

MEDITATIONS FROM NOVEMBER 2015 SUNDAY BULLETINS

WHAT ARE WE SEEKING?

November 1, 2015

Rev. Janet Friedline

There is a desire in man to accomplish and achieve in a particular way. For some, this means accumulating or acquiring material possessions. For others, it might involve realizing a particular goal or ambition. Whatever it is, it represents a life style we would like to have, and we search for ways to bring it about. We work with the tools the world provides – education, employment, or pursuing artistic endeavors. The purpose is fulfillment and satisfaction, and we seek it wherever we can find it.

True fulfillment will not be found in the ways that the world finds satisfying. Satisfaction with worldly aspirations lasts only until something else gets our attention. Let us not seek after the fleeting forms of human desire. Seek after the desires of the heart – the ones that bear witness to spiritual reality. Let us concern ourselves with that which is eternal and everlasting. This is who we are, and it is this life we are to live.

HE WHO HAS EARS

November 8, 2015

Rev. Donna Gatewood

Seven times in the Greek Scriptures and only spoken by Jesus there is said in one way or another, “If any man has ears to hear, let him hear.” What did Jesus mean when he made this statement?

Jesus in His teachings speaks to all of us. He speaks in a language that only those who have spiritual perception will comprehend what He is saying. The rest hear the words, but do not grasp the meaning; for the multitude have no ears to hear.

Those to whom God has granted a degree of spiritual perception will hear as He speaks through His Word and it is those He addresses. If you have got an ear, listen! There is a saying, “A word to the wise is sufficient.” Are you wise?

We should be careful of what we allow to come into our ears, because although it is a marvelous organ, capable of great good, it can be used to cause us harm. We are told, “Faith cometh by hearing.” It is true, faith comes and is increased through hearing, but faith is also decreased through the same organ. Be on guard against what goes into your ears as Scripture reminds us “...take heed what you hear.”

THE DISCIPLE’S PATH

November 15, 2015

Rev. Janet Friedline

Those of us, who are interested in a spiritual interpretation of life, begin our study using the normal academic practice. We begin with the letter of the law, because that is all we have. It is a way of becoming aware, and is helpful to the beginner. There is no way around it, we begin where we are and work with what we can understand. In time, we discover its limitations and we long for the deeper meaning of life.

We have been told we must go beyond the written word and receive the message through divine revelation. So we look for the one to show us the way. We read about the disciples who followed the man Jesus. A disciple is one who is placed under the direction of a master to study and to learn. We want to be that person. And so we begin the disciple's path. The role of disciple is not an easy one, and there are times when we are tempted to turn back and find another way. But the master in us will not allow it. This is the way, walk ye in it.

THE SEED IS THE WORD

November 22, 2015

There was no back page meditation since a special Thanksgiving bulletin was used.

GET OUT OF YOUR MIND

November 29, 2015

Rev. Maria Borrero

From the minute we are born the human mind starts leading and guiding us to what it knows best, the temporary world of illusions. There is only one eternal mind and that is the Divine Mind that God is. This Divine Mind is also ours, for each of us is already one with that mind that was never born and will never die. Let us learn to be still and practice diligently turning within to abide in God's wisdom, peace and knowledge. And so it is, Amen.