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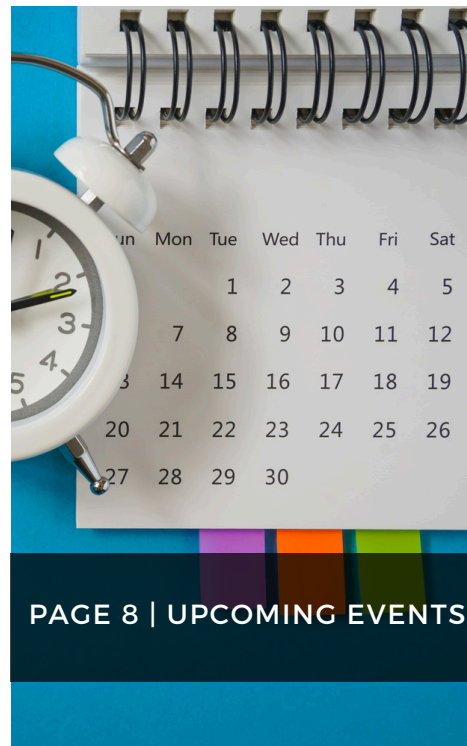
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## DCC FAMILY REUNION: A DAY OF CONNECTION, CELEBRATION & COMMUNITY

The spirit of love and unity overflowed at our DCC Family Reunion, held on August 17 at Carmody Hills Elementary. The DCC family came together with the community to share laughs, worship and meaningful connections.

The event opened with a powerful prayer and welcome setting the tone for a day centered on gratitude and community. Pastor Wes also shared a short message of encouragement with attendees. From there, families enjoyed a full lineup of activities, including field games and a high-energy foam party hosted by First Due Wagon—complete with fire engine tours that were a huge hit with the kids!

We also paused for a special moment to celebrate three of our recent graduates, recognizing their achievements and praying over their next steps. It was a beautiful reminder that we are not just a church, but a village that shows up to celebrate every milestone.

In preparation for the new school year, we also hosted a Back-to-School Giveaway, where backpacks and supplies were distributed to families in the community. A special shoutout to LHFT Bag Co., whose generous donation of backpacks helped ensure that students started the year equipped and empowered.

Of course, no DCC gathering is complete without good food and fellowship! Guests enjoyed treats from two black-owned food trucks, amazing Jamaican cuisine from Corey's Kitchen, and refreshing smoothies from Tamo Smoothies, keeping energy high throughout the day.

Whether it was dancing with friends, making memories on the field or sharing a quiet moment over lunch, the Family Reunion reminded us of the power of being together—as one body, one community and one family in Christ.





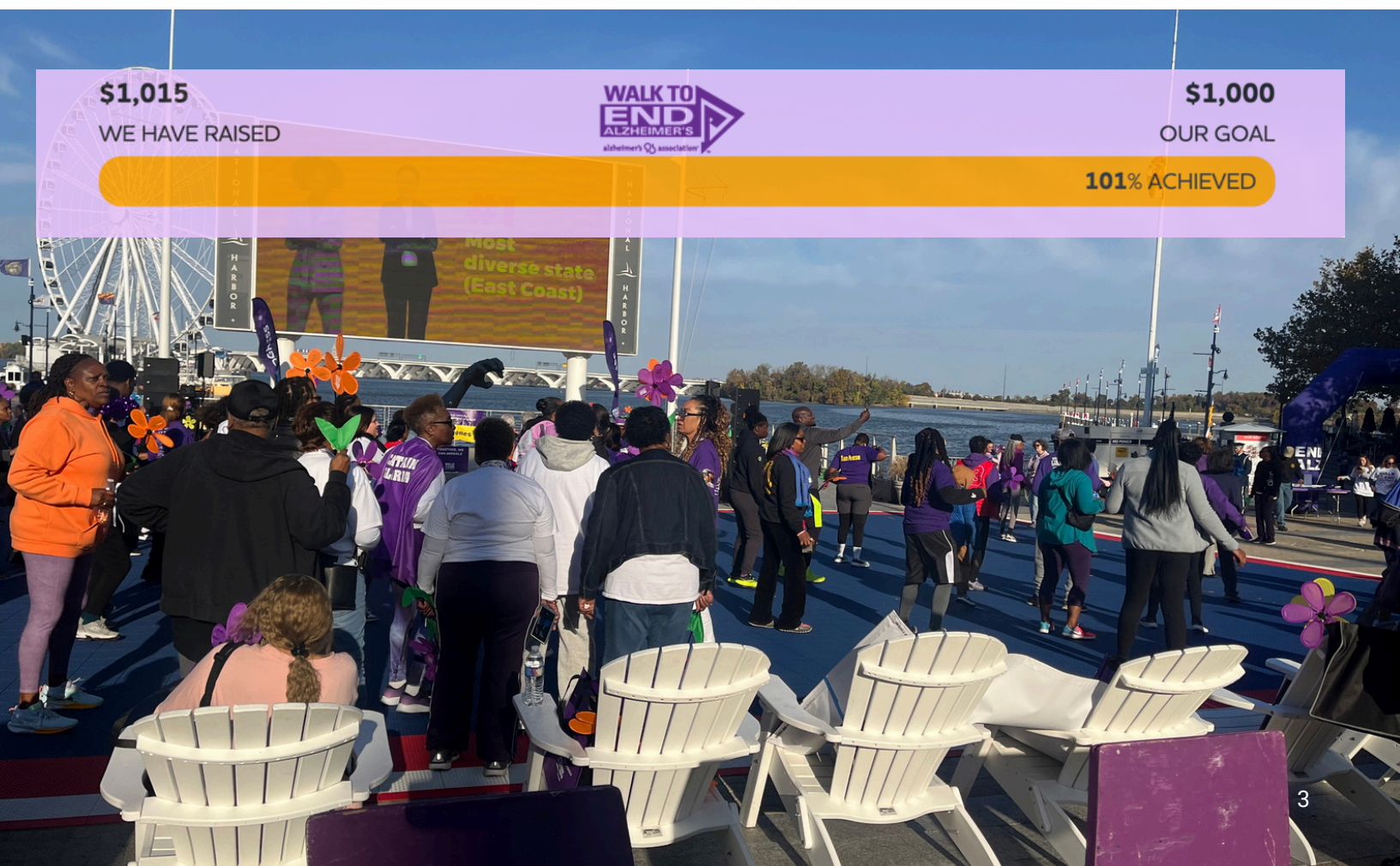
## TEAM DISCOVER ACTIVATES: PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

On September 20, Team Discover laced up their sneakers and stepped out once again in faith, love and unity for the Prince George's County Walk to End Alzheimer's at National Harbor. Now in our fourth year participating, this event has become more than just a community walk—it's a personal mission for many in our DCC family.

With signs of support, matching shirts and hearts full of purpose, teams gathered under the Capital Canopy, walking in honor of loved ones—family members, neighbors and friends—who have been impacted by Alzheimer's disease. This cause hits home for many of us, and it was a moving sight to see generations walking side-by-side, sharing stories and lifting each other up during the event.

This year, Discover not only walked—we sponsored the event and proudly raised \$1,015 to support Alzheimer's research, caregiver support and public education. It's a testament to what happens when we unite around a cause rooted in compassion and community care.

Special thanks to every partner, team member and donor who stood with us. Your generosity and support continue to bring hope to those battling this disease and strength to the families who walk alongside them.



## SERVICE IN MOTION: A DCC KIDS PRODUCTION

On July 20, the Discover service stream turned into a mini movie premiere as the DCC Kids Ministry took center screen—literally—with an original stop motion video created entirely by our young people. From writing the script and recording voiceovers to crafting the storyline and visuals, every detail was brought to life by the kids themselves, under the editing direction of our very own Kai Logan.

The message? Service.

Through the eyes of our children, the congregation was reminded of what it means to serve with joy, humility and purpose. It was both heartwarming and powerful to see how our youth understand and live out the value of serving others—a foundational pillar of our faith and one of our church's core values.



This project wasn't just about animation. It was about leaning into the passions, gifts and creative talents of our children. Every child had a role and every contribution mattered. The result was more than just a video—it was a beautiful testament to teamwork and the incredible talents of our youth.

And this is just the beginning. Look for more creative ministry projects from DCC Kids in 2026, as we continue to empower the next generation to explore faith through their gifts!

[Watch the full stop motion video here](#)





## FAITH MEETS PREPARATION: DCC HOSTS FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Our recent Estate Planning Seminar brought together experts who helped attendees navigate one of life's most important and often most difficult topics: preparing for the future with peace of mind. The event was held at the New Carrollton Library on September 28. Forty-eight people from the community attended this amazing event.

Rhonda Green, CEO of My Exit Plan opened the session with practical guidance on end-of-life planning, reminding us that preparing now is an act of love that spares families the stress of last-minute decisions. She made us aware that her company has payment plans for plots and burial that are available for all.

Carvangeline Miller of Dignity Memorial followed with a compassionate overview of the burial process, helping participants understand their options and plan meaningful services that reflect personal values and wishes.

Financial expert Earnest Burley Jr., CEO of Burley Insurance & Financial Services, shared smart strategies for building and protecting wealth, highlighting how financial literacy and planning create lasting family security. *CONTINUED ON PAGE 6*



*Rhonda Green - CEO of My Exit Plan*



*Daniel Payne - Making Funeral Arrangements That Reflect Your Loved One's Life*



*Ernest Burley - Life Insurance: Don't Live (Or Die) Without It*



*Carvangeline Miller - Understanding the Burial Process*



*Attorney David C. Harty - Getting Your Legal Affairs in Order*



*Seythe McCoy-Leffall - Thrivent Financial Services*



## FAITH MEETS PREPARATION: DCC HOSTS FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR CONT.

Attorney David C. Harty provided insight into the legal side of estate planning, including wills, trusts, and probate. He also extended a special discounted rate for DCC attendees, encouraging everyone to put essential documents in place.

Closing the event, Daniel Payne, owner of Precious Memories Funeral Home, delivered a heartfelt presentation on planning meaningful funeral services. He shared a moving story about his mother's passing, which deepened his dedication to serving families with compassion—and offered DCC members exclusive discounts on future services.

Together, these sessions reminded us that estate planning isn't just about documents and decisions—it's about caring for the people we love most.

### ***Want to Learn More?***

*If you'd like additional guidance or have questions about your personal estate planning needs, feel free to reach out directly to our presenters. They are available to share more information, answer questions, and help you take the next step toward protecting your legacy.*

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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: CATCH UP ON DCC SERMONS

CATCH UP OR REWATCH YOUR FAVORITES ON OUR  
YOUTUBE CHANNEL USING THE LINKS BELOW:

***I Am More Than a Resource***  
***Minister Cornelius Berkeley***

***Service***  
***DCC Kids***

***Rekindle Your Fire***  
***Pastor Jason Johnson***

***Shine Bright Like a Diamond***  
***Tasha Johnson***

***Protection in Idolatrous Times***  
***Minister Jamila Logan***



## TOYS FOR TOTS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Christmas is coming—and DCC Kids need YOUR help!

We're teaming up with Prince George's County Police Department (PGPD) again to help with their Toys for Tots drive. Starting in November, toys will be delivered in bulk—and we need a volunteer team to help sort, unbox and organize them.

- Volunteers must be 13 or older.
- Evening shifts, on short notice—based on delivery schedules.

Want to be part of the volunteer crew?

Email [cornelius.berkeley@comediscover.org](mailto:cornelius.berkeley@comediscover.org) to join the list!

## CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH THE DCC FAMILY

Get ready for holiday fun!

After our in-person service on Sunday, December 21 at Pee Wee Piano, we'll celebrate with our annual Christmas Party. Expect games, food and festive fun for the whole family! Stay tuned for more details coming soon.





## DISCOVER SOMETHING DIFFERENT: HOW WE DO CHURCH

### Watch Parties - 1st Sundays 11:00 a.m.

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.

### DCC Live - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 11:00 a.m.

Our live service experience with fellowship, music and an engaging sermon.

### The Hang Out - 1st and 3rd Sundays

The Hang Out is an open forum for Watch Party and DCC Live 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 event 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!