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EASTER SUNDAY AT DCC: A DAY OF CELEBRATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

Discover Community Church celebrated Resurrection Sunday with a powerful worship experience at M Lounge in Capitol Heights, Maryland. Family, friends, and first-time guests gathered together to celebrate the hope and victory found in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Wesley Johnson delivered a thought-provoking Easter message titled, "Why Have You Abandoned Me?" Drawing from Jesus' words on the cross in Matthew 27, Pastor Wes reminded us that seasons of darkness, disappointment and feeling abandoned are real experiences we all face. Yet even in those moments, God has not left us. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we see that God is always working with purpose—even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

The message encouraged us to trust that our pain is not the end of the story and that God can use even our hardest moments to bring life, hope, and healing to others.

Following service, everyone enjoyed food, fellowship, and an impromptu photo session thanks to our Director of Photography, Calvin Tyson, making it a memorable Resurrection Sunday celebration.

Thank you to everyone who joined us as we celebrated together.



CELEBRATING OUR EDUCATORS: TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Teacher Appreciation Week gave Discover Community Church another opportunity to celebrate the incredible educators who pour into our children every day.

On May 4, we delivered a hot breakfast from Bob Evans to 60 educators at Carmody Hills Elementary School (in Capitol Heights, Maryland) as a small token of appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

The celebration continued on May 5 as we partnered with Tamo Smoothies to serve refreshing smoothies to 110 teachers and staff members at C. Elizabeth Reig Regional School in Mitchellville, Maryland.

Educators invest countless hours shaping future generations, often with little recognition. Educators deserve the world, and we hope this gesture reflects our heartfelt gratitude for the tremendous impact these professionals make every day in the lives of children in our community. You are appreciated.

Thank you to every teacher, administrator, and school staff member who continues to inspire, educate, and serve our communities.



Cornelius Berkeley (center) with C. Elizabeth Reig Administrators



TAMO Smoothies at C. Elizabeth Reig Regional School



Breakfast bar at Carmody Hills Elementary



TAMO Smoothies at C. Elizabeth Reig Regional School



AMAZING MOTHERS 2026: HONORING IMPACTFUL WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY

This Mother's Day, Discover Community Church had the privilege of honoring 11 amazing mothers who were nominated by friends and family for the incredible impact they make in their homes and throughout the community.

Each honoree was celebrated on May 30 with a relaxing massage provided by our community partner, Navah Physical Therapy, along with heartfelt words of encouragement and a personal nomination letter highlighting the difference they make in the lives of others.

The afternoon was filled with love, appreciation, and gratitude as we recognized these resilient women whose compassion, strength, and dedication inspire everyone around them.

It is important to celebrate those who consistently pour into others, and we are honored to recognize these amazing mothers and remind them that they are seen, appreciated, and deeply loved.

2026 Amazing Mothers

- Tonya Corbett
- Donielle Danforth
- Dee Jones
- Schinnell Leake
- Sandra Magana
- Akimyo Russell
- Brandy Stallings
- Dania Moscoso Ventura
- Michelle Washington
- Takiya Wilson
- Alisha Zimmerman-Rainey



Sandra Magana (left)



L-R: Jamila Rawlings Logan (Navah), Akimyo Russell, First Lady Tarkia Johnson, and Camille Rawlings (Navah)



Donielle Danforth (2nd from Left)



Schinnell Leake



Alisha Zimmerman-Rainey



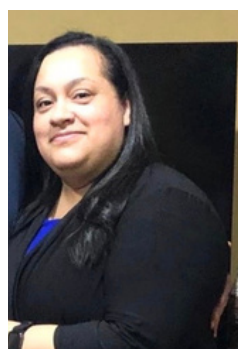
Brandy Stallings (2nd from Left)



Takiya Wilson



Michelle Washington (center)



Dania Moscoso Ventura



Tonya Corbett



Dee Jones

FOUR YEARS IN MINISTRY: DCC CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

This year marked a very special milestone as Discover Community Church celebrated four years of ministry, community, and impact.

We gathered for worship at Pee Wee Piano School of the Arts, on May 17, where Pastor Wes delivered the second message in his Relationship Tune Up series that challenged and encouraged everyone in attendance. After the service, members and guests enjoyed light refreshments while celebrating Discover's journey over the past four years.

Of course, no DCC celebration would be complete without doing what we do best — serving others. During our anniversary celebration, volunteers partnered with Extra-Ordinary Birthdays (EOB) to wrap birthday gifts for children experiencing homelessness. Schinnell Leake, EOB founder and executive director, joined us for the celebration and personally thanked Discover Community Church for our ongoing partnership and commitment to EOB's mission to help children feel seen, celebrated, and reminded of their worth.

This anniversary project is one of several ways Discover has partnered with EOB over the past four years, and we are excited to continue working with this amazing organization.

As we celebrate four years of ministry, we remain grateful for every person who has been part of the journey and look forward to continuing to love, serve, and impact our communities for years to come.

We are a small church with a big heart making a huge impact in the community. That is worth celebrating!



IMPACTFUL SERVICE: DCC HONORED BY CARMODY HILLS ELEMENTARY



Discover was honored to be recognized during the Carmody Hills Elementary School Hometown Heroes Banquet on May 21 for our continued service, community impact, and commitment to uplifting local families.

The award was presented by Community Schools Coordinator, Michelle Washington and reflects the strong partnership between Discover Community Church and Carmody Hills that continues to grow. DCC closely collaborates with Ms. Washington on events throughout the school year to help meet the needs of the Carmody Hills school community.

We were especially excited that our own Kristopher Jones (King Kris) was also recognized during the celebration. Last fall, Kris created a partnership with DCC, the Black & Missing Foundation, Love's Truth, Oasis Fresh Foods, and DC Chi Pie to provide 100 free full Thanksgiving meals to families in the Carmody Hills community. The event brought businesses, nonprofits, and community leaders together to ensure local families could enjoy a holiday meal.

We are grateful for this recognition and remain committed to serving our community through mission-aligned partnerships that make a lasting difference.



Kris Jones, DCC Director of Outreach Cornelius Berkeley, DCC founding Pastor Kevin Jones, and DCC Senior Pastor Wesley Johnson



Kris Jones & Cornelius Berkeley



Kris Jones & Family

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

Discover Community Church was honored to participate as a team and sponsor in the Black & Missing Foundation's Hope Without Boundaries 5K on Saturday, May 30 at National Harbor as the organization celebrated 20 years of raising awareness for missing persons of color and supporting impacted families.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, Team Discover raised \$875 to help further the Foundation's important work. During the event, Discover Community Church was also presented with the Community Impact Award, recognizing our commitment to serving and advocating for the community. We were humbled to be 1 of only 5 organizations honored this year.

The celebration began even before race day, as our Director of Outreach, Cornelius Berkeley, attended a special awards dinner honoring this year's award recipients.

On race morning, Discover's own Aisha Berkeley opened the event with prayer, setting a meaningful tone for a day centered on hope, awareness, and community.

We are grateful to the Black & Missing Foundation for this incredible recognition and look forward to continuing to support their life-changing mission.



Team Discover on race day



DCC Director of Outreach, Cornelius Berkeley, accepting the award from BAMFI's Co-Founder & CEO, Derrica Wilson (far left), and Co-Founder & COO, Natalie Wilson (far right)



Pre-5K award celebration dinner

INVESTING FOR YOUR RETIREMENT: A THRIVENT FINANCIAL SEMINAR

Financial wellness is an important part of building a healthy future, and Discover Community Church was excited to continue our partnership with Thrivent Financial through our second educational seminar of the year.

On May 31, participants joined us virtually for **"Investing for Your Retirement,"** led by William Leach of Thrivent Financial Services. During this free workshop, attendees learned practical strategies for building long-term financial security and investing with confidence instead of guesswork.



The seminar explored foundational investing principles, the relationship between time, risk, and diversification, common investing mistakes to avoid, and how to remain focused during periods of market volatility. Participants left with greater clarity about preparing for retirement and creating a plan that supports their long-term financial goals.

Discover Community Church believes education extends beyond the walls of the church and we're committed to equipping our community with practical knowledge that empowers individuals and families to thrive in every area of life.

DCC HONORED AS A COMMUNITY PARTNER: C. ELIZABETH REIG REGIONAL SCHOOL

Discover Community Church was honored on June 5 at the inaugural Community Partner Breakfast hosted by C. Elizabeth Reig Regional School for our support throughout the school year.

Discover was represented at the event by our Senior Pastor Wesley Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Ericka Price, Director of Outreach Cornelius Berkeley, and his son, Asa Berkeley. The morning began with school leadership sharing their mission, current initiatives, and ways community partners can continue supporting students, families, and staff.



L to R: DCC Director of Outreach Cornelius Berkeley, Pastor Wesley Johnson, and DCC CFO Ericka Price with school representatives

Following the presentation, attendees toured the school, met faculty members and students, and learned more about the incredible work taking place every day throughout the building.

At the conclusion of the event, Discover Community Church was presented with a thoughtful gift bag and heartfelt words of appreciation for our continued partnership.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside C. Elizabeth Reig Regional School and look forward to building an even stronger partnership in the years ahead.

AMAZING FATHERS 2026: HONORING EIGHT OUTSTANDING FATHERS

This Father's Day, Discover Community Church celebrated 8 extraordinary fathers who are making a lasting impact in their families and communities.

Nominated by friends and loved ones, each father received a \$75 gift card to 1799 Prime Seafood & Steakhouse along with a heartfelt letter sharing why they were selected as an Amazing Father. During our Father's Day service, each honoree was recognized and celebrated with a special video presentation.

Strong fathers often lead quietly through love, sacrifice, encouragement, and consistency. This celebration was our opportunity to let these incredible men know that their efforts have not gone unnoticed.



Congratulations to all of our Amazing Fathers. Thank you for the example you set and for the difference you continue to make in the lives of those around you.

2026 Amazing Fathers

- Thomas Dupee
- Corporal Phillip Jarrett
- Anthony Johnson
- William Minor
- Elon Royster, Sr.
- Pastor Grant Thompson
- Brian Washington
- Phil Wilson



Thomas Dupee



Corporal William Jarrett



Anthony Johnson



William Minor



Elon Royster, Sr.



Pastor Grant Thompson



Brian Washington



Phil Wilson

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: CATCH UP ON DCC SERMONS

Need to catch up on a message or want to revisit one that encouraged you? Visit our YouTube channel and watch recent sermons anytime.

Recent messages include:

- April 5 – Why Have You Abandoned Me? – Pastor Wesley Johnson
- April 19 – Relationship Tune-Up – Pastor Wesley Johnson
- May 3 – Hope & A Future – Pastor Mike Richardson
- May 17 – Relationship Tune-Up Part 2 – Pastor Wesley Johnson
- June 7 – Behind the Hardened Heart – Pastor Jason Johnson
- June 21 – Still No Scrubs – Minister Michael Logan



Whether you're revisiting a favorite message or catching one you missed, our YouTube channel is available anytime to help you stay connected and continue growing throughout the week.

CALLING ALL SHUTTERBUGS: WE NEED YOU!

Help Us Tell the Story of Discover!

Some of the best moments at Discover Community Church happen between the big moments—the smiles, hugs, conversations, acts of service, and joyful celebrations that make our community so special.

If you take photos during our worship services, outreach events, or community activities, we'd love for you to share them with us. Your photos help us capture the heart of Discover and allow others to experience the impact God is making through our church.

Use the QR code or click the image of the camera to upload and share your photos!

Thank you for helping us tell the story of Discover Community Church—one photo at a time!



WHAT'S NEXT: JOIN US AT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS



DCC SUMMER SCHEDULE

As we move through the summer, please take note of our upcoming gathering schedule. While our format may look a little different over the next several weeks, we're excited to stay connected and look forward to worshipping together again in person this fall. **We will return to live, in-person worship on Sunday, September 20.**

Here are the remaining dates on our summer schedule:

- August 2 - Watch Parties in MD and VA
- August 16 - Family Reunion Sneaker Ball
- September 6 - Online Streaming Only (no Watch Parties)
- September 20 - Live Services Return!

DCC FAMILY REUNION SNEAKER BALL

Mark your calendars for one of our favorite gatherings of the year! Join the DCC family on **Sunday, August 16**, for our annual Family Reunion Sneaker Ball at Canterbury Hall, 3125 Ritchie Road in Forestville, MD.

Bring the whole family for an afternoon filled with great food, fun activities, fellowship, and the celebration of our Discover U graduates. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect and celebrate all God is doing through our church family. We hope to see you there! **Click the image on the right register for this FREE event.**



DCC 2026 GRADUATE CELEBRATION

Discover Community Church is excited to celebrate our graduates during the DCC Family Reunion Sneaker Ball on Sunday, August 16! If you have a graduate—from any level of school we want to recognize their incredible achievement! **Click the image on the left to submit their name and graduation information** so we can include them in our special Graduate Celebration. **The submission deadline is Friday, August 7**, so don't wait!

2026 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Join Discover Community Church as we walk to support the fight against Alzheimer's disease during the **Walk to End Alzheimer's at National Harbor on September 19**. You can support by clicking the image on the right to join Team Discover or donate.

Whether you choose to walk with Team Discover or support the cause through a donation, your participation helps raise awareness and provides hope for millions of individuals and families.



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 - 3rd Sundays 11:00 a.m.

Our live service experience with fellowship, music and an engaging sermon. Join us at Pee Wee Piano School of the Arts (6717 Glenn Dale Rd, Glenn Dale, MD 20769).

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!