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STRENGTHENING OUR VISION & IMPACT:

LEADERSHIP RETREAT RECAP

The Discover Community Church (DCC) 2025
Leadership Strategic Planning Retreat was a
powerful and productive weekend, bringing
together our leadership team for a time of
reflection, strategic planning, and fellowship. Held
from January 10-12 in Earleville, MD, the retreat
focused on evaluating past successes, refining
leadership roles, strengthening discipleship efforts
and preparing for the year ahead.



FRIDAY

Connection & Tech Check-In

The retreat kicked off on Friday evening with dinner, fellowship, and games led by Tasha Johnson, setting a warm and engaging tone for the weekend. The Tech Check-In, led by Michael Logan, ensured that all leaders were fully equipped with DCC's digital tools and shared resources for improved collaboration.



SATURDAY

A Day of Strategy & Growth

Reflecting on 2024: Lessons & Progress

The morning began with an icebreaker and checkin led by Aisha Berkeley, setting the stage for an open and engaging discussion. This was followed by Lanette Richardson's review of 2024, where she highlighted key achievements, challenges, and areas for improvement, particularly in communications and outreach efforts.



Defining Leadership Roles & Financial Outlook

Pastor Wesley Johnson led an important session on leadership roles and responsibilities, ensuring clarity in how each leader contributes to DCC's mission.

Ericka Price then guided the team through a financial health review, focusing on budget efficiency, upcoming expenses, and financial strategies to sustain and grow DCC's impact.



STRENGTHENING OUR VISION & IMPACT: LEADERSHIP RETREAT RECAP CONT.







Vision for 2025: Key Plans & Initiatives

Cornelius Berkeley walked the team through a comprehensive 2025 calendar review, outlining major initiatives, events and services for the year. Leaders also explored personality assessment tools with Jamila Logan, discussing ways to strengthen leadership development and partnerships.

A pivotal session, led by Pastor Wesley Johnson, focused on the DCC Discipleship Plan, covering:

- Church Orientation & Church Class Curriculum
- The process for establishing Watch Parties & Campus locations.

Later, Pastor Jason Johnson & Tasha Johnson presented the Youth Discipleship Plan, laying out strategies to engage and empower the next generation.

Expanding Our Ministry: Licensing, In-Person Services & Future Facilities

Pastor Michael Richardson led a discussion on the process of licensing and ordination for ministers, as well as guidelines for marriage coaching, funerals and member support services.

The leadership team also had discussions regarding in-person services and long-term facility plans.

Key takeaways included:

- · Securing a location for in-person services
- Holding in-person services on several dates in 2025 including Easter, Church Anniversary, and Family Reunion Sunday
- Exploring future land and building opportunities.

The day ended on a lighthearted note with casual fun and conversation, allowing leaders to relax and recharge.

Looking Ahead: Bold Steps for a Greater Impact

The DCC 2025 Leadership Retreat reaffirmed our commitment to faith, service and community empowerment. As we step into the new year, we are excited to grow, build, and serve together — strengthening our church and expanding our reach in Prince George's County.

Stay connected, stay prayerful and let's walk boldly into 2025!

DCC SERMONS: IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

2025 kicked off with some amazing messages from our ministry team. Catch up on what you missed on our <u>YouTube Page</u>. Click on the images below to watch each message.

THE NEXT MOVEMENT PART 1
PASTOR WESLEY JOHNSON

THE NEXT MOVEMENT PART 2
PASTOR WESLEY JOHNSON





WHAT WOULD JESUS DO? PART 1
PASTOR WESLEY JOHNSON

WHAT WOULD JESUS DO? PART 2
PASTOR WESLEY JOHNSON



MINISTER JAMILA LOGAN





<u>I'M THAT GIRL</u> TASHA JOHNSON



DECLUTTERING & HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT: COMMUNITY SPRING CLEANING DAY

On Saturday, March 29, Discover Community Church (DCC) partnered with the Prince George's County Police Department and the Black and Missing Foundation (BAMFI) to host a Community Spring Cleaning Day, to help the community and environment in one event!

Community members came together at the District III Police Station in Landover, MD, to responsibly shred documents, recycle electronics, and donate sneakers—all while supporting a meaningful cause. Through our sneaker recycling initiative with Got Sneakers?, we collected sneakers to be repurposed, with proceeds benefiting BAMFI's efforts to bring awareness to missing persons of color. Briar Patch Shredding and Recycling was on site to make the shredding and electronics process a breeze and keep the line moving.

The Impact We Made:

- 100 Cars Drove Through the Event Dropping off items off for shredding/recycling.
- Securely Shredded Sensitive Documents Helping community members protect themselves from identity theft.
- Recycled Electronics Responsibly Keeping harmful waste out of landfills and promoting sustainability.
- Collected 107 pairs of Sneakers for a Cause Giving shoes a second life while raising funds for BAMFI.
- Connected The Black & Missing Foundation and the Prince George's County Police

 Department This relationship will go a long way to support families of the missing in Prince

 George's County.
- Introduced DCC to the Community Shared info about DCC and invited community members to our upcoming live services.

















DECLUTTERING & HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT: COMMUNITY SPRING CLEANING DAY CONT.

Beyond cleaning up and decluttering, this event was a powerful reminder of how small actions can make a big difference. We're grateful for every volunteer, participant, and partner who helped make this event a success!

Thank you for being a part of this special day. If you missed it, don't worry—DCC looks forward to hosting more community-centered events in the future.

Stay connected with us at **www.comediscover.org.** Together, we clean up, give back, and build a stronger community!



















PATUXENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



DCC Family, we have an amazing opportunity to serve our community! Our partners at **Patuxent Elementary** need volunteers for their upcoming events to reward student attendance and good behavior in April and May.

April 25, 2025 – Easter Egg Hunt May 30, 2025 – May Festival

We need helping hands to facilitate activities, pass out treats, and support the event teams. Let's show up and bless these students with love and joy!

Ready to serve?

Please reach out to cornelius.berkeley@comediscover.org for more details.

DCC Volunteers - Let's Serve Patuxent Elementary with Excellence!

Discover Community Church family, we are committed to serving our partner school, Patuxent Elementary, in a way that honors both safety and excellence. To do this, we're asking all volunteers to complete the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) background check process. This step ensures we can fully engage with students, staff, and families while maintaining a secure environment.

Completing the process is simple!

Get started here: **PGCPS Volunteer Process**

Thank you for your heart to serve! Let's continue to make an impact with love and care. Sign up today and help us he a blessing to Paturent Flementary!

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CONNECT WITH US: UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Business Meeting

We will host an important **Church Business Meeting ONLINE Thursday, April 10th, at 7:00 p.m.** This is a time to come together, stay informed and engage in the future of our church. We hope to see you there!

Go to comediscover.org or use this Meeting Link to join us.





Easter Sunday Service

Family, get ready! Easter Sunday is coming, and we're celebrating **IN PERSON!** Bring the whole family out to celebrate with us.

Date: Sunday, April 20 **Time:** 11:00 a.m.

Location: Pee Wee Piano

6717 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale, MD

Come expectant, come ready to praise, and invite family and friends for a Resurrection Sunday like no other! You don't want to miss this!

Registration is OPEN for the 2025 Black & Missing Hope Without Boundaries 5K!

It's time to lace up and step out for a powerful cause! For the third year in a row, we're coming together as Team Discover for the <u>Black and Missing Hope Without Boundaries 5K</u>—an event dedicated to bringing awareness and hope to families of missing persons in our community.

EVENT DATE: May 31 (Opening Ceremony at 8 a.m.)

Registration Details:

Regular Registration (Ends May 9, 5 p.m.) \$35 (Adult) \$25 (Child 12 and below)



Let's make this our biggest year yet! Whether you walk, run, or donate, your support makes a difference. Sign up today and join us as we stand in solidarity and make an impact.

Registration & Donation Link

DISCOVER IS GOING LIVE IN 2025!

Exciting news! In 2025, we're hosting multiple in-person services—and we want YOU to be there!

Our services will take place at 6717 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale, MD 20769 (Pee Wee Piano) at 11:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Mark your calendars for these special dates:

- April 20 Easter (Pee Wee Piano)
- May 18 3rd Church Anniversary (Pee Wee Piano)
- August 17 Family Reunion (Location TBD)
- September 21 (Pee Wee Piano)
- October 19 (Pee Wee Piano)
- November 16 (Pee Wee Piano)
- December 21 (Pee Wee Piano)

We will also be hosting several community service projects in conjunction with our in-person services. Be on the lookout to find out how you can get involved.











GIVING MOM HER FLOWERS: NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR AMAZING MOTHERS 2025

NOMINATE AN AMAZING MOTHER TODAY!

Do you know a mother who goes above and beyond? A woman whose love, strength, and dedication inspire everyone around her? Now's your chance to honor her!

Nominate an Amazing Mother by submitting a short form sharing why she deserves to be celebrated. All winners will receive a \$50 digital gift card to their store of choice (as long as the store offers digital gift cards).

Nomination Deadline: April 21

Winners Announced: May 4, during our service

Let's take this opportunity to show our appreciation for the incredible mothers in our community!

NOMINATE AN AMAZING
MOTHER





WHAT'S NEXT >>>

APRIL

April 10

Church Business Meeting

April 20

Easter Sunday Service (in person)

April 21

Amazing Mothers Nomination Deadline

MAY

May 4

Watch Party

May 11

Mother's Day

May 18

Sunday Service/3rd Church Anniversary Celebration (in person)

May 31

Black & Missing Hope Without Boundaries 5K

JUNE

June 1

Watch Party

June 15

Father's Day Watch Party

June 28 & 29

Financial Education Seminars with Thrivent and 849 Credit Coach (more details coming soon!)

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!