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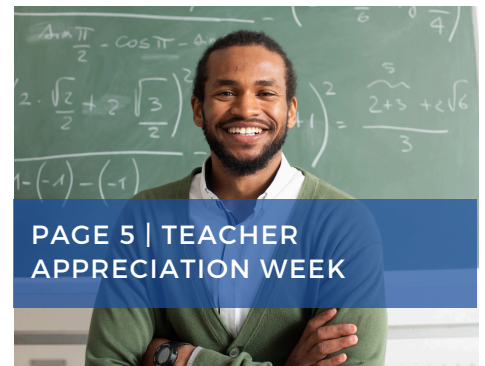
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SERMON SERIES: THE POWER OF ONE

Missed the series? Click the image below to view the messages on our YouTube channel.



Throughout April and May, Pastor Wes led an inspiring sermon series titled "The Power of One." The series delved into the significance of individual contributions and how they collectively make a profound impact on our community and beyond.

Week One

Speaker: Pastor Wes

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30 (The Parable of the Talents)

Key Points:

- Use what you are given without comparison.
- The power of your "one" can make a difference.
- You are made in God's image and have a purpose.

Homework: [Listen to "The Power of One" by Israel Houghton.](#)

Week Two

Speaker: Pastor Wes

Scripture: Genesis 11:1-4

Principles:

- Communication (Genesis 11:1): Effective communication involves not just words, but also body language and tone.
- Competence (Genesis 11:3): Achieving goals requires the necessary skills and resources. Understanding and adapting to your environment is crucial.
- Clarity/Vision (Genesis 11:4): A clear vision unites people and garners divine attention. When people are one, they win.

Week Three

Speaker: Jamila Logan

Scripture: Judges 4 (Deborah's Leadership)

Key Points:

- Be effective in your actions; your results will speak for themselves.
- Courage and encouragement are essential in empowering others.
- Use God-given power to protect and serve the community.

This week also featured an incredible stop motion video by DCC youth Kai Logan!

Week Four

Speaker: Pastor Wes

Scripture: Ephesians 5:21-33

Key Takeaway:

- Equality and Balance: Both partners must work together, respecting and valuing each other's contributions to achieve unity.

"The Power of One" sermon series highlighted the importance of individual contributions, unity, effective communication, and courageous leadership. Check out the entire series on our [YouTube page](#).



GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS: CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

As a growing new ministry, there are always new things happening at Discover Community Church and sometimes you may miss something.

To ensure that everyone stays informed and engaged with what's happening at Discover, our leadership team held a church-wide business meeting on April 11. After a brief opening from Pastor Kev, the leadership team shared information on each team's initiatives and future plans:

- Tech Team - Michael Logan
- Youth Ministry - Pastor Jason Johnson
- Communications Team - Lanette Richardson
- Training and Education - Pastor Michael Richardson
- Community Outreach - Cornelius Berkeley
- Business/Finance - Ericka Price

Each leader shared their personal commitment to the church's mission and their excitement for the year ahead. The meeting included a Q&A session where attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

The meeting concluded with a prayer for the church, its upcoming initiatives, and the community we serve. If you missed the business meeting, watch a replay of it [here](#).



DISCOVER IN THE COMMUNITY: PATUXENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

Patuxent Elementary School celebrated their students with a Sports Day event in April, recognizing their achievements in perfect attendance, good behavior and good grades.

Discover Community Church supported the event by providing ice, water, sodas, whistles, prizes and trophies. DCC volunteer, Donna Rawlings was actively involved, assisting as the kids enjoyed various games and activities.

These events greatly benefit the students and the school community by promoting physical fitness, teamwork and social skills, while also fostering school spirit and unity. The enthusiastic participation of the students made Sports Day one of the highlights of the school year, creating lasting memories for everyone involved.



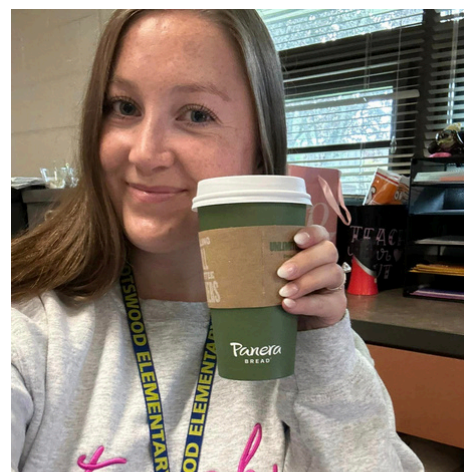
CELEBRATING EDUCATORS: **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK 2024**

Discover kicked off Teacher Appreciation Week with a bang at three local schools on May 6. Discover donated special treats to Spotswood Elementary (Fredericksburg, VA), Patuxent Elementary (Upper Marlboro, MD) and C. Elizabeth Rieg Regional School (Bowie, MD). Team Discover kicked things off at Spotswood Elementary and provided a Panera Bread breakfast spread for 90 teachers. Spotswood staff enjoyed bagels, muffins, coffee and juice to start their day on the right foot. It was a great complement to the decorations and messages of encouragement that Spotswood had waiting for the teachers when they arrived. The Spotswood PTO sent a note of appreciation: "Thank you SO much. Thank you for your incredible generosity and intentionality!"

In Maryland, the day began at Patuxent Elementary where over 40 staff members were treated to delicious smoothies from Tamo Smoothies, a local black-owned business. The staff enjoyed their treats along with beautiful decorations provided by their principal and team.

After a few hours at Patuxent, Tamo and the Discover team headed to C. Elizabeth Rieg where 90 educators enjoyed smoothies. Team Discover was on hand to greet these amazing educators and thank them for their dedication to our youth. Educators and staff at each location were excited, appreciative and honored that Discover would take the time to celebrate them. Patuxent Elementary School principal, Dr. HeNina Bunch could not thank Discover enough and remarked, "You have been vital to our success this school year."

A special thank you goes to everyone that helped make this celebration a success in front of and behind the scenes. We are thankful for every administrator, educator, counselor and staff member that serve our children every day.



GIVING MOMS THEIR FLOWERS: **DISCOVER AMAZING MOTHERS 2024**

Discover Community Church honored 12 Amazing Mothers again this year and it was a huge success. The contest received 15 submissions and prizes were awarded to 12 winners. Four Amazing Mothers in Virginia gathered at Nail Fetish Lounge in Fredericksburg, Virginia for their luxurious sugar scrub pedicure and received top of the line treatment from owner Christina Harris. Eight Amazing Mothers in Maryland were treated to a relaxing 30-minute massage from Jamila Logan owner of Navah Physical Therapy in Upper Marlboro, MD.

We celebrated a group of exceptional moms who have endured some life altering events while still remaining the glue that kept their families together. It was truly a pleasure to honor these twelve amazing women. This event is a favorite at Discover because the moms enjoy the love they receive from DCC, and our volunteers also receive the same amount of love from serving others. The deserving mothers were truly grateful, and one stated that "I feel so special, loved and appreciated."



A big thank you goes out to Christina Harris and Jamila Logan for partnering with us for a second year. We also want to thank our volunteers, Pastor Kevin Jones, Pastor Jason Johnson, Tasha Johnson, Khia Ross, First Lady Tarkia Johnson, Camille Rawlings, Ericka Price and Cornelius Berkeley for their help organizing the event, being on site to greet and present certificates of appreciation to our winners and ensuring that they received the royal treatment.



2024 AMAZING MOTHERS

- ADEYINKA ADEGOKE • BETSY LEE
- TAMIKA BECTON • CATHY MCCOY
- JACKIE DOBSON • WANDA MICKENS
- LAURA FAIR-STOKES • DANIELLE SOLLARS
- ASHLEE JOYCE • JESSICA SPEARS
- BRITTANY LARDELL • NICOLE TALLEY

TWO YEARS IN THE BOOKS: DISCOVER'S 2ND ANNIVERSARY BOWLING PARTY

Discover celebrated its 2nd Anniversary with a fun-filled bowling party at AMF Waldorf Lanes on May 19. This event brought together our Maryland and Virginia campuses, creating an atmosphere of fellowship, laughter and friendly competition. The lanes were buzzing with excitement as members of all ages showcased their bowling skills, with some impressive strikes and a few gutter balls. The event was not just about bowling; it was a time to reflect on our journey, celebrate our achievements and look forward to the future.



Attendees enjoyed delicious food, lots of conversations and laughs, and the camaraderie that defines our Discover family. Special thanks to the event organizers for their hard work in making this celebration a memorable one. Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating this milestone. Your presence made the day even more special. As we continue to grow and serve, we are excited about the many opportunities ahead.



DISCOVER IN THE COMMUNITY: PATUXENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAREER DAY

On May 24, Discover volunteers had the privilege of participating in Career Day at Patuxent Elementary School. DCC volunteers, Cornelius Berkeley and Donna Rawlings, helped facilitate the event and stepped in to share their stories when some presenters couldn't make it, ensuring the event ran smoothly.

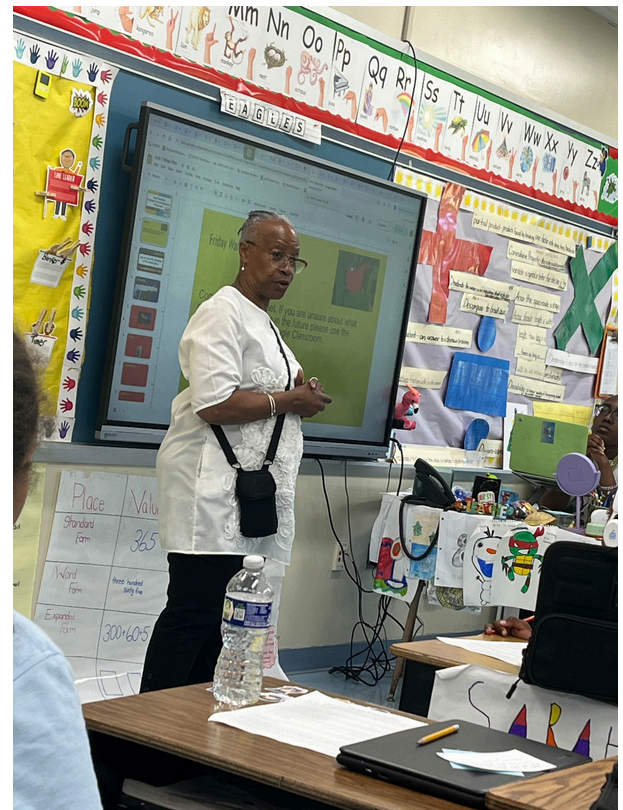


Discover volunteers with BOE Candidate, Robin Brown

Career Day was a fantastic opportunity for presenters to connect with the students and other community members, share experiences and learn from each other. The enthusiasm and curiosity of the students were infectious, and our volunteers left feeling inspired and hopeful for the future.

A highlight of the day for students and volunteers was meeting Robin Brown, a candidate for the Prince George's County Board of Education for District 5. Ms. Brown was approachable, genuine and passionate about education. It was clear that she has the right intentions and a heartfelt commitment to improving our schools.

We are grateful to Patuxent Elementary School for inviting us to participate and to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success. Thank you to our volunteers for always representing DCC with excellence and love!



Discover volunteer, Donna Rawlings stepped in to share her career journey with students.



A variety of careers were represented at Patuxent's Career Day.

HELP US FIND US: BLACK & MISSING FOUNDATION HOPE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES 5K



Members of Team Discover were ready to get moving!



On June 1, Discover Community Church proudly sponsored and participated in the Black and Missing Hope Without Boundaries 5K at the National Harbor. This significant event, organized by the Black and Missing Foundation, aims to raise awareness and provide support for the families of missing persons of color across the nation. Team Discover set a goal to raise \$500 for the cause. Through the incredible generosity of our church family and friends, we not only met our target but exceeded it, raising a total of \$610. This collective effort was a testament to the power of community and the impact we can have when we come together for a common cause.

The day was filled with unity, hope and determination as Team Discover joined hundreds of participants in the 5K run/walk, demonstrating our commitment to making a difference in the community. We want to extend our appreciation to everyone who participated, donated and supported this event. Your contributions will go a long way to provide much-needed resources for the families of the missing, aiding in flier distribution, financial support and recovery services.

If you'd like to learn more about the important work the Black and Missing Foundation is doing, please visit www.blackandmissinginc.com.



DCC was noted as a sponsor on participant T-shirts

HONORING THE DADS IN OUR LIVES: DISCOVER AMAZING FATHERS 2024



Discover Community Church is thrilled to announce the winners of our 2024 Amazing Fathers event! Five incredible fathers were nominated by their family and friends for their unwavering dedication, love and support. Each winner will receive a gift card to a local restaurant, Ruby's Southern Kitchen (MD) or Orleans Bistro & Grill (VA) as a token of our appreciation for their exemplary fatherhood.



We are proud to honor Jasun Frone, Edward Henderson, Robert Thomas, Bryant Turner and Grant Williams as our 2024 Amazing Fathers. These fathers have gone above and beyond for their families, embodying the spirit of love and commitment that we hold dear at Discover Community Church. Their outstanding dedication and the positive impact they've had on their families and communities are truly inspiring.



Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate these deserving fathers. Your submissions were a testament to the powerful role fathers play in nurturing, guiding and loving their families.

Discover Community Church is committed to celebrating and supporting the incredible men in our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to recognize these amazing dads and their contributions.

Congratulations again to Jasun, Edward, Robert, Bryant and Grant. Keep shining and inspiring!





A JOB WELL DONE! DISCOVER HONORED BY OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We are thrilled to share that Discover Community Church has been honored with two prestigious awards for our contributions to the community!

First, Instant Results Basketball Skills Academy has recognized DCC for our support of their athletic program. Our sponsorship of player T-shirts has helped provide an essential resource to athletes at the Academy.

Second, Patuxent Elementary School has awarded us for our continuous support of their student celebration events during the 2023-2024 school year. From perfect attendance and academic achievement celebrations, Career Day, Sports Day and Teacher Appreciation, our involvement has helped create memorable and impactful experiences for the students and staff.

These awards highlight our commitment to making a positive difference in our community. We are incredibly proud of these recognitions and grateful for the opportunity to serve and support our local schools and organizations. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to these efforts and helped us achieve these honors.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE: COLLEGE PLANNING 101 SEMINAR

Discover Community Church hosted an enlightening College Planning 101 seminar, featuring William Leach from Thrivent Financial Services. Held on June 29, this event provided invaluable insights for families navigating the complex college planning process.

William Leach, known for his financial acumen and engaging presentation style, covered a range of critical topics. The interactive session allowed participants to ask personalized questions, ensuring they left with a clear understanding of how to apply the information to their unique circumstances.

Discover Community Church is committed to empowering our community with the knowledge and resources needed for success. We extend our heartfelt thanks to William Leach for his time and expertise, and to Thrivent Financial Services for partnering with us on this important initiative.

If you missed this event or you were unable to attend, you can [watch a recording of the event here](#). Mr. Leach shared so many valuable tips and strategies that you do not want to miss! Together, we continue to strive towards our mission of education, empowerment and community support. **Check out the next page for valuable resources shared during the seminar.**



COLLEGE PLANNING 101 *Resources*

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STUDENT PERSONALITY PROFILE WEBSITES

- **Career Personality Profiler Test \$30**
- **Naviance** – Available at school. See Guidance Counselor or high school website.
- **Scior** – Available at school. See Guidance Counselor or high school website.

Next Steps – Have the student complete the brief questionnaire, then review the report to understand the student's personality, strengths and areas of development. Then identify multiple career interests based on reports to research in the Occupational Outlook Handbook.

Occupational Outlook Handbook - The Occupational Outlook Handbook is a publication of the Bureau of Labor Statistics that includes information about the nature of work, working conditions, training and education, earnings and job outlook for hundreds of different occupations in the United States.

Next Steps – As the student evaluates each aspect of the various careers, he/she should create a T-chart listing the pros of the career on the left and the cons on the right side of the T-chart. Next, the student should evaluate the careers to identify the child's top three interests and be prepared to share with parents why they believe the career choices are good options.

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OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK

College Navigator - Resource for institutional data on programs offered, retention and graduation rates, prices, aid available, degrees awarded, campus safety and more.

Next Steps – Search for colleges that offer degree programs to prepare the student for their top three career interests. Research information about the college and visit the website to learn about the degree programs, resources to help the students succeed and student outcomes. Avoid applying to public universities outside of your residential state. Select colleges based on good fit for career preparation and affordability. Remember, a student should not take on student loans that exceed his/her expected first year income.

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COLLEGE NAVIGATOR

Common Application - Central hub to apply to multiple colleges from one website.

Next Steps – Review the attached document regarding financial vehicles for funding college education.

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COMMON APPLICATION

SERVICE SUNDAY: BRINGING LOVE TO THE BRISBEN CENTER

For our June 30th Service Sunday, the Discover family had the honor of spreading love and warmth at The Brisben Center in Virginia. DCC volunteers planned, cooked, and served a delicious meal to the residents, who welcomed our efforts with open hearts and big smiles.

The Brisben Center, a haven for individuals and families in need, was filled with joy and appreciation as the homemade meal was served. The gratitude expressed by the residents and staff truly touched hearts, reminding the team of the profound impact of coming together to serve.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed their time and talents to make this Service Sunday a success. Your dedication to our core values of service, love, and unity continues to shine brightly, making a tangible difference in our community. We look forward to more opportunities to spread God's love through our actions.

For more information about The Brisben Center and how you can get involved, visit their website [here](#).



WHAT'S NEXT >>



JULY

July 21
Watch Party

AUGUST

August 4
Watch Party

August 18
Family Reunion & Graduate
Celebration (in person)

SEPTEMBER

September 1
Watch Party

September 15
Watch Party

OCTOBER

October 6
Watch Party

October 20
Watch Party

IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR: 2024 DISCOVER FAMILY REUNION AND GRADUATE CELEBRATION

Discover Community Church is excited to invite you to our Family Reunion at Watkins Park in Upper Marlboro, MD! Mark your calendars for 11 a.m. Sunday, August 18 for a day filled with food, fellowship, fun and community service. We will celebrate our amazing 2024 graduates at the event so come prepared to cheer them on. **To ensure your DCC graduate is recognized, please complete [this form](#) to give us details on their achievements.**

We will also be hosting a school supply collection drive for our partner schools, so please bring your donations to the Family Reunion.

What to Expect:

- Delicious Food
- Engaging Fellowship
- Graduate Celebration
- School Supply Donation Collection
- FUN!

Bring your family and friends for a joyful time as we come together to celebrate our community with service and love. **To register for the Family Reunion and view the list of requested school supplies, please visit [this link](#).**

We can't wait to see you there!

DISCOVER SOMETHING DIFFERENT: HOW WE DO CHURCH

Watch Parties - 1st and 3rd Sundays

A Watch Party is an in-person gathering to view the stream of Discover's Sunday service with other Discover family and friends. Gatherings are hosted in Maryland and Virginia on Sundays at 11 a.m. and are followed by The Hang Out. Light refreshments are served.

The Hang Out - 1st and 3rd Sundays

The Hang Out is an open forum for Watch Party attendees to discuss the sermon, current events, and hear from each other. These discussions are often very lively, informative and insightful. It's a great addition to the Sunday experience.

Self-Care Sunday - 2nd and 4th Sundays

Self-Care Sundays allow us a chance to decompress, unwind and refuel. We take a break from service and encourage everyone to hang out with family & friends, do brunch, catch a movie, relax and more. The goal is to take a day off and spend time doing whatever fills your cup.

Service Sunday - 5th Sundays

The Discover family collaborates on community service projects every 5th Sunday to give back and make an impact in our surrounding communities. We also have a lot of fun in the process. Participating students can earn community service hours on Service Sundays.

Stay Connected

We hope you enjoyed our quarterly newsletter and the opportunities to connect with Discover Community Church through our Watch Parties and outreach events. We encourage you to stay connected to hear more about where we are headed and how you can be a part of it. There are several ways you can stay in touch:



Digital Connection Form

If you want to stay connected, this is the first move you should make. Completing this form ensures you are in our database and part of our mailing list for updates, future newsletters and Discover news and events.



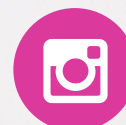
Our Website

This is the hub for Discover Community Church. Join our live stream, register for Watch Parties, give online, find registration links, view past services, and find out more about our story here.



YouTube

Visit our YouTube page to watch our past services and other special content.



Social Media

Get connected for photos, videos, upcoming events, and more!