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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: DCC SERMONS

Catch up on these dynamic messages from the DCC family.

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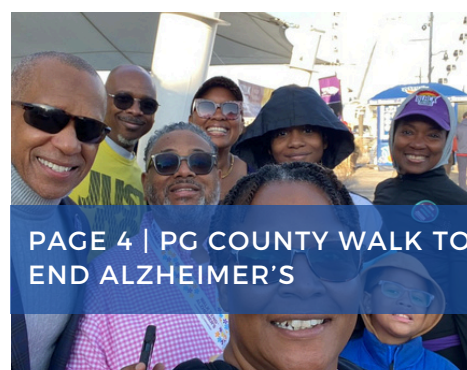
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THE NEXT MOVEMENT: KICKING OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH PASTOR WES

Happy New Year Discover Community Church!

I don't know about you but 2024 was a year filled with ups and downs that went by so quickly! It was wonderful to end the year with our Christmas Brunch and our celebration of Pastor Kevin and First Lady Krissy as they pass the baton and have the opportunity to rest and rejuvenate for the next season that God has for them. During the brunch, Pastor Larry Paige from Zion Church, gave our ministry a word of encouragement that was so powerful and fitting for our ministry. We are so grateful!

As Discover Community Church enters 2025, let's lock into what God has called us to do. Our vision, mission and core values are the compass that God has given to us discover our next movement as a ministry.

VISION

To be a loving community engaged in the process of healing and hope for all.

MISSION

Love God, Love People and Make a Difference.

CORE VALUES

Healing, Education, Service, Empowerment, Unity and Love.

We have lived out these values over the past two years, and have seen that families and organizations want to connect even more with our "loving community."

Our leaders have been working diligently behind the scenes to review our systems, processes and teaching materials so we can live out our vision on a larger scale. I'm excited about the upcoming orientations, "Meet the Pastors" sessions, Discover Curriculum, DCC Kids Curriculum and new Bible studies that will be rolled out in 2025!

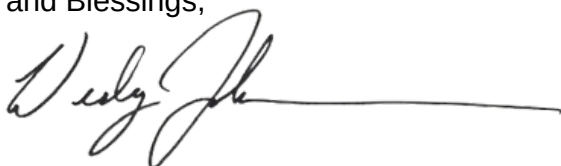
Also, we have reached capacity at our Watch Party location in Maryland and we are actively discussing short-term and long-term solutions that we will implement this year. For our short-term, we will host a few of our services in 2025 at a larger location so more families that have expressed interest can participate in DCC Kids Ministry, our services, Hangouts and community service activities. For the long-term, we have saved over \$60K but will intentionally look to save more as we develop conceptual designs for a multi-use facility that will bring our community together and carry out our vision, mission and core values.

We want to make sure you don't miss any of the wonderful things we have planned for 2025 so please make sure you are following us on all our social media platforms but more importantly, you have access to our Discover Community Church intranet via our Google platform. On our intranet, you will have all the intimate details for our future plans and will be able to engage with our online community. For access, you can fill out our digital connection form at www.comediscover.org.

Tarkia and I are truly humbled for this opportunity to serve here at Discover Community Church and we look forward to continuing the vision, mission and core values of this amazing community!

Peace and Blessings,

Wes



DCC SERMONS: IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

We closed out 2024 with some amazing messages. Catch up on what you missed on our [YouTube Page](#). Click on the images below to watch each message.



**CONTEND FOR
THE FAITH**
PASTOR
MIKE RICHARDSON



**THE IMPORTANCE OF
BEING HONEST**
MINISTER
MICHAEL LOGAN



PASSING THE BATON
PASTOR
KEVIN JONES



TIME FOR HEALING
PASTOR
WESLEY JOHNSON



WALKING TOWARDS A CURE: 2024 PG COUNTY WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

On October 26, Discover Community Church proudly joined the Walk to End Alzheimer's at National Harbor, bringing together our Maryland and Virginia campuses for a powerful day of unity and purpose. Team Discover raised \$1,245, contributing to critical Alzheimer's research and support programs.

Thank you to every Discover member, family, and friend who donated and walked alongside us. Your generosity and dedication to serving those affected by Alzheimer's brought our core values of healing, unity and service to life. Together, we made an impact and brought hope to families and individuals fighting this disease.

We want to give a special shout out to Mrs. Donna Rawlings who served on the board of the Walk and helped bring this event to life as a representative of DCC and the faith community. Thank you, Team Discover and all our supporters, for your incredible commitment to making a difference. We look forward to continuing this journey with you and invite everyone to join us next year as we keep fighting for a cure!



Team Discover is ready to walk!



TEAM DISCOVER RAISED



\$1245.00



DCC YOUTH MAKING A DIFFERENCE: SOCK COLLECTION DRIVE

Discover Community Church Kids made a big difference in the lives of many with their recent sock collection drive! In partnership with the Prince George's County Police Department, our young members stepped up in a major way, collecting an incredible 1,295 pairs of socks to benefit residents of county shelters.

These socks will provide much-needed warmth and comfort to individuals and families in need this winter. We are so proud of the compassion and dedication shown by our kids—and we couldn't have done it without you!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated socks, encouraged others to contribute or helped spread the word. Together, we've proven that even small acts of kindness can add up to make a big impact.

Let's continue serving our community with love and generosity. Stay tuned for more opportunities to give back!



DCC youth volunteers counting and sorting the sock donations at DCC's Christmas Brunch.



Our youth delivered 1295 pairs of socks to the Prince George's County District III station and had an opportunity to meet some of the officers.

DISCOVER YOUR IMPACT: COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIPS

Thanks to your generous contributions, DCC was honored to donate funds as sponsors of the following holiday events hosted by our community partners:

Instant Results Basketball Skills Academy Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway - Free Thanksgiving turkeys and fixings were distributed to the community on November 23.



Phil & Syl's Foundation Holiday Giveback - 400 free Thanksgiving meals were provided to the community on November 27.



DISCOVER YOUR IMPACT: COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIPS CONT.

Transcontinental Empowerment Corporation 12 Days of Giving - Food and clothing was provided to the community on November 29.



DCC Community Schools Gift Card Giveaway - DCC provided 40 gift cards to community schools, Patuxent Elementary, Rogers Heights Elementary and Panorama Elementary. These gift cards will be given to staff, faculty, and/or parents in these school communities.



DCC's Director of Engagement Cornelius Berkeley presenting gift cards to Panorama Elementary's school counselor Zakiya Hutchinson (left), Rogers Heights Elementary's Principal Duane Edwards with Senior Pastor Wesley Johnson (top right) and Patuxent Elementary's school counselor Bria Williams (bottom right).



COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT: **PATUXENT ELEMENTARY EVENTS**

Trunk or Treat

Discover Community Church had the pleasure of partnering with Patuxent Elementary on October 30 to bring a sweet treat to local students during their Trunk-or-Treat and Game Party. DCC donated enough candy for 250 students, ensuring every child could enjoy the festivities!

The event featured an interactive setup where students went table to table collecting candy before joining their friends for games and music.

Glow Party

Patuxent Elementary hosted a glow party on November 22 as a reward for student attendance and good behavior. DCC donated a variety of glowing items (including necklaces, batons and headbands) to make this fun-filled day possible.

Santa's Gift Shop and Hot Cocoa Bar

Discover Community Church provided supplies for Patuxent's holiday event on December 19. The school hosted a gift shop for students with excellent attendance and behavior. Students were able to shop for small prizes/gifts and they enjoyed a hot cocoa bar to get in the holiday spirit.

Thanks to the efforts of DCC members and generous donors, we were able to add a little extra fun to the season and connect with young members of our community.

We appreciate everyone who volunteered or contributed to these events! We look forward to more opportunities to share joy and create memorable moments with our community partners.



DCC volunteers packing candy bags for Patuxent Elementary's Trunk or Treat event.



DCC volunteers, Ann Brown and Cornelius Berkeley at Patuxent's Glow Party.



Some of the DCC donations for Santa's Gift Shop at Patuxent Elementary

DCC CHRISTMAS BRUNCH: A SWEET CELEBRATION

Discover hosted a Christmas Brunch on December 15 in Waldorf, MD. It was a day to remember. This dual celebration commemorated the Christmas season with fun and fellowship and honored Pastor Kev and First Lady Krissy as they stepped down from leadership.

The event kicked off with our Christmas brunch while attendees enjoyed a special video presentation highlighting Pastor Kev's journey and ministry. The celebration continued as guests shared words of appreciation and memories from different phases of Pastor Kev's ministry at First Baptist of Highland Park & New Vision Church (Betty Hoskins), Destiny Church (Khia Ross, Tasha Johnson and Pastor Jason Johnson) and Discover Community Church (Cornelius Berkeley). Pastor Kev and First Lady Krissy's mothers and son, Kevin Jr., also honored them with beautiful words of affirmation and appreciation.



Pastor Larry Paige of Zion Church was the special guest speaker, delivering an uplifting message that honored Pastor Kev and First Lady Krissy's impactful ministry and encouraged them in the next phase of their journey. Pastor Paige also shared empowering words with Pastor Wes and First Lady Tarkia as they stepped into their new lead roles at DCC.

Following the service, guests enjoyed a festive white elephant gift exchange, a video game truck, Christmas music and fun.



DCC CHRISTMAS BRUNCH: A SWEET CELEBRATION CONT.

The event also featured two special service projects. Volunteers wrapped gifts for **Extra-Ordinary Birthdays (EOB)** —our nonprofit community partner. EOB's founder, Schinnell Leake was in attendance and shared the organization's mission with attendees. The gifts donated by DCC will bring joy to children in homeless shelters through personalized birthday celebrations. DCC Kids Ministry also hosted a sock collection drive for residents of Prince George's County shelters, collecting 1,295 pairs of socks.

Thank you to everyone who made this day special and to Pastor Kev and First Lady Krissy for their inspiring legacy. You will always be a cherished part of the DCC family.



WHAT'S NEXT >>>

JANUARY

January 1

Pastor Wes steps into the role of Senior Pastor

January 5

Watch Party

January 19

Watch Party

FEBRUARY

Black History Month**February 2**

Watch Party

February 16

Watch Party

MARCH

March 2

Watch Party

March 16

Watch Party

March 30

Service Sunday

DCC DOWNLOAD: PAST NEWSLETTERS

Want to learn about Discover Community Church and find out what we've been up to? You can access our past newsletters through our website or by clicking the image below:



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!