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DISCOVER 2023 THEME: SIGNS

Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Psalm 143:8

Have you ever wondered what direction your life is heading? Which way to go when you have a big decision to make? Have you ever asked God to give you a sign to show you the way? If you have experienced any of these, you are not alone. In this Psalm, David is asking for God to show him the way, asking for God's guidance and help in a challenging time. Now, David's context was quite different than ours (a king facing enemies and praying for their destruction and his own rescue), but we can see that for thousands of years humans have asked God for direction. So, when we ask these questions we are in good company!

A blue rectangular advertisement. At the top, it says 'Catawba College Youth Theology Institute Registration Open Now' in white text. Below this is a photo of a group of diverse young people holding large blue letters that spell 'DISCOVER'. Underneath the photo, it asks 'How is God calling you?' in large white text. To the left of this text is a signpost with four arrows pointing in different directions, labeled 'Music', 'Science', 'Service', and 'Sports'. To the right of the signpost, it lists the dates and locations for high school and middle school students. At the bottom, it says 'Register at www.catawba.edu/discover'.

This Psalm is one of the "Penitential Psalms," meaning it is a song of confession and humility before God. It is a demonstration of humility for any of us, especially a king or leader, to admit when we do not know the way. And, I think it is good news that it is okay for us not to know! We can, like David, put our trust in God to show us the way. This summer at Discover we will think about how to know which way to go in our lives and how to seek God's direction and follow God's calling.

We are also debuting a new track this year, "Catawba Science Investigations (CSI)" where students will get to put science and faith into conversation with one another, and have hands on experiences with science faculty exploring biology, chemistry, environmental science, and environmental justice. It will also be a chance to build skills that can actually help grow our faith, like asking good questions, paying close attention, and discerning next steps. Whether you choose the science track or one of our others (sport management, worship music, or service and ministry leadership) we hope you will join us this summer and invite a friend to come with you! We hope to see you in July and at our reunion on March 25.

We can't wait to explore and see how God is guiding each of us this summer.

Blessings,


Shannon Axtell Martin, Director

How to apply:

- visit our website and thoughtfully answer the questions
- have a mentor in mind and have their contact information ready:
- we will email them to submit a recommendation for you
- choose your track preference
- pay the deposit of \$75
- consider an additional donation to support the program
- invite others to join you!



▶ Check out our 2022 Discover video at www.catawba.edu/discover or on [YouTube](#):



YOU'RE INVITED!

DISCOVER DINNER

Peeler Crystal Lounge
Catawba College,
Salisbury, NC

Keep an eye out for this new event, coming Fall 2023! Details coming soon.

Join us for fellowship and food as we share Discover's story and share plans for future sustainability!

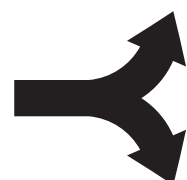
Update your records!

As you may know, Discover has been a grant funded program and is working to be sustained beyond the life of the grant! In order to help us keep in better contact with you and share our story better with current and future funders, will you use this link to keep your information updated? If you know someone who attended Discover who is not getting our emails please forward this newsletter to them and invite them to update their records as well!

Please use this link:
<https://forms.gle/E4jj31yRVoyvUFjJ6>

KEEP IN TOUCH!

We use Facebook and Instagram to share pictures and updates. Make sure you are following us! All our contact info is on the bottom of the next page!



DISCOVER REUNION



Saturday, March 25 | 2 - 5 pm



We had a great time at our recent Discover reunion! We talked about the theme for the upcoming year, played some games, and volunteered at Catawba's community garden. We will get to do more with the garden this summer, so stay tuned!



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