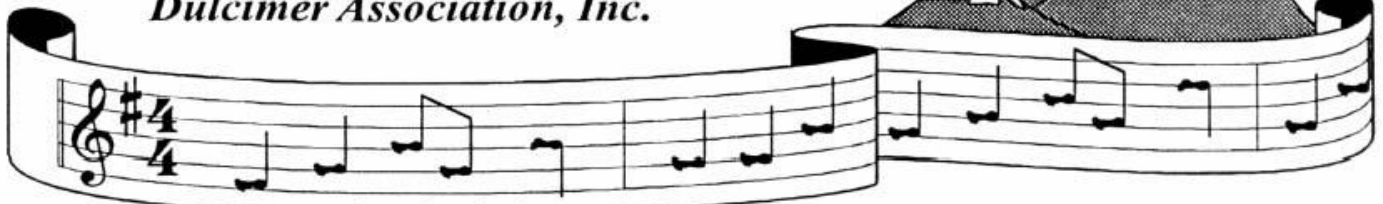


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**NOVEMBER 17-19, 2022**  
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We welcome you again to this year's Virtual Fall Festival on November 17, 18 and 19.

It's easy – just go to the NGFDA website at: <http://www.ngfda.com/> and then click on the large picture or click the tab the top of the page “Register For 2022 Fall Festival.”

You can then navigate to the schedules and other information in the banner. Check out the list of instructors – including some new names. The daily schedules are posted on the NGFDA website.

Remember to get your tickets for the nightly concerts!

If you have questions, please reach out to the festival co-directors, Mike VanDemark and Laurie Wilson.

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## About the Tablature...

This month's tablature is an old hymn, "*The Church in the Wildwood.*"

The song was written by Dr. William S. Pitts in 1857 following a coach ride that stopped in Bradford, Iowa.

It is a song about a church in a valley near the town, though the church was not actually built until several years later. In the years since, the church has become known simply as "the Little Brown Church".



Shortly into the new century, the Society for The Preservation of The Little Brown Church was founded, and by 1914, services were again held in the building. Shortly afterward, the small congregation experienced a revival that attracted new attention to it and to its song.

As the song grew in popularity, coupled with the development of the U.S. Highway system in the mid-1920s, many visitors came to the newly reopened little church. Since then, the church has become a popular tourist spot, and remains so today and it attracts thousands of visitors every year.

Truckers stop by to say a quick prayer, couples from as far away as Australia come to get married, and many visitors are so inspired that they belt out the song that made the "little brown church in the vale" famous.



Many have questioned whether this is truly a "spiritual" song and should be in a hymnal. Truly spiritual songs should have more than "religious nostalgia," but there is a definite spiritual benefit to remembering certain things from the past. For some, it might be the lessons that they learned as a child when they worshipped in a building like "The Church in the Wildwood."

Take Malcom Tucker, "*A Man in a Hurry*" on the Andy Griffith Show.



This song is featured in the episode and is an excellent example of what we really need to do.



Here is a video of the gents singing the song...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLrAvNAQafE>

Please note: The tab is two pages.



## Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club

The group is looking forward to playing at Jarrell Plantation State Historic Site in Juliette, GA, for their 33rd Annual Syrup Makin' Day on November 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-3:30. They have the privilege of playing in a lovely auditorium and sharing their music with the many visitors who look forward to this festival each year. Besides some great music, you can experience sugar cane syrup making the old-fashioned way as they cook cane juice in the original kettles and show off the steam powered cane press. Sip on sugar cane juice and watch farm skills like spinning, weaving, and woodstove cooking. Also go hands-on with fall activities and games. Hot syrup available to purchase at the end of the day.

## Good News!

The Dusty Dulcimers, Danielsville, Ga. are now meeting in person starting this September. There has been a change in times and dates. We will meet at 1:00 PM, the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Danielsville Library.

We want to thank all our sponsors for the 2021 Fall Festival.  
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# Church in the Wildwood

Dr. Wm. S. Pitts

Arranged by Nancy Larson

G D

1. There's a church in the val - ley by the wild - wood, No  
 2. Oh, come to the church in the wild - wood, To the  
 3. How sweet on a clear Sab - bath morn - ing To  
 4. From the church in the val - ley by the wild - wood, When

1 D 2 3 3 0  
 A 0 1 3 0  
 D 0. 0 0 1. 0 0 0 3. 4 5 4 4 4

D G C

love - li - er spot in the dale; No place is so dear to my  
 trees where the wild flow - ers bloom; Where the part - ing hymn will be  
 list to the clear ring - ing bell; Its tones so sweet - ly are  
 day fades a - way in - to night, I would fain from this spot of my

4 D 0 0 3. 6  
 A 0 0 3. 6 5  
 D 0 2. 3 4 5. 4 3. 4 4. 5 6 5. 4

G D G

child - hood As the lit - tle brown church in the vale.  
 chant - ed, We will weep by the side of the tomb.  
 call - ing, Oh, come to the church in the vale.  
 child - hood Wing my way to the man - sions of light.

7 D 3 3 0 0  
 A 3 3 0 0  
 D 3 2. 1 0 0 0 0 0 1. 2 3.

Refrain G

Oh, come, come, come, come, Come to the church in the  
 come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come, the

10 D 5. 4 11 3 3 3 3 12 3 3  
 A 1 1  
 D 0 1. 0 0 3. 4

G D G

wild - wood, Oh come to the church in the vale; No  
 come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come,

13 D 3 0 14 0 0 15 3. 3. 6. 5  
 A 3 3 0 3  
 D 5 4 4 0 2. 3 4 5. 4 3.

C G

spot is so dear to my child - hood as the

16 D 6 6 17 3 3  
 A 4 4. 5 6 5. 4 3 3  
 D 3 3 2. 1

D G

lit - tle brown church in the vale.

18 D 0 0 19 0.  
 A 0 0 1.  
 D 0 0 0 0 1. 2 3.

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SATELLITE	AREA	FREQUENCY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Allatooners	Kennesaw, GA	Monthly, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	6:30-8:30	First United Lutheran Church of Kennesaw 3481 Campus Loop Rd (formerly Frey Lake Rd.)	Peggy Martin 678-478-2456 <a href="mailto:martin.pb101@gmail.com">martin.pb101@gmail.com</a> www.allatooners.org Satellite Scribe: Marianne Wurtele <a href="mailto:bluegrass_m@hotmail.com">bluegrass_m@hotmail.com</a>
Bent Tree Strings	Jasper, GA	Monthly, 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	2:00-4:00	Club Tamarack Dining Room in Bent Tree. Bent Tree is 6 miles east of Jasper off Cove Road.	Sally Long 404-351-5257 <a href="mailto:sallylong@tds.net">sallylong@tds.net</a>
Dalton Dulcimers	Dalton, GA	Weekly Wednesdays	2:30	First United Methodist Church 500 S. Thornton Ave.	Sherry Patterson 706-278-7256 <a href="mailto:Sspatts6@gmail.com">Sspatts6@gmail.com</a>
Dixieland Dulcimers	Griffin, GA	Weekly-Mondays	10:00	Crestview Baptist Church Fellowship hall, Griffin, GA	Nancy Good 224.715.8619 Dave Graves 770-227-4890 <a href="mailto:drq636@gmail.com">drq636@gmail.com</a>
Dusty Dulcimers	Danielsville, GA	Monthly – 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays	1:00	Danielsville Public Library 1315 Hwy 98 Danielsville, GA 30633	Marty Philips 678-863-7191 Mark Stricklett email: <a href="mailto:mstricklett@windstream.net">mstricklett@windstream.net</a>
Garden City Strummers	Evans, GA	Monthly – 2nd Monday – fast jam	7:00-9:00 7:00-9:00	4537 Glenda Lane Evans, GA 30809	Pat & Bill Colbert 706-860-3437 <a href="mailto:pogosbill@aol.com">pogosbill@aol.com</a>
Gold Country Players	Gainesville, GA	Weekly – Thurs. Main Session Basic Session	2:00-4:00 4:15-5:00	First Baptist Church Room 235, 751 Green Street, NW, Gainesville GA 30501	Sandy Lesli <a href="mailto:goldcountryplayers@gmail.com">goldcountryplayers@gmail.com</a>
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Hilltop Strummers	Woodstock-Canton, GA	Weekly – Tues.	1:30-3:30	Canton First UMC 930 Lower Scott Mill Road, Canton, GA Exit 16 at I-575	Martha Raby 770-893-3453 <a href="mailto:Mraby@tds.net">Mraby@tds.net</a>
In Town Down Home	Atlanta, GA	Monthly, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.	1:00	St. Luke's Lutheran Church 3264 Northside Parkway Atlanta, GA 30327	Rudine Davis H 404-250-0605; C 404-790-7179 <a href="mailto:davises@bellsouth.net">davises@bellsouth.net</a>
LaGrange Dulcimer Troupers	LaGrange, GA	Weekly, Thurs. mornings  Weekly, Tues.	10:45- 12:15  11:30	First United Methodist Church for jamming/practice  Beginning classes	Ann and Perry Wilder 706-882-5027 <a href="mailto:perrywilder@bellsouth.net">perrywilder@bellsouth.net</a>
Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players	Brevard & vicinity, NC	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays	9:30- 11:00	St Philip's Episcopal Church (in the basement) 256 East Main St Brevard, NC	Leader: Linda Schieve 828-885-2328
Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club	Macon, GA	Monthly, 2nd Sat.	1:00-2:00 Lesson 2:00-3:30 Jam	Young America School of Music 6361 Zebulon Road	Barbara Stevens 478-457-6539 <a href="mailto:gbs468@aol.com">gbs468@aol.com</a> Laurie Wilson 229-389-9611 <a href="mailto:Laurell.Wilson@hotmail.com">Laurell.Wilson@hotmail.com</a>
Mountain Sounds	Murphy, NC	Bimonthly 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays	1:00-3:00	Foster Flea Market 100 Blairsville Hwy (Hwy 129) Murphy, NC	Pam Johnson <a href="mailto:Mountain.Sounds@aol.com">Mountain.Sounds@aol.com</a> Facebook page: Mountain Sounds Dulcimer Club
Peach Pickers Satellite	Sharpsburg, GA	Monthly, 2nd Sunday	3:00-5:00	Trinity Church 8817 Highway 54 W Sharpsburg, GA	Pat Hobson 770-461-2522 <a href="mailto:pohobson@gmail.com">pohobson@gmail.com</a> Wanda Dawkins 678-899-0453 <a href="mailto:hrwmdawk@yahoo.com">hrwmdawk@yahoo.com</a> Call Pat Call Wanda
Peach Pickers INSTRUCTION	1) Fayette Senior Ctr 2) Bridge Community Ctr	Wednesdays Tuesdays	11:00 6:00-8:00	4 Center Drive, Fayetteville Bridge Community Ctr. 225 Willowbend Rd Peachtree City	
Roman Sunshine	Rome, GA	Weekly, Monday	10:00	Charles Parker Senior Center Kingston Rd	JT Bishop 706-234-0477 <a href="mailto:Jtbljb@bellsouth.net">Jtbljb@bellsouth.net</a>
Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club (EDIMGIAFAD)	Centerville, GA	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays	5:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church 600 N. Houston Lake Rd.	Elizabeth Garrett, 478-225-8071 <a href="mailto:elizabeth@comsouth.net">elizabeth@comsouth.net</a> Jean Noble, 478-971-1782 <a href="mailto:jeannoble@cox.net">jeannoble@cox.net</a>
Tugalo Valley Strummers	Toccoa, GA	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday evenings Beginners Novice Intermediate	5:00-5:45 5:45-6:30 6:30-8:00	Ebenezer Baptist Church Family Life Center 49 Rose Lane Toccoa, GA 30577	Margo Taylor 706-297-9509 <a href="mailto:Margotaylor808@gmail.com">Margotaylor808@gmail.com</a>
Whistle Stop Pickers	East Alabama/ West Georgia (Auburn- Opelika area)	Weekly, Sat.	1:00-3:00	Lee County Historical Society Museum 6500 Stage Road (Hwy 14) Loachapoka, AL	Allen & Deborah McCord 334-821-1301 334-703-3646 (cell) <a href="mailto:mccord0304@gmail.com">mccord0304@gmail.com</a>
Yonah Pickers	Clarksville, GA	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Fridays.	2:00- 4:00p	Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarksville	Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212 <a href="mailto:yonahpickers@yahoo.com">yonahpickers@yahoo.com</a> Brenda Sue Whitmire <a href="mailto:Bswitmire@windstream.net">Bswitmire@windstream.net</a>

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