

Newsletter

Spring 2004 Retreat

Our spring retreat will be April 16 - 18 at Arlean Hall in Biloxi. The retreat registration deadline is March 5, 2004. The inspirational speaker will be John Barrett, an evangelist from New Mexico. Several of our members have heard John at the Holy Spirit conference that the Cecil Williamson Evangelistic Ministry sponsors every year and he has also been the inspirational speaker at several Discover God's Call Retreats. We are excited about

having John with us 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 website at www.jxnsaints.com, then click on Discover God's Call.



A Few Words From Our Chapter President ...

Mike Norcom

Dear Friends,

If my records are correct, while at Camp Wesley Pines last fall we had retreat number ten for the Mississippi Discover God's Call chapter. What a blessing to have seen so many people participate in and be blessed by a Discover weekend. Our next retreat is in Biloxi. We need your support and prayers! Your support comes by placing a brochure in someone's hand, talking about DGC among your church friends and others that you know. Pray that God will draw people to the retreat.

As a Discover graduate, you can return as a Bible Study participant, a prayer team member or even a search group leader. The Bible Study has grown as well as being a blessing to many. We could not function without the prayer team. God has blessed many hearts through the efforts of the prayer team. As a search group leader, you are the heart of the weekend. You might want to be part of the music team or even lead it!

A Discover God's Call retreat only happens because YOU invite some one to attend. Remember Paul's words in Galatians, "And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart."

What Discoverers Are Saying and Doing:

From B R Arbuthnot, Fall 2003 retreat:



After identifying and confirming my gifts of the Spirit, I was eager to hear God's call for me. Each day I listened, but no answer. On Saturday evening, two members of the prayer team prayed with me. They identified my broken spirit and talked with me about the things that have brought me peace and joy. They showed me how God had loved me enough to give me incredible talent along with my spiritual gifts. I am a painter and restoration artist. As they prayed for me I could feel a mighty force healing my broken spirit. I could see images of red wounded canvas that was my soul. It was cracked and wretched. The Master Restorer began to restore the canvas. In my mind, I could see the oil condition the canvas and God tediously patching all of the cracks and tears. I could feel myself becoming whole. It was a miracle.

When the praying had finished, I had a new radiance and my hurting was relieved. I felt a great block to God using me had been lifted. I was restored and ready to answer God's call.

Prayer Chain

Discover God's Call has an email prayer chain where we share prayer request with one another. We are also 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. We also sometimes share important information and inspirational articles. In the course of the past months, several emails keep coming back and I have deleted them from my list. If you have changed your email address recently, or were once receiving Ministry Line items and are no longer receiving them or if you would like to be a part of this ministry for the first time, email your address to Genny Seeley at gnseeley@bellsouth.net.

Angel Delight

My perception of what I have learned is similar to making a cake. Prior to coming to the Discover God's Call weekend, we were asked to read and study the recipe, assemble the ingredients, and come to the retreat. At the retreat in our assigned group, we began the process of combining and sharing all our thoughts and ideas. We added new ingredients to suit our group's individual tastes, which included: prayer, praise, group confirmation, love, adoration, questions, enthusiasm, and excitement. Now comes the decision of how this creation will be used. Is it for a Bible Study group, vacation Bible school, Sunday school, youth group or maybe a fellowship meal? Next, we put the results in God's hands by placing it in the oven. After baking and cooling, we spread the **frosting**, which is the fruit of the **Holy Spirit**. This comparison illustrates for me what has been accomplished through all the group sessions with the one just concluded (Saturday afternoon) being the **frosting** on the cake. With God's help I believe I can move forward. Thank you.



Patsy A. Cook

Fall 2003 Retreat

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Outreach

Jim Wilson, Chapter Coordinator

The Fall 2003 Newsletter for the Mississippi Chapter of Discover God's Call contained information regarding a grass roots District Organizational Plan for Outreach. Thanks be to God, Outreach Coordinators are in place for eight of the twelve districts in the Mississippi Conference. Please pray that coordinators will be identified in the other four districts.

The District Coordinators are available to lead presentations in local churches, district meetings of pastors, various training workshops, cluster meetings and other gatherings. For assistance or information, please contact the coordinator in your district or if your district does not have a coordinator, contact the coordinator who lives closest to you or Jim Wilson. Remember that Discover God's Call is open to all denominations.

Personal contact by a graduate Discoverer is the reason many, if not most, people attend a Discover God's Call Retreat. Bundle the joy, love, excitement, spiritual growth, and unique experiences in one package and present it to a family member, friend, or member of your church. Always have a Discover God's Call brochure and registration form available.

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Prayer Team

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to spend a day, an entire weekend in prayer? You may think, "That's not for me!" You just may be wrong! What an opportunity to spend quality time interceding for others! That's what the Prayer Team does during DGC Retreats. It's not boring, we aren't down on our knees (most of us wouldn't be able to get back up) but we are standing in the gap for the new discoverers, the leaders and everyone involved with the weekend. Pray about joining us, and see if God doesn't pour out a blessing more awesome than you can imagine! To sign up for the prayer team mark other on the Hold My Place registration form and specify prayer team. You will be blessed.

Congratulations!!!

To Charlotte (Wright) and Wayne Smith on the birth of their first child and to Jim Wilson on the birth of his first great grandchild!

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Richard Cole - death of his father
Cheryl Stepp - death of her mother
Julie Williamson - cancer treatments
Ruth Griffin, sister of Debbie Andrews - cancer treatments
Mazy, 5 year old niece of Kay Lee - recovering from being kicked in the head by a horse

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GOD'S CALL

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April 16-18, 2004

Arlean Hall, Biloxi Mississippi



SOME PICTURES OF OUR FALL RETREAT

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 March 5 and the home search begins March 15, so don't put it off any longer! Register now and invite your friends to come along as new Discoverers.

Visit The Mississippi Chapter of DGC on the WEB at <http://jxnsaints.com/dgc.htm>