

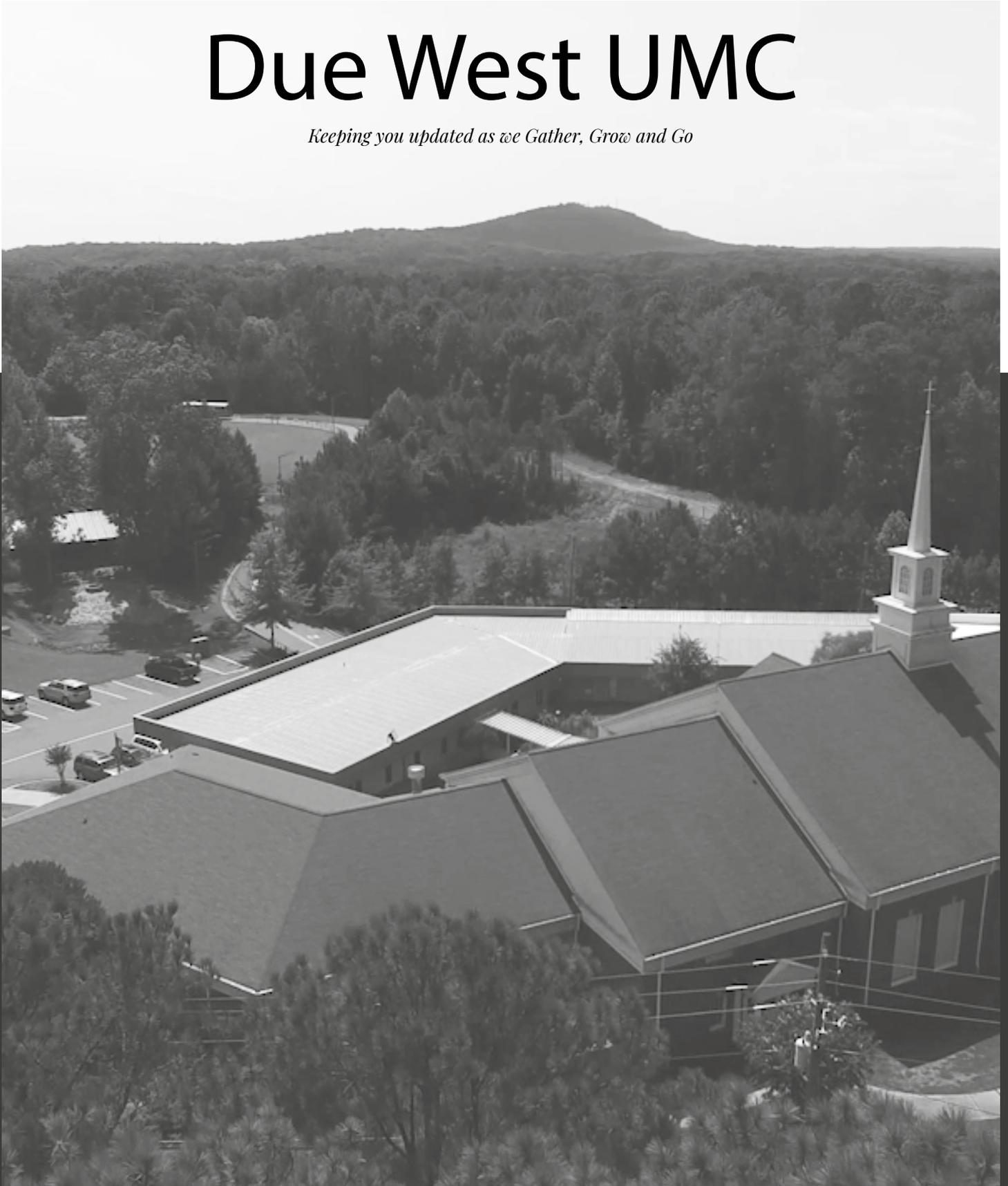


Join us as we Gather together, Grow in Jesus Christ and Go serve

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# Due West UMC

*Keeping you updated as we Gather, Grow and Go*



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## Events

We have thousands of events every year here at Due West UMC. For more information and to see all of our events, visit the calendar on our website.

# Online Giving

We thank you for your generosity during this time. You can give online using your smartphone, tablet or computer. Simply download the Vanco Give app onto your device and select our church! Or visit our website and select “Give Online” to begin giving through our system. Contact Bree Collins at [brecollins@duewest.org](mailto:brecollins@duewest.org)



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# Pastoral Update

A letter from our Pastors to you.



“The greater than sign is a mathematical symbol used to denote an inequality between two variables or quantities.” That is what they tell you in middle school math class. In my class the conversation went like this. Teacher: “Brian has 10 oranges. Joey has 8 oranges. How do you express this inequality? David, can you answer?” Me: I think 10 is greater than 8 but I’m sure playing baseball is greater than solving mathematical inequalities!”

For some reason recently I was thinking about mathematical inequalities. I wrote down  $21 > 20$ . It is true. You can look it up. 21 is greater than 20. Place 21 quarters in one stack and 20 in the other. Which stack is greater? (I’ll wait.) 21 is greater! You had no doubt. Put 21 people on one team and 20 on the other team. Which team has the most? Put 21 one hundred dollar bills in one stack and 20 hundred dollar bills in the other stack. Now bring both stacks to the church for the offering. You get the idea.  $21 > 20$ .



**Dr. David Campbell**  
*Senior Pastor*

It is a mathematical fact that  $21 > 20$ . But it is much more than that right now. Right now it is a prayer. We are all praying that  $21 > 20$ . God was with us in 2020. As someone whose family saw our share of challenges, we can still say God was with us in 2020. That has never been in doubt. But we can also say we don’t want to repeat it. We want 2021 to be better. Not just better. Greater. Our aspiration... our hope... our prayer is that ‘21 will be greater than ‘20!

Scripture often speaks of things being greater. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no commandment greater than these.” “You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” “... whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.” And there are many more. We will be looking at some of these scriptures in the Sundays ahead of us. We will be looking at the better things God has

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in store for us. We will be looking at the greater things God has in store for us! We will be talking about our hopes and dreams for a '21 than is greater than '20!

So bid farewell to 2020. None of us are sad to see it pass. We re looking ahead to 2021. Looking for something better. Hoping for something more. Praying

for something greater. Come join us in person or online. Join us as we look at some great scriptures that talk about greater things. Because those scriptures are a reminder of the One that will lead us to 21 being greater than 20.

If it's Sunday, you want to be at Due West,

David

Join us January 3 as we kick off our new series,

21>20



MISSIONS

# Deeper & Wider

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## A New Year's Devotion



“May the favor of the Lord rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.”  
Psalm 90:17

There's something about the New Year that fills us with hope. Maybe it's because we feel we've been given a chance to do it all again, but better. Perhaps it's just the wonder of what will be.

With that in mind, in what ways does God desire your obedience as the New Year approaches? His word promises that He has plans for you. Can you trust him when He says they are “plans to prosper you and not to harm you”? (Jeremiah 29:11) This year, seek His plans and follow them. Let Him establish the work of your hands, and you will have success for his word says, “Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33) He will meet your needs for He knows them. If you make any resolutions this year, resolve first to trust Him then to serve Him. (Devotion from Mississippi Mom.com)

Missionaries at Work: I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your continued love prayers and financial

support as we continue to reach deeper in our community to serve as many people as possible.

There is no way I can list all of the things this church has done or been involved with this year. The list is far too long. But I'd like to list a few of the organizations that your hands, hearts, and gifts have allowed us to support: Murphy Harpst, Calvary Children's Home, The Bridges, One Love and More, Cobb County Police, Cobb County Fire, Osborne High School, Lost Mountain Middle School, Due West Elementary School, Frey Elementary School, Harrison High School, South Cobb High School, Pebblebrook High school, For Ever Fed, Mountain Top Boy's Home, The Craddock Center, MARR Addiction Center, Bartow Center for Family Resources, Sanctuary Church, CommUNITY, MUST, KSU Wesley Foundation, Cobb Police Athletic League, Cobb Center for Family Resources, Cobb Senior Services, Mosaic Church, The Georgia National Guard Family Foundation, The Davis Foundation....and many more that I can't think of right now! It is nothing short of a miracle! One Church in Mission!

I love to tell people about how loving and giving the Due West UMC family is! I do not know of another congregation in this area that loves as "deep and wide" as we do! Peace and Amen!

Teach Love: A big thanks to Amber Wilson for driving this ministry! This month we took a care basket to the staff at Lost Mountain Middle School, as a way of thanking them for all they do for the kids. Amber also coordinated our support of the schools Giving Tree, which allowed several kids to have a very merry Christmas!

What a great church staff we have! Several of our staff members volunteered at Due West Elementary school by working the morning car line! This act of kindness allowed teachers to be freed up to have extra time to plan or just relax for a few minutes before the busy day started! Thanks staff members for being God's Hands! Serving in our Community:

Staff and volunteers helping wrap presents along side Cobb County Police for children in our community,

Our congregation was blessed to have been asked to help wrap Christmas presents alongside the Cobb County Police Department. These were the presents that they department had purchased through their Shop with a Cop program. Everybody that came out had such a good time!

Thanks to Super Elves Melinda Hajost and Kyle Moore for coordinating the Murphy Harpst Angel Tree program! Through their hard work and your generosity we were able to provide Christmas to well over 100 kids! Thanks Due West!

Emergency Relief Fund: Through your generosity, we are able to continue to provide life changing help to many families. Gifts to this program allow us to pay utility bills, provide rent assistance, buy medicine and so much more. At Thanksgiving we provided 4 families with dinner, and we were able to buy Christmas presents for another 5 families in December. A Big shout out to all of our Sunday school classes and small groups that support so much of what we are able to do! I'd like to highlight the Four Seasons class, who for the fourth year gathered to make and deliver sausage biscuits to 7 Cobb County fire stations on Christmas morning!

More Super Elves! Through a great partnership with Harrison High school, every Wednesday Gail Tillman and Bree Collins pick up pre-made meal kits from the school and deliver them to kids and families at two different extended stay hotels. Right now they are delivering meals to 70 kids each week! The school is willing to provide more meals for us to deliver, if we can get the manpower.

In order for us to pick up another drop point, we need two volunteers to help pick up and deliver each Wednesday from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. If you want to help, please contact Mark Hellman or Amber Wilson at the church office!



# dwKids

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It is our hope that through these efforts we will all be able to “Grow Young Disciples.”

## Wonderfully Made: Loved by God

Wonderfully Made is a 3-day course for 5th & 6th grade students and their parents: Thursday evening (parents), Friday evening (students), all day Saturday (students in the am, all in the afternoon for lunch)

Coming February 4 - 6; Registration can be found on the church website.

Help preteens learn they are wonderfully made with this faith and sexuality education program.

The preteen years are tough. Changes are happening to them physically, mentally, and emotionally which makes it hard to know exactly what's going on. Wonderfully Made provides kids ages 10-12 the opportunity to not only ask questions about growing up, but to get faith-based answers as well. This program covers physical development and spiritual connection while helping preteens establish a foundation for their life in Christ.



## dwCrew

DwCrew will be meeting this month on January 10, January 24 & January 31. All 3rd-5th graders are welcome to join us as we fellowship with one another and learn to be young disciples of Christ.



# 04 Ignite Youth

Whoever you are,  
Wherever you're from,  
You are welcome here.

Ski Trip

Feb. 13-16  
Winterplace, WV

Our High School youth have the opportunity to travel to West Virginia to ski at Winterplace! Feb. 13-16, during Cobb Co. Winter Break! This is open to 9-12th grade students. We are staying in hotel style accommodations. This cost includes transport, lodging, 2-day lift ticket, helmet, breakfast and lunch.

Parent meeting will be on Sunday, Jan. 31 at 4pm in the South Sanctuary.

All COVID precautions will be exercised during trip.

Limited space available so sign up soon!

On Saturday February 13 2021 at 8:30 AM to Tuesday February 16 2021 9:30 AM  
Location

Winterplace  
100 Old Flat Top Mountain Road, Ghent, WV 25843

[Sign Up Now](#)

# 05 ADULTS



# MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Due West Studio Event!

## Young Families @ Due West

This year's Breakfast with Santa was a huge success! Over 50 families gathered for a continental style breakfast, got a "take home" Christmas project, and had their pictures made with Old St. Nick himself! This annual event, led by our Young Families Ministry is one of the highlights of the Christmas season here at Due West UMC. Special thanks to Amber Wilson and her team of Elves for all of the hard work and time that they put into making this event so special and meaningful!

Santa smiling during one of this photo sessions at this years event.





## 2020 Cookies with Santa

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The Women's Ministry's Cookies with Santa Event was a huge success. We provided baskets filled with children's gifts, gift cards, bibles, parent devotions, gingerbread houses to be put together and cookie decorating kits (and added a little magic with Reindeer food and tickets to the North Pole where the kids had a Zoom with Santa here at the church on December 12th). We served 8 families and 22 children.



## Women's Christmas Brunch

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This year's Christmas Brunch was held on December 12th. Speaker Author Sally Kilpatrick gave a wonderful talk on God's Grace to 54 women from DWUMC and the community. Great music and food from Brix on Main in Acworth along with beautifully decorated Christmas scene tables

were enjoyed by all. Our mission was Bartow Family Resources (pregnancy and resource center) where we took in vitamins, formula and baby food, monetary donations, 4 cases of diapers and 3 cases of baby wipes. A special thank you to all who contributed!

UPCOMING

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What's happening  
at Due West?

Learn About Dr. Campbell's  
Trip To Turkey

January 10 | 4 pm | South Campus Sanctuary

If you are interested in hearing about the biblical sites David saw in Turkey during his October 2020 trip, this is the event for you! He will also talk about an upcoming trip to Greece and Italy next June to follow the journeys of Paul.

With thousands of events every year, it is impossible to fit them all in one place. Here, we want to give you a quick glance at January, 2021.

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# January at a Glance

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## 21>20 Series Kick-Off

Join us as we start a new series with this new year. It is not just an equation. It is a prayer that 2021 will be greater than 2020.

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## Modern Worship Auditions

We'd love to have you audition for Guitar, Bass, Drums or Keys.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c49a9a72caa8-modern>

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## Ignite Ski Trip Parent Meeting

If you have a High School student who would like to attend our Ski Trip, please join us at 4pm in the South Sanctuary.

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## Scouts' Own Worship Service

This is a service for all of our Scout Troops to attend. Please contact Bill Coffeen, [billcoffeen@gmail.com](mailto:billcoffeen@gmail.com), if you have any questions.

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