



### *A Message from our Chapter President*

*I send greetings to all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We of the MS DGC Chapter have been blessed with two successful retreats in the past year, our first church retreat at Batesville UMC, and our fall retreat at Camp Wesley Pines, a total of approximately 40 new Discoverers were led to have confirmed calls for the use of their spiritual gifts.*

*The Council and staff of the MS Chapter are presently in the final planning stages for another Church retreat, at the Johnston Chapel UMC, in Summit, MS, with the Rev. Dale Hathorn as our inspirational speaker. This retreat is the result of much hard work and communication with their pastor Rev. Allen Dearing, who indicated at the Annual Conference last year his interest in this event being held in his church. Members of the church attended our fall retreat at Wesley Pines, and confirmed his desire for having an in church retreat. We presently have 15 registrations for new Discoverers, with the possibility of more. We will also be having a Bible Study for prior attendees who wish to continue to celebrate the program with old friends.*

*In addition to this spring retreat, we are also planning a fall retreat at Camp Wesley Pines for the weekend of November 5-7, 2010. The inspirational speaker has not as yet been selected, but hopefully will be confirmed and announced at the spring retreat.*

*The meeting of the National DGC Council was held in Florida, in conjunction with the reestablishing of a Florida Chapter by having a retreat that had 25 new Discoverers. The major emphasis from the National level is now the movement away from the Foundation for Evangelism to being a stand alone Non-profit Charitable Organization, to become a part of the Global Board of Discipleship. Members of the Council are working on various phases of this project as assigned by the National Executive Committee. It is believed that this status will be a great advantage to the continuation of the DGC vision.*

*Please continue to lift up our DGC ministry in your prayers, so that we will continue to be blessed with this opportunity to serve God.*

*Charles Wood, MS Chapter President*

## Prayer Team

Being on the prayer team is awesome! The Spirit was really moving in the fall at Camp Wesley Pines. As we continue to pray daily for all those involved in DGC we see prayers answered. We are looking forward to our spring retreat which is a church retreat. The prayer team will be praying for each New Discoverer leading up to the retreat as well as during the retreat. We also take prayer requests from everyone as the retreat progresses. The prayer team takes each prayer request very seriously and keeps them in confidence. Unless we are asked to pass on a prayer request all prayers in the prayer room stay there. God knows all of our needs but He delights in hearing from us. I saw a church sign this week that said "If you have trouble standing for Jesus, try kneeling first". Our communication with God is so important! What happens to relationships where there is no communication? The relationships fail! God desires our prayers. Please continue to pray and lift up everyone



involved in DGC at every level. The more you pray the more comfortable you will be praying for others. God is so good!

Emmanuel,  
*Betty Darnell*

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## Serendipity Bible Study

Would you like to revisit your DGC retreat experience? You can do this by returning to the Serendipity Bible Study. We plan to have a study at our upcoming church retreat for anyone who would like to return to a retreat. Not only will you be able to participate in the retreat, hear Dale Hathorn and fellowship with everyone, but you will study a topic from the Serendipity Study Bible and learn how to lead a study when you return home. Since we won't be at the retreat center, if you don't live in the Summit area so you can stay at home, you will need to stay in the hotel.

*Genny Seeley*

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## Accommodations in the Summit Area

Since this retreat is a church retreat, those of us not living in the area will need to reserve our own hotel rooms. Some of us have already decided to stay in the Hawthorne Inn, since that is the hotel that the church uses for their guest speakers, etc. Following are hotels, prices and contact information that the pastor, Rev. Allen Dearing has provided us with. When making your reservation you should mention they are *for the Discover God's Call Retreat at Johnston Chapel UMC* as some of these are special prices for our group even if the group does not all stay in one place. Prices are per day without the taxes added.

**The church is at exit 24 or exit 20B of Interstate 55.**

### At Exit 18

Hampton Inn and Suite - \$99 – hot breakfast - built since Katrina - 601-249-4116

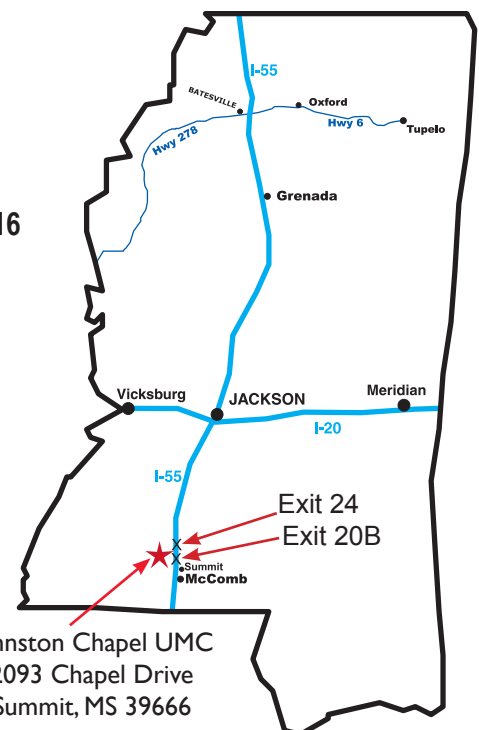
Holiday Inn Express - \$80 – hot breakfast - built since Katrina - 601-684-5200

Hawthorn Inn (part of Wynnham chain) - \$60 – full breakfast - not as new as others, but nice rooms - 866-299-7891

### AT Exit 17

Best Western - \$79.99 – built since Katrina - hot breakfast - 601-249-4300

Days Inn - older hotel - \$59 - full breakfast - 601-684-5566





# Mississippi Spring Retreat

April 23-25, 2010

(Friday 6:15 PM - Sunday Noon)

Johnston Chapel UMC

Summit, Mississippi

**Extended Registration Deadline: March 26, 2010**

(the Registrar will need all registrations and fees in hand by March 26, 2010)

Discover God Call "Into the Churches" is an innovative approach to bringing the retreat experience into churches. This ministry has been so successful in challenging discovers to a new understanding of the Lord's gifts and His call on them to use these ministry gifts. This is a partnership with the Church leadership and the Discover God's Call ministry team to provide an atmosphere within the church.

"But each man has his own gift from God" 1 Corinthians 7:7b (NIV)

...I want to be a part of the Discover God's Call Experience at Johnston Chapel UMC, April 23-25, 2010

**Registration Fee – Repeat Attendees:** \$ 25.00 - (Includes Saturday noon and evening meals)

- Prayer Team
- Search Group Leader
- Bible Study
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Complete form and mail to:

Steve Seeley, DGC Registrar  
332 Dellwood Drive  
Jackson, MS 39212-4810  
(601) 372-7461

Make checks payable to:  
**The Foundation for Evangelism**  
For *Discover God's Call*  
Registration deadline: **March 26, 2010**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 26, 2010, Johnston Chapel United Methodist Church, Summit, MS**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Name for Tag: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

(Example: Name: Charles; Tag: Chuck) Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

# Discover *Where You Are!* GOD'S CALL

## Spring 2010 Newsletter

### Our Speaker for the Johnston Chapel Retreat –

Rev. Dale Hathorn

Dale is the son of a Methodist minister and a native of Houston, MS. He played basketball in high school and attended Mississippi State University on a basketball scholarship from 1972 - 1976. While in college he worked in music evangelism and recorded an inspirational music album. After graduating in 1976 with a B.A. in Vocal Music, Dale continued to serve in churches as a personal/cell pastor, worship leader, and small group leader. He also worked in the school system as a biology teacher.



In 1988 Dale was called into ordained ministry and graduated from Memphis Theological Seminary in 1991. Rev. Hathorn served in pastoral ministry from 1988 until 2003. That year he launched a full time ministry in evangelism, renewal, and mission. Since then he has led evangelistic crusades to Mexico, Ukraine, Ghana, and Nigeria.

Rev. Hathorn is a General Evangelist for the UMC and Member and Vice President of the National Association of United Methodist Evangelists. In his spare time he likes to work in the Community Theater and show Pointers and Cocker Spaniels.

Rev. Hathorn and wife, Jean, have three children. They reside in Nettleton, MS.