



*From our President:*

*Wow! It seems like forever since we had a Discover retreat. Well, may be just one year. Once again we attended the National DGC meeting along with a few other Mississippi folks. The atmosphere was more upbeat than our last meeting. Some regular retreats have been successfully held along with some new innovative retreats in a church setting. The number of new Discoverers is still relatively small, so if you love Discover keep praying. Speaking of loving Discover, if you do love the ministry, please promote the retreat to others. There have been hundreds of people participate in Discover through the Mississippi Chapter. If you are reading this you are one of them. If each of you would invite ONE person we would need no further promotions. The culture today needs strong Christians more than ever. Discover is a great tool to strengthen them. See you in November.*

*Love,*

*Michael*

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### **National Council Meeting**

The National Council meeting was held on July 28 in Nashville. Several of the MS chapter attended. Mike Norcom, along with Carol, attended as chapter President, Debbie Andrews attended as National Retreat Manager, Charlie Wood attended as National forms Coordinator and is now serving on the National Planning Committee. Steve and Genny Seeley attended as Genny has accepted the position as National Prayer Chairperson. We had a change in leadership positions. Tom Clarke's term as National President came to an end and the new President is Pat Bailey from Texas. Lynn Moffat replaced her as chairperson of the National Planning Committee. The spirit at the meeting was good and there is a sense of expectation as several chapters are embarking into new waters, trying new and innovative ideas. It is going to be exciting to see where God leads Discover!♥

### **Nominations for positions on the Mississippi Chapter Executive Council**

If you feel that God is calling you to serve in the ministry of Discover God's Call by serving on the Executive Council or you know of someone you would like to nominate for a position, please contact a member of the nominations committee. Members are Mike Norcom (601-924-4666), Steve Seeley (601-372-7461) and Frances Gibson (662-578-8840).

Council positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Registrar (appointed), Prayer Chairperson, Small Group Trainer, Hospitality, Publicity, Clergy Representative, Representative to the Conference and at large members♥

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## The Hospitality Corner!

We look forward to seeing all of your new recruits for DGC this November 2, 3 and 4. I would love to see all Of you “Oldies” come to this retreat. Let’s make it a wonderful Reunion. Several of us have missed a couple and now is the time to renew our friendships and make new friends.

We need volunteers to bring cake, fruit, nuts, chips and dips, drinks, brownies, cookies, any of your specialties that we can Impress our new Discoverers with – we want to fill up their tummies and allow the Lord to fill them up with His Spirit. Email me at patnasonwilliams@bellsouth.net, pat.williams@usdoj.gov or call me at 662-234-7681 and let me know what you plan on bringing.

It will be so exciting. I can’t wait to see you and see who brings the most new Discoverers♥

*Pat Williams, Miss Hospitality  
Oxford, MS*



## Blessings



My service with Discover God’s call began with the second year after my attendance as a “New Discoverer” in 2001. I have served in the areas of the Executive Council, small group leader, Bible study leader and Prayer chairman.

God has never failed to show up at the retreats. Those who have attended retreats have been blessed beyond measure. New Discoverers have found a revitalization of their ministries, or they have found the new ‘thing’ God has been calling them to do. Those who return to retreats, like me, have had the privilege of watching and interacting with the new people as they come to a better understanding of what God has in store for them when they return home. My participation in the Bible study and the Prayer team have resulted in a closer walk with God, a renewed spirit, a greater desire for the word of God as well as times intense with the movement of the Holy Spirit. All who seek to know more about their walk with our Lord, and those who are more secure in their relationship with the Lord will find a fresh touch from God, and will be greatly blessed when they join with us at the Discover God’s Call retreat this fall♥

*June Thornhill*

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## Opportunities for those returning to a Discover Retreat

Do you feel like you would like to recapture your original Discover experience? Any one can return to a retreat and participate in one of 3 ways, Prayer Team, Bible Study or Small Group Leader.

The Prayer team under girds every aspect of the retreat with prayer. They also pray for concerns of individuals who have come to the retreat.

The Serendipity Bible study group does a study on a different topic at each retreat. Participants also learn how to lead a Serendipity Bible study at home or in their church. There are plenty of opportunities for your Discover experience to continue on. Give it a try!

Group leaders are an integral part of the experience as they facilitate the small groups and lead the New Discoverers in their exploration experience♥



Being a small group leader at Discover God’s Call gives one the opportunity to help others find their gifts to use for God’s Kingdom. Training for leaders is held on Thursday before the retreat begins on Friday so that all leaders will know what they are supposed to do and how to do it. No one will be “winging it” or left uncomfortable.

This is an opportunity to get to know the New Discoverers and to be used by God to deposit love, courage, knowledge, and friendship within them. It is a WONDERFUL way to serve God. One must have been a New Discoverer at a previous retreat. The Vice President is responsible for choosing the leaders and the Small Group Trainer is responsible for training them. If this is something the Lord has laid on your heart to do please call or e-mail Frances Gibson: 662-578-8840 – gibson\_fran@hotmail.com♥

## Why Attend Discovers God Call



As believers, we sometimes need that extra push or incentive for us to get into God's presence. The World keeps us very busy with our vocation, sports, clubs, programs, television, even so called church programs, etc.; our plate is full, but full of what? Do we take time to listen to our Lord, pray and praise His name and study His Word?

If my life is going to be meaningful in His Kingdom, change is required in my mind, heart and soul. Preparation is needed for us to move into a Kingdom way of life. Matt 4:23: And Jesus was going about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every kind of sickness and every kind of disease among the people." Discover God's Call, presents an opportunity for the Christian participant to spend quality time with the Lord, to hear from the Holy Spirit, to not only discover your spiritual gifts but have them affirmed and to have insight on how to use your spiritual gifts in your home church and community.

I can attest that part of my spiritual growth has come through encounters with the Holy Spirit at Discover God's Call weekends. The Holy Spirit never fails to show up! Time is running out, so we encourage you to attend this weekend to get your cup filled so that you can be a blessing to others♥

*Bill Flateau*

## What Discover has Meant to Me and My Church



I'm Charles Wood and I had my first DISCOVER Experience in the spring of 1998 in Biloxi, MS. During my home study, my spiritual gifts were determined to be: Faith, Teaching, Discernment, and Compassion. These gifts were confirmed by my fellow Discoverers during our small group meetings.

My original call was to become involved in a prayer ministry in my home church. Since my initial experience, I have attended DGC retreats five times, four times attending Bible study groups, leading one of them, and I have served as a Small Group Leader.

Teaching was a call that I questioned and was much in prayer about. Now for the last two and one half years, I have begun teaching my own age Sunday school class, and have also occasionally lead our Wednesday Night Bible Study sessions.

I use my gifts of compassion in delivering "meals on wheels" to elderly and shut-in's in the neighborhood where I grew up and going with our pastor, visiting our church members who are elderly, in the hospital, and nursing homes. I hope to have many more years to be involved in GOD'S work through Discover God's Call, as I continue to grow and serve♥

*Charlie*

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*Bill*



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