



From the President:

Carol and I once again attended the National Council meeting of Discover God's Call on July the 28th and 29th of this year. We met in beautiful Lake Junaluska, N.C. Our meeting was held at the new Foundation for Evangelism building so that we would have an opportunity to see it. As you are aware, the DGC ministry is under the umbrella of the Foundation. One of the things discussed at the Council meeting was successful things different chapters are doing. Among those being done by various chapters was at annual conference one handed out bottles of "Holy Water" with Discover information on the label while another gave out bookmarks with a verse on one side and Discover information on the other. Another chapter set a regular time for all to pray for the up coming retreat while yet another had a brochure with testimonies to hand out. All of us are trying all kinds of outreach, but number one is YOU placing a brochure in someone's hand. The survival of the Mississippi Chapter of DGC depends on your faithfulness hand in hand with the work of the Holy Spirit. I am excited about having Dale Hathorn as our fall speaker. Please come, bring a new person and be blessed by God through Discover and Dale's ministry!

*In Christ our Hope,
Michael*

Fall 2006 Retreat

Our Fall Retreat will be November 3 - 5 at the Durr-Wise Conference Center of Camp Wesley Pines in Gallman, Mississippi. Rev. Dale Hathorn, of Corinth, MS, will be our inspirational speaker. Dale is a General Evangelist for the Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church and calls his ministry "Standing Tall." Since he is over 7 feet tall, this is a very appropriate name. Several of us heard Dale speak at the Holy Spirit Conference sponsored by Cecil Williamson in January and felt

he would be a great speaker at one of our retreats. We were fortunate enough to be able to schedule him for this retreat. Begin praying now who God wants you to encourage to come. The cost for this retreat for first time Discoverers is \$145 and \$125 for those who are returning. The registration deadline is **September 22**, so start planning now! You don't want to miss Rev. Hathorn or seeing what God will do at this retreat. If you need brochures contact Steve Seeley at 601-372-7461. Brochures can also be downloaded from our website at www.jxnsaints.com, then click on Discover God's Call♥



Durr-Wise Retreat Center - Camp Wesley Pines

A Ministry of:

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of the United Methodist Church**

Discover Music and Worship

Our times of praising God with our voices in music are always special times at our retreats. Dr. Brenda Wilder always does a good job of leading us into worship using a variety of different kinds of music. Our hearts and minds are always taken out of our worldly cares into God's presence. If you have musical talent to share at a retreat contact Brenda at 601-924-9287 or dbwilder@jam.rr.com♥



Congratulations to Debbie Andrews, New National Retreat Manager!

We learned at our August State Council meeting that our own Debbie Andrews had been named National Retreat Manager for the National Council. She was asked to assume the position this year, following Walter Miles who had completed his terms. The National Retreat Manager in essence works closely with the National Retreat Administrator and all the Retreat Managers in seeing that a Retreat Manager is present at all DGC retreats♥

Debbie says, "When I went to my first DGC retreat in the spring of 2001, I never dreamed it would lead me to this work area five years later. I am humbled by the direction God is taking me. I ask for the prayers of my fellow Discoverers as I work in this new area of Discover God's Call."♥

Serendipity Bible Study

At each retreat we offer a Bible study so that those who have already attended a retreat can come back and refresh themselves. We use the Serendipity Bible study outlines that not only give us a great study on the Bible, but also teaches us how to use the Serendipity Bible and to teach one of these studies in our home. If you would like to lead the Bible study at this retreat, contact Genny Seeley at 601-372-7461 or at gnseeley@bellsouth.net♥

Is God Calling You to Be a Small Group Leader at the Retreat

Has God gifted you to be a small group facilitator? If so, you may want to consider being a small group leader at this upcoming retreat. The small groups provide an environment for the new discoverers to be affirmed in their gifts and to discover His call on their lives. Those who have been small group leaders have always gotten excited about really getting to know each new

Discoverer well and being with them in this environment to see how God is working in their lives at the retreat. We always have leadership training on the Thursday afternoon before the retreat at the retreat center to make sure each leader understands his/her responsibilities. Keep in mind that if you are going to be a leader it will be mandatory that you come to the retreat center by 1 PM on the Thursday afternoon before the retreat begins at noon on Friday for this training. For those of you who would like to invest in other's lives as a small

group leader you may contact Frances Gibson at (662) 578-8840 or gibson_fran@hotmail.com♥

Congratulations

To Judy Pylate on the birth of a new grandson. JR arrived on the wings of angels June 25, 2006 weighing in at 2lbs 11ozs. Thanks to all of the DGC prayers he is well, not yet at home, but will soon join his family. Continued prayers for this special baby are needed♥
Thanks, Judy

The Hospitality Corner!

We are excited about our up-coming retreat. We invite all of you with a Generous and Hospitable Spirit to bring snacks (drinks, home baked goodies, candies, nuts, fruit, etc.) to be shared for our time of fellowship with the new Discoverers. I'm looking forward to seeing each of you. Please contact me to let me know what you will bring for the retreat at 662-234-7681 or email me at : patnasonwilliams@bellsouth.net♥

Pat Williams, Miss Hospitality

When I left Discover God's Call my first time, I responded to God's call for me to a restoration ministry. That was four years ago. Since that time, God has continued to bless my gifts as an artist restoring damaged art to its original condition. This work provides me an opportunity to minister to others about our damaged lives and the restoration of our spirits through Jesus Christ. It is truly a blessing to me and a calling♥

BR Arbutnot, Clinton, MS

Meet Our Newest “Transplanted” Discoverer Judy Pylate

I attended my first DGC retreat in the spring of 2002 in Alabama, at Camp Sumatonga, near Gadsden. I was eager to be at the next retreat to help or direct the music, but that retreat never came to be, since the Alabama program has really been struggling. I lived in Atmore, Al and was a Realtor there for 10 years. We were transplants from Arkansas when we moved to Atmore. I have 4 children (all grown and married) and 10 3/4 Grandchildren. As a result of DGC I have two ministries that I carry with me wherever I go. I have a chapter of Threads Of Love which sews tiny garments and provides visual proof of God's love to parents who are grieving or praying for an infant born too soon. We are there to hug, counsel, and listen to those members of the family who need our support. The other ministry is a Prayer Shawl ministry which has become a part of First Church here in Corinth and began as a knitting class. We have donated 16 shawls to date. I was transplanted to Corinth when Hurricane Ivan destroyed our home in Atmore and we decided it was time we moved closer to our daughter here in Corinth. God has been guiding my life for many years now, and I can't wait until tomorrow, cause it gets better each day! Once again I thank each of you in the email loop who have supported me with your prayers for our grandson, JR who was born at 28 weeks gestation, but certainly not too soon in God's time. His plan is perfect and JR improves every day. Our target day to get him home is Friday, August 25, but only if the Heavenly Father approves. This is a bit about my life - nothing spectacular, just someone trying to make a difference♥

Judy Pylate, Corinth

Want to keep in Touch with Discover by Email?

Contact Genny Seeley at gseeley@bellsouth.net to get on the email list to receive prayer requests and other important information about Discover♥



Keep the Discover Experience Going!

It is time again for the fall retreat at Camp Wesley Pines. Mike and I have attended many Discover God's Call retreats and the one thing that comes to mind when I remember them is the sense of unity that permeates these retreats. I always leave renewed, refreshed, and amazed because I have been surrounded by brothers and sisters in Christ who want to worship the Lord and who want to hear from the Lord as I do. I would like to encourage everyone to come again to be either a part of the Bible study, the prayer team or as a search group leader. And bring some new people with you. We need to share the good things of God♥

In Christ's Love, Carol Norcom

Prayer Team

At each retreat we have a group of people who pray for every aspect of the retreat. While the new Discoverers are in their small group, the prayer team is in the prayer room praying for the activities that the new Discoverers are going through, as well as for the leadership of the retreat and other prayer concerns that are brought to the retreat. If you

would like to come back to the retreat as a prayer team member contact June Thornhill at 601-945-2561 or bobbyandjune@hotmail.com♥

At my first DGC retreat I discovered that my strongest gift is in the ministry of Shepherding, I have taken several Lay Speaking Classes and have acquired my Lay Speaking Certificate and I am taking more classes so that I can receive my Lay Ministry Certificate. I know that attending the DGC retreat truly encouraged me to follow the plan that God has for my life♥

Linda Phillips, Crystal Springs, MS

Our Sympathy

*To the family of Janet Miles,
who died June 18, 2006.*

Janet served as National Registrar for a number of years. She and her husband Walter attended one of our Mississippi retreats acting as retreat managers. There's a nice article with her pastor's words at the funeral on the Foundation for Evangelism web site at www.evangelize.org, then click on memorials.

**You can now register online by visiting the National DGC organization on the Web!
at www.evangelize.org/dgc and clicking on retreats**

Prayers for the Retreat

For the last couple of retreats we have gathered in small groups to pray specifically for the upcoming retreat. We have had prayer meetings in Central and North Mississippi and have had wonderful times of prayer and fellowship. We want to encourage this all over the state. We know that we don't necessarily have large numbers in a particular area, but would like for as many as possible to try this. If there are only 2 or 3 of you who gather, God promised he would be there. This is not necessarily the responsibility of our prayer leader to co-ordinate. We just need someone to step up and say ya'll come to my house and let's pray. Do it how ever you want to. God honors



our prayers and we need to under gird every aspect of our retreats with prayer. Genny will be glad to send out emails telling everyone dates, times and locations of these prayer meetings so every one will have an opportunity to be involved♥

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Rupert Bruner – Oxford - Find a new job

Rex Wiseman – Evelyn's son in Hattiesburg - ongoing health problems

Peggy Hubert – D'Iberville – Ongoing health concerns.

Louise Davis - Batesville – cancer

Pam White - June Thornhill's sister – ongoing health issues

Discover Where You Are! GOD'S CALL Fall Retreat

November 3-5, 2006

Camp Wesley Pines, Gallman, Mississippi

The Registration Deadline is September 22, 2006!

Share with your Pastor that he/she can receive 1.5 CEU's for attending a Discover Retreat

