

Newsletter

New officers installed at Spring Retreat

The Mississippi Chapter of Discover God's Call completed its sixth year of ministry with its retreat at Arleen Hall on May 2 through May 4. Outgoing officers who had served for six years were honored and thanked by participants at the retreat who have been involved with the ministry. Outgoing officers who have given leadership for the past six years are Jim Wilson of Starkville, President, Mike McLaughlin of Starkville, Vice President, Mike Norcom of Clinton, registrar and Genny Seeley of Jackson, Prayer Chairperson.

New officers who will be serving for the next two years are Mike Norcom, President, Debbie Andrews of Amory, Vice President, Steve Seeley of Jackson, registrar, June Thornhill of Sandy Hook and Peggy Hubert of D'Iberville, Co-prayer chairpersons, Outreach, Jim Wilson and Publicity, Genny Seeley.

We are proud of what we have accomplished in the six years we have had a chapter in Mississippi. We have held eight retreats since the spring of 1996, when we held our first retreat at Arleen Hall in Biloxi. Through these retreats many have learned more about how God has gifted them and what He is calling them to do in their local churches.

Fall 2003 Retreat

Our fall retreat will be October 31 – November 2 at Camp Wesley Pines. The inspirational speaker will be Cecil Williamson. Cecil has been our speaker before and really did an outstanding job.



The deadline to register for the retreat is September 19 with the home study beginning on September 29. We have found the best publicity we have is the testimonies of those who have attended a retreat, so we want to encourage each of you to talk to your friends and put a brochure in their hands. One suggestion at the last retreat was to hand them a \$10 bill with the brochure for the "hold my place" registration fee. Tell them it is theirs and they can use it however they please, but you are inviting them to come to the retreat. Plant a seed and see what God does with it!



Wesley Pines Conference, Retreat, Camping Center
Gallman, Mississippi

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A Few Words From Our Chapter President ...

Greetings to all of Discover God's Call alumni in Mississippi! Welcome to our newly revised newsletter. Steve and Genny Seeley have done a beautiful job. Did you know that Discover God's Call just celebrated its 20th anniversary? Carol and I were part of the celebration at this year's National Council meeting. We had a service of celebration that included singing, a time of offering individual thanks (it was wonderful) and a communion service. Afterward we cut a cake honoring the first 20 years. Unfortunately, due to poor health, Gus Gustafson, the founder of Discover God's Call, was unable to attend. Some of the council members were able to visit him on the following morning. Please remember these great servants of God, Gus and his wife Estelle, in your prayers.

We have had a wonderful past, but our future ministry is the next retreat, and the one after that, and the next and the next. God is not interested in praising our efforts, but in guiding us to all of the others that need to discover their call in His kingdom. Ask God to show you where they are and invite them to be part of the fall retreat at Wesley Pines!

Mike Norcom


What Discoverers Are Saying and Doing:



...Responding to God's call gives one purpose, joy and fulfillment.

Evelyn Wiseman

... I thought I was back in the '40's or at least the '50's with the wonderful singing of old and new hymns. And the organized programs went off without a hitch as far as I could tell. The delivery of the word of God was received with much thanks. The food was great. Would I go again? A definite yes! Thanks to all who had the big job of organizing this wonderful retreat.




Maxine Ramsay

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Gus Gustafson and wife Estelle (Gus is founder of Discover God's Call) - failing health
 Julie Williamson - breast cancer
 Loretta Matte - ankle problems
 Rupert Brunner - seeking a job
 Debbie Andrews - adjusting to the death of her brother, Bill McAllister
 Jimmy Jackson - recently had to go on dialysis

...*Louise Davis*, our 81 year old new Discoverer from the spring retreat, returned to her home church (Batesville UMC) and helped start her call - a transportation service to help the elderly and infirmed get to their doctor.





Outreach

Jim Wilson, Chapter Coordinator

Outreach in simple language means telling believers about Discover God's Call and encouraging them to participate in the programs offered by Discover God's Call.

The Mississippi Chapter of Discover God's Call has developed a grassroots outreach plan that provides for an Outreach Coordinator in each District of the Mississippi Conference.

(Participation in Discover God's Call is interdenominational.) Data reveals that most new Discoverers attend a Discover God's Call Retreat as a result of personal contact by a graduate Discoverer. Therefore, the Chapter Plan for Outreach is not intended to replace the personal contact method.

The Chapter/District Outreach Plan will get the message of Discover God's Call to large groups such as district meetings of pastors, leadership teams and local church leadership training. Also, to groups within the districts such as cluster meetings and individual church groups and other Christian groups.

Each district will have a Coordinator for Outreach who will build an outreach team. Discoverers in each district are encouraged to contact the District Coordinator and volunteer to be a member of the team. A list of the District Coordinators, with telephone numbers is on the web site.

Scholarship Plan - The Chapter Council has approved the following scholarship plan for prospective Discoverers who need financial assistance.

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| (1) New Discoverer pays | \$ 20 | (2) New Discoverer pays | \$ 20 |
| A church or individual pays | \$ 60 | Church or individual pays | \$120 |
| Discover God's Call pays | \$ 60 | | |
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| (3) New Discoverer pays | \$ 80 | | |
| Discover God's Call pays | \$ 60 | | |

A graduate Discoverer can contribute any amount to the Chapter Scholarship Fund. Make your check payable to Foundation for Evangelism for Mississippi Chapter, Discover God's Call Scholarship and send it to Mary Ann Clarke, Treasurer, Discover God's Call, 157 Hillcrest Drive, Weaverville, NC.

Discover God's Call has an email prayer chain where we share prayer requests, important information and inspirational articles with one another. We are connected to the National Prayer chain so that our prayer requests go to discoverer's all over the United States as well as our receiving their requests. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, email your address to gnsseeley@bellsouth.net.

...For me DGC is a time for experiencing the presence of His joy with other Christians - brothers and sisters in Christ, all having the same heavenly Father. It is a time of "family" reunion! Even though we have a schedule for the weekend, it is interesting to observe and watch the Holy Spirit alter our program to fit His program to the needs of those attending the weekend. As spiritual gifts are discovered by Discoverers it is exciting to see gifts put into action immediately by some as well as projected plans of how to impact the local church with the blessings of such gifts. During prayer time, physical and inner healings have been realized through the power of our Lord Jesus Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit.

Bill Flathau



Discover celebrates

20 years of ministry!!!



Pictures From Our Spring 2003 Retreat

Opportunities for Repeat Discoverers ...

Did you know that you can attend the DGC retreat over and over and continue to receive the blessings of this ministry? For those of you who don't feel led to be a search group leader or on the prayer team, at the fall retreat we will be offering the Serendipity Bible Study, led by Genny Seeley, and a Prayer Workshop, led by Evelyn Wiseman. To sign up for the Prayer Workshop, to be a search group leader or to be on the prayer team, mark "other" on the Hold My Place form and clearly specify which activity you want to participate in. There is a separate place to sign up for the Serendipity Bible Study. A registration form for the fall retreat is included with this newsletter, so go ahead, make your plans now and register! The registration deadline is September 29, so don't put it off any longer!

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