

From the President:

Dear Discover Friends,

Carol and I have just returned from the National DGC meeting. I wish that you could have all been there to sense that you are part of something much bigger than the Mississippi chapter. What a blessing to be with the national and chapter leadership. The meeting started with each person sharing their top four gifts and how they are using them in their life and ministry. We heard wonderful testimonies; some with tears, of what God is doing in the lives of those that are active in DGC. The range of ministries was amazing. One cannot easily define how the expression of a spiritual gift might be manifested in someone's life. Don't limit the possibilities with your gifts!

The fall retreat is on its way. With two retreats per year, your recruiting and encouraging efforts need to be continuous. You are part of something eternal; in fact you may change a life. The fall at Wesley Pines is a great time and place to gather in the name of the Lord to help people discover the ministry God has in mind for them. Scott Carter will be a great blessing. Invite new people, come to the Bible study, be a staff member. We need you! See you in November.

Mike Norcom



Fall 2004 Retreat

Our fall retreat will be November 12 - 14 at Camp Wesley pines in Gallman not far South of Jackson. Our inspirational speaker will be Scott Carter. Scott is a United Methodist pastor in the Mississippi Conference and has spoken at one of our retreats before. We are excited about having Scott with us again and look forward to another great retreat. Begin praying now who God wants you to encourage to come. If you need brochures contact Jim Wilson, Steve Seeley or Mike Norcom. Brochures can also be downloaded from our web site at <http://www.jxnsaints.com>, then click on Discover God's Call.



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A Word from John Barrett

(John was our inspirational speaker at the Spring 2004 Retreat in Biloxi and is a United Methodist evangelist in Texas.)

My heart hurts for those Christians who don't know about Discover God's Call. It is the best kept secret in the entire Kingdom of God. The Mississippi Chapter does a great job of getting ready for all the new discoverers who come. They had all done their home study. When we all came together on Friday at noon, it was evident our heavenly Father had some spiritual revelation He wanted to give to us all. The music was anointed; the small group leaders were superb; the prayer team was on top of every need; and (I trust) the speaker was touched by God as well. There is a great joy in watching people receive a clear vision of what God is gifting them to do in their local fellowship. If you can't name two or three gifts of the Holy Spirit you have for ministry, you should consider a trip to the nearest Discover weekend. Travel across the country if you need to. Go next door. Just go and get prepared for a life of service for the King of Kings that is fulfilling and not draining.

What Discoverers Are Saying and Doing:



From Pat McPherson

Since attending Discover God's Call, good things have happened: I am leading an adult Sunday School Class, using my gifts in my everyday life to benefit those I come in contact with and have more confidence in myself and acknowledge that I do have God-given gifts which I will use as God directs me.



From Frances Gibson

At the spring 2004 DGC weekend I was privileged to be with a team of women of varied backgrounds and ages but one in spirit, heart, and belief that God answers prayer. It was amazing to see how He lead, gave insight, grew, nourished and bonded His people. Time with God is holy and when shared with others is multiplied. I recommend the prayer team as a vital part of the weekend and a place to serve.



From Peggy Hubert

In the tranquility of a retreat setting, lives are transformed by the renewing of our minds. Whether you are a New Discoverer, or one who has been many times as part of the Bible Study or Prayer Team, the Presence of God is always an awesome experience!



From BR Arbuthnot

After attending Discover God's Call, I learned about my gifts-faith, miracles and knowledge. Now I walk much more boldly through daily life.

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From Gene Merkl

My experience from my DGC weekend was not at all what I believe I expected. In fact, I had become so used to God opening new doors for service opportunities that I was almost disappointed when all He called me to do was just sit..... and wait. You see, God knew that when I busy myself with what I believe are activities that serve Him; I actually don't spend much time with Him or the family that He gave me. I have learned that God will take care of everything if I simply allow Him to. Re-assessing one's priorities and obligations to the family and acting on them can be more rewarding than being high on service. I learned that helping my wife discover her calling was part of God's plan for me. I have learned that there is no safer place to be than in the shadow of God's hand.



From Ramona Bullock

I really enjoyed the retreat in April. Being there really blessed me. I felt like God wanted me to do something for Him. I shared this at the retreat and after many answered prayers, I was able to go on a mission trip to Togo (West Africa) July 23-August 1st.



From Edwina Wood

I've been in the Serendipity Bible Study at DGC several times. I have been amazed at the new insights God gives me into His Word each time I attend.

Congratulations!!!



To Christy Hill on the birth of her first child and to Lou Ann and John Staggs, proud grandparents.



To Debra Galloway proud grandmother and Darlene Roberts, proud great grandmother on the birth of Macy Hankins, born July 17, 2004.

Prayer Team

The prayer team is an integral part of each retreat. Every aspect of the retreat is prayed for, including concerns that Discoverers come to the retreat with that may affect the effectiveness of the retreat in their lives. If God is calling you to be an intercessor, then this is your chance to be a part of something wonderful, sign up for the prayer team!

Our Sympathy

To Ann Lee on the death of her mother on August 7.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Pat McPherson - her son, Steve Sallis, who has completed 18 months with AA, and has come back to God. And pray for the healing of Pat's right eye.

Loretta Mattade - her granddaughter who has been sick and continues to have short-term memory loss.

Hazel Weed's son-in-law, who had to have surgery on his shoulder, he had fallen and fractured it.

Tom Clark, National President of DGC, for ongoing treatment for cancer

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Where You Are!
GOD'S CALL Fall Retreat

November 12-14, 2004

Camp Wesley Pines - Gallman, Mississippi

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER

Rev. Scott Carter



Rev. Carter currently serves as pastor of Sandy Hook United Methodist Church in Sandy Hook, Mississippi. During his career he has served various churches throughout the Mississippi Conference. He has also found time in his busy schedule to establish Scott Carter Ministries. This is an organization pioneering and supporting missions around the world. Through this organization Rev. Carter has been able to share God's Word and to bring the message of Christ to the people of four continents. Recently he has been involved in a new mission in Cuba.

In addition to his local pastoral duties and busy mission schedule, Rev. Carter finds time to lead revivals and camp meetings as well as speak at retreats around Mississippi and adjoining states.

Rev. Carter is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and the Memphis Theological Seminary. He is married and has two daughters. His wife, Sue Ellen, and daughters, Mallory and Olivia, like to travel with him whenever possible.

Retreat Repeaters!

After you have attended your first retreat as a new "Discoverer," you can attend again and again and continue receiving the blessings of this ministry as well as helping to carry on the ministry. Repeat Discoverers can come back as a search group leader, a prayer team member, a member of the music team or in the Serendipity Bible study. There are opportunities for everyone to stay involved. Pray how God might continue to use you in this ministry. To sign up to be a search group leader, to be on the prayer team or on the music team, mark "other" on

the Hold My Place form on the retreat brochure and clearly specify which activity you want to participate in. Often people don't really specify, which means the registrar has to choose for you, so please give him clear instructions. A separate place is provided to sign up for the Serendipity Bible Study. There is a form in this newsletter to sign up for the retreat, so go ahead, make your plans now and register! The registration deadline is October 1 and the Pre - retreat study begins October 11, so don't put it off any longer! Register now and invite your friends to come along as new Discoverers.