On-going Schedule

Sunday Youth: Sundays, **4:00–6:00 PM**

Wednesday Night Youth

Middle School: 5:45–7:30 PM

High School: 5:45–8:00 PM

Contact Information

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One Child El Salvador, Inc.

A message from Quataunda Armstrong, OCES Child Sponsorship Director

There is no greater blessing than sharing the love of Jesus with children who need hope. Child sponsorship is more than providing financial support, it is an opportunity to change a life. Your sponsorship helps provide children in El Salvador with essentials such as education, nutritious meals, healthcare, and the opportunity to grow in a Christ-centered environment where they are reminded that they are loved by God.

We are incredibly grateful to be part of an organization that is making an eternal difference in the lives of children and families in El Salvador. Every child who is sponsored is a testimony of God's faithfulness and the compassion of His people. It is amazing to see how God is opening doors, transforming hearts, and bringing hope to communities through this ministry.

As we continue to pray and serve, we are excited to announce that we are planning a mission trip to El Salvador this fall. The exact dates are still being finalized, but we look forward to sharing more information soon. We ask that you begin praying for the children, their families, our ministry partners, and everyone who will be serving on this mission.

Thank you to everyone who has already chosen to sponsor a child, pray for this ministry, or support our mission efforts. Your generosity is making an eternal impact. Together, we are sharing the love of Christ and bringing hope to children—one child, one family, and one community at a time.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." — Matthew 19:14

Oasis is the Santa Ana Church that we partner with for onsite administration of the La Magdalena School.



One Child Coffee

One Child Coffee has great coffee for sale, and we need your help to sell the rest of our 2025 crop before the new 2026 crop of delicious coffee beans arrives.

We will be selling coffee outside the church doors on Sundays, beginning **August 9**, with sales continuing most months. Dates may vary depending on the weather and church activities.

You can also order anytime through our online store and pick up your order at the church. We will place your coffee, labeled with your name, in the 3rd-floor copy machine room for your convenience.
www.onechildcoffee.myshopify.com

We offer the following coffee varieties:

Medium Roast

- Decaf K-Cups
- Regular K-Cups
- Whole Bean

Drip Grind

Dark Roast

- Decaf K-Cups
- Regular K-Cups
- Whole Bean

Drip Grind

Don't forget our delicious **Espresso-Infused Chocolate Bars** and **Chocolate-Covered Espresso Coffee Beans**!

Thank you for supporting the children of La Magdalena through your purchases. If you know of a church, business, or other organization that might like to partner with us by using One Child Coffee as a fund-



FAITH. FRIENDSHIP. ENGLISH.

YOUTH ENGLISH CAMP 2026

*Building Bridges Through
Language, Faith, and Friendship*

POČEPICE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Thanks to the generous support of **Dahlonaga Methodist Church**, twenty teenagers from across the Czech Republic—including two Ukrainian students—experienced a week that changed lives through English learning, Christian fellowship, outdoor adventures, and worship.

A MISSION CONNECTING GEORGIA TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC



20 STUDENTS
from across the
Czech Republic



2 UKRAINIAN STUDENTS
currently living in
the Czech Republic



9 AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS
sharing their time,
skills, and faith



7 CZECH LEADERS
serving with passion
and hospitality

LIVES WERE CHANGED

Nightly testimony sessions were one of the most meaningful parts of camp. Dahlonaga team members shared how Jesus Christ has worked in their lives through both joys and hardships. These honest stories sparked heartfelt conversations that often continued late into the evening.

Many students left camp with:



Greater
confidence
speaking
English



Lasting
friendships



A deeper
understanding
of God's love



A desire to
continue
exploring faith



THANK YOU,
DAHLONEGA METHODIST CHURCH,
for making this ministry possible through your
prayers, encouragement, and generous support!

*"Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations..."*
— Matthew 28:19



*"I came to improve my English,
but I found so much more—
friends, purpose, and faith."*

— YEC 2026 PARTICIPANT



OUR AMERICAN TEAM

this year consisted of Matt, Lauren, Jude, and Noelle Stephenson; Chuck, Kim, Lucy, and Blakely Bell; and Jeremy Lavender. Jeremy is new to the team but his experience as a school counselor was a tremendous blessing.



THE PILSEN METHODIST TEAM

from the Czech Republic consisted of their pastor, Milan Mrazek; youth leaders, Filip Vojta and Miriam Vojtová; Daniel Konopik and Terka Konopiková; David Hajčiar; and Jana Jichová who cooked wonderful meals for us each day.

A WEEK THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The English Camp for Teens in the Czech Republic is a week-long program that combines English language learning with Christian faith, fellowship, and personal growth. This year we welcomed twenty students, including two Ukrainian students.



LEARN

Each morning, students participated in interactive English classes. Lessons focused on speaking, listening, reading, and writing through games, discussions, role-playing, and group activities.



EXPLORE

Afternoons were filled with sports, team-building challenges, outdoor games, creative workshops, and a cultural excursion combined with a day of hiking in the beautiful Czech countryside.



ENCOUNTER

Each evening students gathered for worship, testimonies, and small group discussion to learn about God and the message of the Bible.



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2027

The Dahlonaga Methodist Team will be meeting in the next week to plan YEC 2027.



We will be returning to the retreat center in Počepice, and it is our hope to offer more scholarships for Czech students to attend camp.

JULY 4 – JULY 10, 2027

*Pray with us as we plan for
another life-changing week!*

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 August goes to the support of the DMC Children's Ministry, to provide excellent programs for the kids in our church and community.

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 sophelia@dahmc.org two weeks prior and approved by Steve and Robin.

Security Team Recruitment

Anyone interested in participating in the church security team please contact Wally Woods at 706-244-4981 for more information.

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 – 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 the 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.