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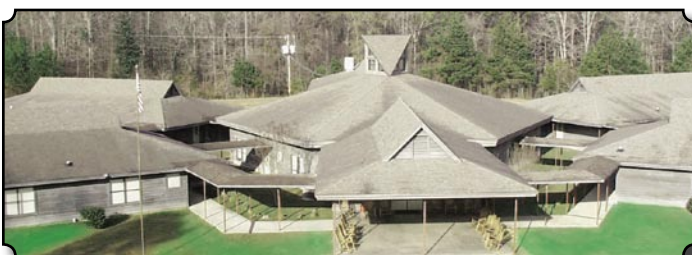
"Carol and I attended the National Council meeting of Discover God's Call on July the 30th. It is great to get together with our peers from other chapters and share the hard times and the good times related to DGC. As each one shared during our fellowship on Friday night, I was struck by the fact that here is a group of people very involved in the Kingdom of God, yet they also need much prayer for all kinds of situations. **One of the key issues during the meeting was too few New**

**Discovers resulting in cancelled retreats.** We have been blessed with good offerings and a sound financial footing so that we were able to have our retreats even with small numbers of new folks. However, a general rule is that with less than 10 new folks the retreat is cancelled. My word of exhortation to you is for each one of you to get at least ONE person to come. That one person may be the difference in a retreat and a cancellation! "Faithful is He who calls you, and he also will bring it to pass", 1st Thess 5:24.

*Michael*

## Fall 2005 Retreat

Our fall retreat will be November 4 - 6 at Durr-Wise Conference Center of Camp Wesley Pines in Gallman. Our inspirational speaker will be Taylor Gallman of Gadsden, Alabama. Taylor has extensive experience in Pastoral ministry as well as having been on 25 short-term mission trips and being involved with the Wind of the Spirit ministry, a United Methodist evangelistic ministry that teaches in healing academies all over the world. We anticipate that this fall's retreat will be an exciting time of seeing God work in the lives of His people. Begin praying now who God wants you to encourage to come. If you need brochures contact Steve Seeley or Mike Norcom. Brochures can also be downloaded from our website at [www.jxnsaints.com](http://www.jxnsaints.com), then click on Discover God's Call.



Durr-Wise Retreat Center - Camp Wesley Pines

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## Hospitality

Some of the best times at our retreats are the times of fellowship. This often happens at the end of the day as we gather around refreshments. Pat Williams, our Hospitality Chairperson says it will be fantastic being with all of our brothers and sisters in November for our fall DGC weekend. I am excited to be the new Hospitality Chairperson and I do not want anyone to be denied the pleasure of sharing and giving to others, especially to our new Discoverers. Therefore, let me know what kind of snacks you would like to bring to share for the weekend. We will need: Drinks (Caffeine and Caffeine Free, diet and regular), fruit, nuts, chips, dips and any kind of home made cookies, cakes, brownies, etc. Anything delicious to gather around for fellowship will be appreciated. You may contact me at: [pat.williams@usdoj.gov](mailto:pat.williams@usdoj.gov), call me at home at 662-234-7681 for answer phone or phone me at work 662-238-7650, which rings directly to my desk ♥



## My Discover Experience

Jennie Heberg

I want to express my great excitement concerning what God has done for me through attending my first Discover God's Call weekend last spring. This was my first retreat, but I plan to attend as many as I can. The pre-retreat study was a great foundation for the weekend and the activities of the weekend were great for me in realizing the call of God for my life and it being confirmed in my spirit. I was also refreshed and renewed in my spirit. I now know that I have to commit myself to rise up and walk in the things God has already placed in me and be consistent with them.

One of the things I became involved in includes relationship building and accountability by developing relationships with two other 'new covenant friends' who truly are kindred spirits. My experience was a great one and I encourage everyone to attend a retreat ♥

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## Welcome Home Julian!

For several years now we have all been anxiously awaiting Julian Davis's return from Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, KY. Well, he is finally back and busy with ministry. He is now an Associate Pastor at Parkway Heights in Hattiesburg, with an emphasis in youth ministries( a.k.a. the youth director!) He also, helps plan and implement weekly worship for their two Sunday services and is the staff representative for "Outreach Ministries." The youth have just completed "Youth Week" which involved outreach work projects followed by a week ending retreat which all culminated with a "Youth Celebration Service."

Having just been "commissioned," by the Mississippi Conference, he is on probation for 3 years so will meet monthly with a group of other "probationary members" as part of the Residence In Ministry program established by the conference. He will be serving on staff for South Mississippi Methodist Cur-sillo #46 in August where he looks forward to again serving as the music director (piano player).

Away from the ministry, if there is such a thing, his and Melissa's greatest challenge continues to be the search for the "perfect" house to buy. As you can see, things are very busy; yet Julian says they are good, and God is ever faithful in His provisions as he continue to seek Him and be obedient to His call ♥



June Thornhill - Fall Prayer Leader

## Prayer Team

At every retreat, at all times during the retreat, there is a group of returning Discoverers who are in pray for the New Discoverers, as well as every other aspect of the retreat. This team usually consist of 4 to 8 members who seclude themselves for the purpose of storming the gates of heaven, calling down the grace and goodness of God the Father on behalf of all that are there. The team solicits requests, reports on the move of the Holy Spirit and encourages all attendees to come into their sanctuary for times of prayer for special needs. We encourage all who will to join our ranks. Sandra Bruner, Co-Prayer Chairperson, states that when she first attended Discover God's Call she recalls the prayer team coming into the room and sitting together as a team. She has a vivid recollection of the leader announcing to the new Discoverers that the team would be praying for them by name throughout the weekend. At the time, Sandra says, she prayed but never before had felt the power of prayer as she did that weekend. For the past 7 years she has been blessed by serving on the prayer team. She looks forward to watching God speak to HIS people. It is her sincere prayer that you too, will devote your time to serving on the prayer team. 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! ♥



Sandra Bruner  
Co-Prayer Chairperson

## Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Louise Davis, Batesville – cancer

Jimmy Jackson, Memphis – Complications from diabetes

Joey Wilder, Brenda's son – dealing with personal and family issues

## Serendipity Bible Study



I would like to invite past new discoverers to revisit the fall Discover God's Call retreat at Camp Wesley Pines and to sign up for the Bible study. We use the Serendipity Bible study format, which prepares a person to facilitate this type of Bible study at home.

Remember the bond that was developed in your small search group when you came to Discover God's Call the first time? The same is true in the Bible study. It is a great time of fellowship and encouragement as we study the Word of God together. There is nothing more satisfying than when God's children gather together to study and learn about Him ♥

See you at Wesley Pines in November.  
Carol Norcom

## New Promotional DVD



There is a new promotional DVD for DGC. Mike has 3 copies plus 2 VHS tapes. They can be shown to pastors and small groups. For any of you that have used the old tapes, these are a very updated version. Maybe we could have one to pass around in the north, central and south. Also, the tapes are available. None of these may be copied due to copyrights ♥

## Our Sympathy

*To the family and friends of David Jolley of Clinton, who died this summer and to the family and friends of James (Craig) Hays of Starkville who died last spring.*

**Discover**  
*Where You Are!*  
**GOD'S CALL Fall Retreat**

**November 4-6, 2005**  
**Camp Wesley Pines, Gallman, Mississippi**

**The Registration Deadline is September 23, 2005!**

**Prayers for the Retreat**



Last year at one of our Executive Committee meetings Mike felt he should say that we should be praying for our retreats in small groups all over the state. Certainly we need to continue to pray individually, but praying together encourages us and builds a sense of commitment among us. Because of this Mike wants to encourage all of us who live in close proximity to one another to get together and pray at least once, and more than once if possible, for our upcoming retreat. A group in North Mississippi is planning on getting together the weekend after Labor Day and the group in Central Mississippi is going to try to get together

a couple of times. Praying for guidance in our Kingdom work is not just a good idea; it is a matter of obedience. Please make it a priority to do this ♥

**Keeping in Touch**

Not only was Discover God's Call a wonderful spiritual weekend but also the experience continues with the emails received from Genny Seeley. She keeps all Discoverers who have email updated on prayer requests, thanksgivings and news of what's going on in the lives of fellow Discoverers. If you are not on Genny's list and would like to be, email her at [gnseeley@bellsouth.net](mailto:gnseeley@bellsouth.net) to be included on her email list ♥