

DISCOVER *Us*

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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There are some exciting changes ahead in the next chapter of Discover Community Church!

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On July 24, Discover Community Church hosted an engaging and informative session where members of the congregation gathered to learn more about the upcoming leadership changes. During this open forum, Pastor Kev and Pastor Wes shared insights into the transition process, discussed the future of our church and answered questions from the congregation.

The session provided an opportunity for open dialogue, with many members expressing excitement about Pastor Wes' vision while also reflecting on Pastor Kev's impactful leadership. Attendees asked thoughtful questions about the church's direction, and both pastors emphasized that our core values of healing, service, love, unity, education and empowerment will remain at the forefront of our mission.

We've created a [video update](#) to provide you with the details of the upcoming changes. We also have a dedicated online form available for you to submit any questions or comments regarding the leadership change at any time. Your voice is important! Visit [this link](#) to share your thoughts or inquiries.

We are grateful for the participation and support from the Discover family, and we look forward to continuing this next leg of our journey together!

Highlights

- Pastor Kev is stepping down from his role as Senior Pastor at the end of the year and our current MD Campus Pastor, Wesley Johnson, will assume the role of Senior Pastor in January.
- Pastor Wes has over 19 years of ministry experience in various leadership roles and is eager to lead DCC through this next phase of ministry.
- The DCC leadership team is working through the logistics of these changes to ensure a seamless transition.
- Pastor Wes will share more about his vision for the next phase in the coming months.
- Your questions/comments/feedback are welcome.

HAVE QUESTIONS OR
COMMENTS ABOUT
WHAT'S NEXT AT DCC?

WANT TO SEND WORDS
OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO
PASTOR KEV OR PASTOR
WES?

USE OUR FEEDBACK
FORM.



DCC SERMONS: IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

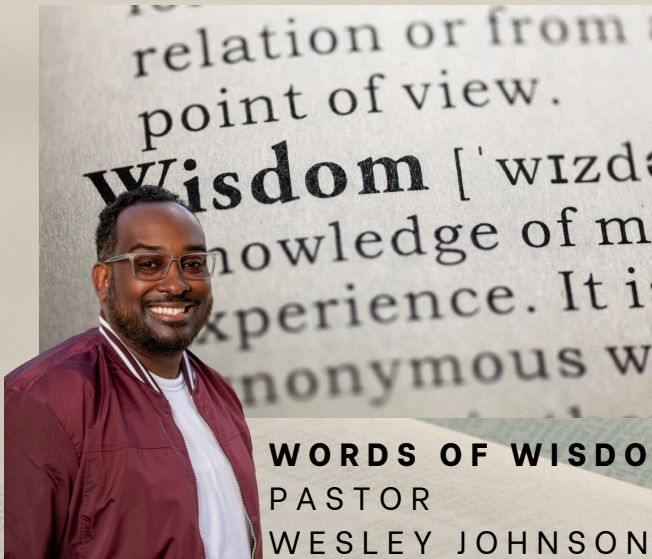
We've experienced some amazing teaching over the last few months at Discover courtesy of our phenomenal leaders. Catch up on what you missed on our [YouTube Page](#). Click on the images below to watch each message.



**HOW FAR WE'VE
COME**
YOUTH PASTOR
JASON JOHNSON



**JUST CHECKING
IN**
PASTOR
KEVIN JONES



WORDS OF WISDOM
PASTOR
WESLEY JOHNSON



SECOND WIN
TASHA JOHNSON



FAMILY OVER EVERYTHING: DCC FAMILY REUNION

On Sunday, Aug. 18, Discover Community Church held its Family Reunion and Graduate Celebration at Watkins Regional Park in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. This event brought together members from both the Maryland and Virginia campuses for fellowship, fun and a celebration of the achievements of its members.

Pastor Wes shared an encouraging word, then led a special moment to honor the graduates from both campuses. From elementary school to higher education, graduates of all levels were celebrated for their hard work, dedication and perseverance. Watkins Park provided the perfect backdrop for games, food, and plenty of outdoor fun. There were activities for every age at the “DCC Olympics” including kickball, badminton, relays and quizzes.



In true DCC fashion, the event was not just about celebration—it was also about service with our school supply collection drive to benefit Patuxent and Rogers Heights Elementary Schools. The event reflected the essence of DCC's core values and served as a beautiful reminder that Discover is not just a church; it's a family.

STRONGER TOGETHER: COMMUNITY PARTNERS NETWORKING EVENT

On Saturday, Sept. 28, DCC hosted an exciting Community Partners Networking Event, and it was a time of connection, collaboration and inspiration! We were honored to welcome a fantastic group of local businesses and organizations, each dedicated to making a positive impact in our communities.

The event kicked off with a short introduction from each organization, giving us a glimpse into the incredible work they are doing. From empowering individuals to supporting families, the diversity of our community partners' missions left us all inspired and excited about what we can achieve together.



The highlight of the event was our speed networking session, where participants had the chance to connect one on one and explore opportunities for collaboration. This was followed by a lively group discussion, where we brainstormed ways we can work together to expand our reach and better serve our communities. The event included delicious food and fellowship and everyone left feeling inspired and supported.

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STRONGER TOGETHER: COMMUNITY PARTNERS NETWORKING EVENT (CONT.)

We want to give a special thanks to the following organizations for joining us and sharing their vision:

- **849 Credit Coach**: Helping individuals and families achieve financial freedom through improved credit.
- **The Clarion Call**: Dedicated to closing the literacy and achievement gap of underserved youth and children of the incarcerated so that they avoid incarceration, succeed in school, and graduate fully prepared to lead productive lives.
- **Extra-Ordinary Birthdays**: Transforming the lives of children experiencing homelessness by creating personalized birthday parties that make them feel valued and inspire moments of delight in their lives.
- **Lisa J. McInnis Art**: Changing the atmosphere by enhancing your home or business with a uniquely curated work of art.
- **Navah Physical Therapy**: Providing patients with an environment of healing through skilled physical therapy, pain management, and the proper education to encourage patients to maintain the positive outcomes achieved through our treatment.
- **Patuxent Elementary School** - A Prince George's County Public School committed to Nurturing and Educating our Scholars Together (N.E.S.T.).
- **Rogers Heights Elementary School** - A Prince George's County Public School dedicated to providing an innovative educational experience where students and instructional leaders thrive as one.
- **Talk to Me, Inc.**: Advocating for mental health by providing confidential counseling, coaching and compassionate care.
- **Transcontinental Empowerment Corporation**: Restoring hope and enriching lives in the community by addressing their physical and economic needs.

Thank you again to all who participated! We are excited about the potential to work together in the future as we continue to uplift and empower our communities.



SPREADING LOVE IN THE COMMUNITY: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

At Discover Community Church, service is not just what we do—it's who we are. We believe that one of the most powerful ways to demonstrate God's love is by giving back to our communities. Our commitment to service is woven into the fabric of DCC through our Service Sundays and outreach programs that touch lives all around us. Now, we invite you to join us in this mission! Whether you're lending a hand at local schools, volunteering at community events, or supporting our charity partners, there's a place for everyone to make a difference.

If you're ready to serve, we're ready to welcome you to the team! Students can also earn service hours for volunteering with us. Below are several upcoming opportunities to get involved. **Please contact cornelius.berkeley@comediscover.org for more information.**

Patuxent Elementary - Upper Marlboro, MD

11/22 - Glow Party

12/19 - Santa's Gift Shop and Hot Cocoa Bar

1/30 - Snowball Fight & Winter Wonderland

11/1-12/15 DCC Kids Sock Collection Drive

We need your help donating socks (adult & youth sizes) at Watch Parties in Nov & Dec. You can also donate on 12/15 at our Christmas Brunch.

Thanksgiving Food & Clothing Drive with Transcontinental Empowerment Corporation

Date TBD. There will be volunteer opportunities at this event. Stay tuned for more info.

12/15 December Service Sunday - Waldorf, MD

Gift wrapping for our community partner, Extra-Ordinary Birthdays at our Christmas party.



WHAT'S NEXT >>>

NOVEMBER

November 1-Dec 15

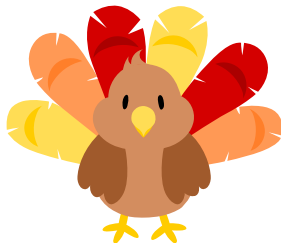
DCC Kids Sock
Collection Drive

November 3
Watch Party

November 5
Election Day

November 17
Watch Party

November 28
Thanksgiving



DECEMBER

December 1
Watch Party

December 15
Christmas Brunch and
Service Sunday

December 25
Christmas

JANUARY

January 1
Pastor Wes steps
into the role of
Senior Pastor



DCC YOUTH SPREADING WARMTH AND LOVE: SOCK COLLECTION DRIVE

Discover Community Church is teaming up with the Prince George's County Police Department for a special Sock Collection Drive, led by our incredible DCC Kids! **From November 1 through December 15, we'll be collecting new athletic socks in all sizes for children and adults.** With your support, we'll help keep residents in PG County shelters warm as winter approaches.

Donating socks is a simple but impactful way to care for those in need. Socks are the least donated, but most requested item in shelters because they wear out quickly and are essential for warmth, hygiene, and comfort. For many, a fresh pair of socks can prevent cold feet in winter, reduce the risk of infections, and restore a sense of dignity. By giving socks, we meet a basic need and show compassion, reminding our community that they're not alone—especially during the colder months.

Please support our youth by donating socks at our November and December Watch Parties in Maryland or Virginia or at our Christmas Brunch on December 15 in Waldorf, MD. Every pair of socks will bring comfort to those in need, showing the strength of a community that cares.

Let's help our DCC youth make a difference together this season! Thank you for helping us spread warmth and kindness across our community!



*If you have questions about this service project, please contact Pastor Jason Johnson
jason.johnson@comediscover.org or Cornelius Berkeley cornelius.berkeley@comediscover.org*

CHRISTMAS DCC STYLE: JOIN US FOR BRUNCH!

Celebrate the holiday season with us at Discover Community Church's Christmas Brunch! We'll gather on Sunday December 15th, at 11:00 a.m. in Waldorf, MD for a joyful day filled with music, delicious food, games, and a white elephant gift exchange. Join us as we celebrate and honor Pastor Kev and First Lady Krissy as they step down from their leadership roles at DCC. Together, we'll also complete a service project by wrapping gifts for our community partner Extra-Ordinary Birthdays, to spread extra holiday cheer!

Don't forget to bring a pair of new socks to contribute to our DCC Kids Sock Drive and help support those in need this winter. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, serve, and celebrate with our DCC family.



Date: Sunday, December 15

Location: Sheffield Community Center - 12146 Pawtuckett Lane Waldorf, MD 20602

Activities: Brunch, music, games, gift exchange, and community service!

Register to join us no later than December 2nd. Let's make this a Christmas to remember!

SHOW YOUR DISCOVER LOVE: CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE SHOP

Have you visited our [online shop](#) lately? Visit us today for some great DCC swag!



SHOP NOW

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.



YouTube

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



Our Website

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



Social Media

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