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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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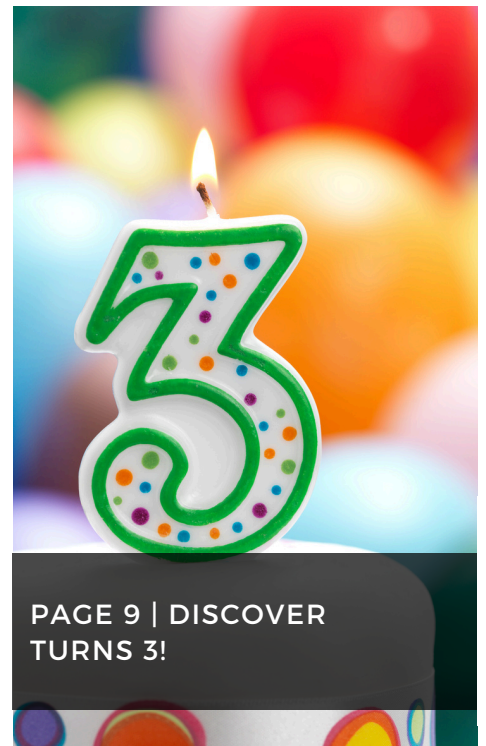
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# CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING: DCC GROWTH, VISION & IMPACT

On April 11, Discover Community Church gathered for an informative Church Business Meeting, to reflect on our ministry progress and initiatives—and to look ahead at what's next. This annual update helps us stay informed, stay connected, and stay inspired! Here's a quick look at what we covered:

## Engagement – Jamila Logan

Jamila shared exciting updates about how we're building community through intentional connection and welcoming new people into the DCC experience.

## Education & Training – Pastor Mike Richardson

Pastor Mike broke down how DCC is equipping its leaders through courses like DCC-201, and what additional learning opportunities will be available in the future.

## Finance Overview – Ericka Price

Ericka gave a transparent look into church finances and how your faithful giving is fueling our mission and outreach.

## DCC Youth Ministry – Jason & Tasha Johnson

The Johnsons shared highlights from our youth ministry and the exciting plans ahead for the youngest members of the DCC family.

## Outreach & Partnerships – Cornelius Berkeley

Cornelius celebrated the many ways DCC is showing up in the community and how we're making an impact beyond the walls.

## Communications – Lanette Richardson

Lanette offered insight into how DCC is keeping you informed and engaged across a variety of platforms.

## Administration Overview – Aisha Berkeley

Aisha shared updates on the systems and structures keeping our church running with excellence and integrity.

## IT Overview – Michael Logan

Michael walked us through recent upgrades and the tech that helps us serve you more efficiently every day.

## Future Outlook & Closing Remarks – Pastor Wesley Johnson

Pastor Wes closed the meeting with a glimpse into future plans for DCC's growth and heartfelt thanks for the amazing journey so far.

Whether you serve weekly or are just getting connected, this meeting is a great way to understand the heart and health of Discover Community Church. Tap in, get informed, and let's keep building—together.



## CELEBRATING KIDS THE DCC WAY: SUPPORTING PBIS AT PATUXENT ELEMENTARY

At Discover Community Church, we believe that celebrating our youth is just as important as educating them. That's why we're proud to partner each month with Patuxent Elementary School to support their PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program—an initiative focused on encouraging and rewarding positive behavior among students. Through this ongoing partnership, DCC provides materials and volunteers needed for PBIS events, helping to create fun and meaningful experiences that uplift students and remind them their hard work matters. In recent months, DCC has sponsored several PBIS activities, including:

### Easter Egg Hunt (April 25)

We helped supply plastic Easter eggs and candy for this celebration that reminded students how much their efforts are appreciated!

### Fun Festival (May 30)

DCC provided face paint kits, games, a popcorn maker and bubble machine to ramp up the fun.

### Water Balloon Event (June 17)

To help students cool off and have fun, we donated over 4,000 water balloons—turning the playground into a place of laughter, fun, and well-deserved joy.

By standing with Patuxent in support of their students, we're helping foster a culture of encouragement, recognition, and hope. These moments are more than just fun—they're investments in our youth's confidence, character and future.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone in the DCC family whose generosity makes this partnership possible. You're not just giving supplies—you're giving smiles, support and love.





## EASTER AT DCC: A DAY TO REMEMBER

On April 20, our DCC family came together to celebrate Easter Sunday. We gathered at Pee Wee Piano School of the Arts in Glenn Dale, MD for this special day of worship and fellowship. From the moment the doors opened, a spirit of hope and joy filled the room.

The service began with a warm welcome from our Director of Engagement, Jamila Logan, followed by praise and worship that lifted every heart. A reflective Mindful Moment helped us center ourselves before the message.

Pastor Wes shared a powerful word titled “The Wait”—a message that met us in real-life moments of uncertainty. From waiting on medical reports to financial breakthroughs, job offers, or even a call back from someone special—he reminded us we’re not alone in the wait. Even Peter, one of Jesus’ closest friends, had moments of failure and frustration... but God still had a plan for him. The takeaway? Even with all our ups and downs, God’s purpose for us still remains. Stay focused.



After the message, we shared in communion, honoring Jesus’ sacrifice and love as a community. Then we hung out and enjoyed food and fellowship.

This Easter, we also partnered with the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. to collect hair products for local women healing from domestic violence. Thank you to everyone who donated—you didn’t just give items, you helped give confidence and care to women in need.

Thank you to every leader, volunteer, and guest who helped make this Easter one to remember.



## CROWNING CONFIDENCE: HAIR CARE DRIVE SUPPORTS WOMEN HEALING FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This Easter season, Discover Community Church put its faith into action by partnering with the Pearls of Southeast Arlington (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.), and Doorways, to support women overcoming the trauma of domestic violence.

We collected new, quality hair care products for women currently living in shelters and transitional housing. While their daily necessities are often covered, personal care items like shampoo, conditioner, and styling products can be hard to come by—especially products that meet the unique needs of textured hair. But we know that self-care is soul care. When someone feels seen and valued, it helps restore confidence and dignity in powerful ways. And DCC showed up in a big way.

We're proud to share that Discover Community Church was the largest donor in this effort. Thanks to your generosity, dozens of women will receive products that affirm their beauty and support their healing journey.

To every partner who gave, thank you for seeing beyond the surface and giving from the heart. This is what it means to be the church. Thank you to our very own Khia Ross for connecting us with this impactful and important cause.





## UPLIFTING OUR EDUCATORS: TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK



Discover Community Church had the privilege of showing love and appreciation to some of our community's most dedicated heroes—our teachers!



As part of Teacher Appreciation Week (May 5-9), DCC served over 260 educators at two local schools, bringing joy, gratitude, and some delicious treats along the way.

On Tuesday May 6, our team showed up at Patuxent Elementary School, where we catered a full Chipotle lunch for 150 teachers and staff. The smiles, laughter, and heartfelt thanks from the teachers reminded us just how much small gestures can make a big impact. A special thank you goes out to Cynthia Holman for stepping up to help serve with love and grace—you truly helped make the day memorable!



Later in the week, we continued spreading the joy by delivering 110 beautifully crafted cupcakes to the amazing educators at C. Elizabeth Rieg School. Each sweet treat was a token of our appreciation for the time, care, and commitment these teachers pour into the next generation every single day.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank all the volunteers and partners who gave of their time and resources to make this week a success. Your generosity is the heartbeat of DCC, and your actions reflect our commitment to Service, Love, and Empowerment.

To all our educators: we see you, we appreciate you, and we are praying for your strength and continued impact. God bless each of you for your incredible work.



## HONORING AMAZING MOTHERS: WITH LOVE & APPRECIATION

This Mother's Day season, Discover Community Church was honored to celebrate six incredible women for our 2025 Amazing Mothers outreach! These outstanding mothers were nominated by family and friends for their love, resilience, and selfless dedication to their families and communities.

*Gricelda Beza*



*Cynthia Jones*



*Delise Bernard*



*Rhonda Green*



*Trina Ferguson*



*Nicole Montgomery*



Each of these Amazing Mothers received a \$50 gift card to the store of their choice as a small token of appreciation for the big love they pour into the lives around them every single day. This celebration was more than just a giveaway—it was a reflection of our core values at DCC: Love, Empowerment and Healing. Through every hug, every sacrifice, and every prayer, these mothers embody the heart of our community.



## CONGRATULATIONS: DCC-201 GRADUATES

We are thrilled to celebrate the second group of students who have successfully completed DCC-201, our exclusive 12-week Discover Course taught by Pastor Mike Richardson!

This annual course is one of the most spiritually enriching and eye-opening experiences we offer at Discover Community Church. DCC-201 helps students deconstruct their faith, ask the hard questions, and walk away with the confidence and language to articulate what they really believe and why.

Under Pastor Mike's passionate and thoughtful leadership, students spent three months doing the work within a supportive and empowering learning environment.

To each of our 2025 graduates: we celebrate your dedication, growth, and commitment to this challenging and enlightening faith journey. We are excited to see you continue to lead, serve, and love with purpose, understanding, and compassion.

Please join us in congratulating our DCC-201 graduates:

- Aisha Berkeley
- Vincent Crawford
- Cynthia Holman
- Ashlee Joyce
- Tarkia Johnson
- Camille Rawlings
- Donna Rawlings



DCC-201 is a big commitment that is only offered once a year, so if you missed it, make sure you stay tuned for registration details for the 2026 class—you don't want to miss this!





## DISCOVER TURNS 3: FAITH, FAMILY, AND FUN!

On May 18, Discover Community Church celebrated three incredible years of ministry, connection, and community impact! From our very first service to this exciting milestone, God has remained faithful—and we're just getting started.

We kicked off our third anniversary celebration with a powerful in-person worship service, reflecting on our journey and giving thanks for the lives touched and transformed through our mission and core values in action.

Following service, the celebration continued at Dave & Buster's in Capitol Heights, where our DCC family and friends came together for an afternoon of games, food, and fellowship.

This anniversary was more than just a party—it was a reminder of the vision God gave us and the community we've built together. Our hearts are united in this mission, and we're excited for what year four will bring!

Thank you to every partner, visitor, volunteer and leader who helped make this day so special—and who continues to help Discover shine.

Here's to growing deeper and reaching further—  
together.





# HELP US FIND US: 2025 BLACK & MISSING HOPE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES 5K



On May 31, 2025, Discover Community Church proudly joined hundreds of advocates, families, and community members at the Hope Without Boundaries 5K, hosted by the Black and Missing Foundation, Inc. This annual event shines a powerful light on the thousands of missing persons of color whose stories often go untold.

For the third year in a row, we came together as Team Discover—not only as participants, but also as a proud sponsor of this impactful event. With every step taken, DCC helped amplify a message of hope, justice, and visibility for families still searching for their loved ones.

We're excited to share that in addition to our sponsorship, Team DCC raised \$350 this year to support the Foundation's vital mission. Whether you attended the event or simply donated to the cause—your support made a difference.

Thank you to everyone who walked, donated, or prayed for the success of this effort. Together, we are building a community rooted in Healing, Love, and Empowerment.

Stay connected and get ready—Team Discover will be back next year even stronger!





## HONORING OUR HEROES: 2025 AMAZING FATHERS CELEBRATION

This Father's Day season, Discover Community Church proudly recognized six outstanding men in our community during our 2025 Amazing Fathers celebration!

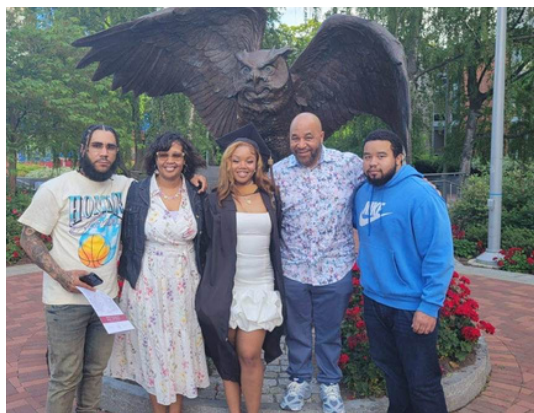
These incredible fathers were nominated by family, friends, and loved ones who wanted to shine a light on their dedication, strength, and unwavering love. Whether leading their households, serving their communities, or simply being present with their children—these men exemplify what it means to walk in purpose and love.

As a special token of appreciation, each father received a premium backpack courtesy of LHFT Bag Co., a Black-owned business that shares our commitment to excellence and empowerment. Please join us in congratulating our 2025 Amazing Fathers:

**Mel Coaxum**



**Pastor Milton Holt**



**Gene Setzer**



**Curtis Valentine**



**Corey Somerville**



**Julius Russell**



Each of these men reminds us that fatherhood is a calling—one that requires compassion, courage, and consistency. Their example is a blessing to the next generation and a reflection of God's heart for His people.

A heartfelt thank you to LHFT Bag Co. for partnering with us to make this celebration special. Your support helps us continue to uplift and honor those who quietly give their all, day in and day out.



## FROM SNEAKERS TO SUPPORT: DISCOVER DONATES \$750 TO BAMFI

Thanks to the overwhelming support of our community during the sneaker recycling drive at our Spring Cleaning event, DCC proudly presented a \$750 donation to Natalie Wilson, Co-Founder and COO of the Black & Missing Foundation (BAMFI).

The check presentation took place at Oasis Fresh Foods Market—a Black-owned business located in Indian Head, MD—further highlighting our commitment to uplifting community-led efforts and empowering Black-owned enterprises.

This donation will help support the Foundation's tireless work in bringing awareness, resources, and hope to families of missing persons of color—people who are often overlooked or forgotten. Your old sneakers helped pave the way for new beginnings! Thank you to every partner, volunteer, and donor who helped make this possible.



## JUNE SERVICE SUNDAY: SERVING WITH LOVE AT THE BRISBEN CENTER

On Sunday, June 29, Discover Community Church headed to the Thurman Brisben Center in Fredericksburg, VA to live out our mission of Service, Love, and Healing in a powerful way.

As part of our June Service Sunday, DCC volunteers came together to prepare and serve a delicious, home-cooked lunch to 47 community members experiencing homelessness. From warm conversations to intentional care, our volunteers didn't just bring food—they brought hope, dignity, and compassion to those who need it most.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to each and every person who came out to serve. Your presence made a difference—and your willingness to give your time and heart is a true reflection of what it means to be part of the DCC family.

This is just one example of how we continue to impact lives in our community reminding our neighbors that they are not forgotten.





# FAMILY, FUN AND FOOD TRUCKS: MEET US AT DCC'S 2025 FAMILY REUNION



## REUNION

Come out on Sunday, August 17 at 11:00 a.m. for our **2025 Family Reunion & Graduate Celebration**. The event will be held at Carmody Hills Elementary School (401 Jadeleaf Ave, Capitol Heights, MD 20743) and will feature a short service, a special segment to honor DCC's 2025 graduates, games and fun. Food trucks will be on site with a variety of delicious options available for purchase.

**Note:** There will be water-based activities for the youth, so please dress accordingly!

You can also support our Service Sunday project by donating and helping pack school supplies for our partner schools. We'd love to see you there!

### Graduate Submission Form

*Please submit by August 8.*



### School Supply Donation List

*Students: Earn service hours by helping us sort and pack donations!*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!**

**August 17th**

We are hosting a school supply drive for our partner elementary schools. Donations will be collected and packed at the Family Reunion.

• Backpacks	• Composition Notebooks
• Plastic Supplies box	• Dry Erase markers
• Crayons	• Boxes of tissues
• #2 Pencils	• Disinfectant Wipes: Clorox or Lysol Wipes
• Scissors: Blunt or child size scissors	• Head phones/ear buds
• Glue Sticks	• Hand Sanitizer
• Folders: Plastic Two pocket	• Ziplock bags

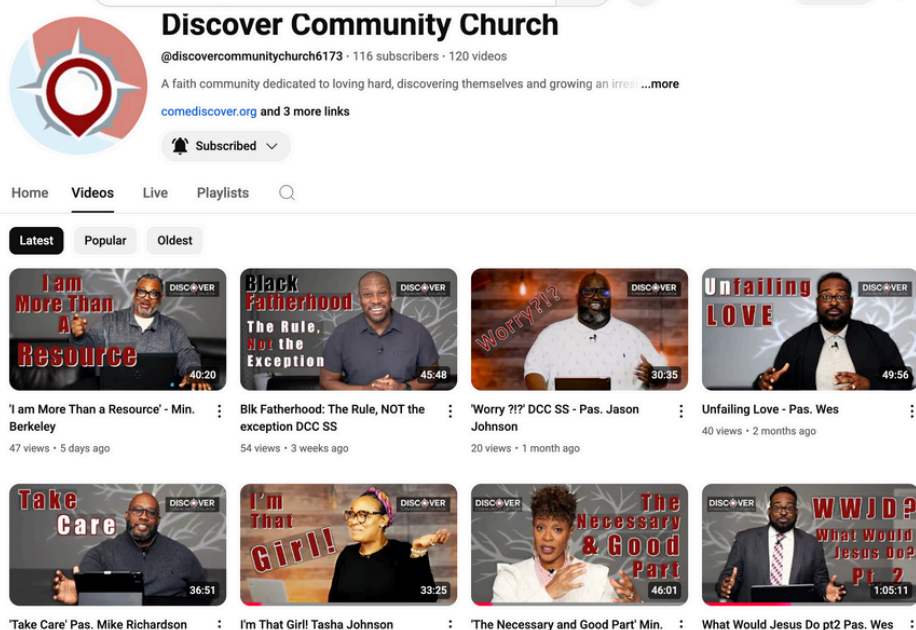


## CATCH UP: WATCH PAST SERMONS ON YOUTUBE

Missed a Sunday? Want to revisit a powerful message? We've got you covered!

All sermons are now available on the Discover Community Church YouTube page. Whether you're watching for the first time or diving back in for a midweek refill, each message is packed with encouragement, truth, and practical tools for your faith journey.

Subscribe and watch now [here](#) or by clicking the image below. Don't forget to like, comment, and share—you never know who might need an encouraging word today!



## WHAT'S NEXT >>>

### AUGUST

**August 3**  
Watch Party

**August 17**  
Family Reunion &  
Graduate Celebration  
(Carmody Hills Ele)

### SEPTEMBER

**September 7**  
Watch Party

**September 21**  
In-Person Service  
(Pee Wee Piano School of the Arts)

**September 27**  
Estate Planning Seminar  
*Details coming soon!*

### OCTOBER

**October 5**  
Watch Party

**October 19**  
In-Person Service  
(Pee Wee Piano School of the Arts)

**October 25**  
Thanksgiving Outreach Event  
*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!