

Discover God's Call offers laity opportunity to discern Direction

Many laypersons wonder what exactly God wants them to do. Others serve their church in jobs they aren't cut out for but nobody else will do. Some want to help ease the burden their pastor faces but don't know how to start.

Participating in a Discover God's Call retreat can help.

Discover God's Call is a interdenominational, lay-led, spiritual gifts discovery ministry designed to help laity discover their spiritual gifts, affirm these gifts and help discern what God is calling them to do in their local church.

The ministry involves a three-day retreat experience (lunch Friday through lunch Sunday) that is preceded by a 26-day pre-retreat study. During this study participants will read about how God has gifted, called and used other lay people in vital ministries in their churches. Learning the nature of spiritual gifts and how God uses them is a vital part of the whole experience.

Plenty of opportunities are provided to leave a busy world behind to quiet the heart and listen. Once at the retreat the new "discoverers" will continue to explore, discover and be affirmed in their spiritual gifts and learn ways that God may want to use them. The retreat consists of a keynote speaker, lots of music and worship and small group experiences to further one's discoveries and affirm these gifts.

A retreat is scheduled for Nov. 12-14 at the Durr-Wise Conference Center, Wesley Pines in Gallman. The Rev. Scott Carter will be the keynote speaker. Cost is \$140 and the registration deadline is Oct. 1.

For more information call Mike Norcom at 601-924-4666, Steve Seeley at 601-372-7461 or go to www.jxnsaints.com and click on Discover God's Call for more information and to download a retreat brochure.



Participants join together in song and worship at the Spring Discover God's Call retreat.



At the Spring Discover God's Call retreat, John Barrett, a United Methodist evangelist from Texas, not only challenged participants with his messages, he also led them in worship by singing and playing his guitar.

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