

## **MEDITATIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 2014 SUNDAY BULLETINS**

### **IN QUIETNESS**

September 7, 2014

Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus  
(from Dial-a-Prayer, February 10, 1998)

The statement, “Know ye not that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you,” is true regardless of the situations or conditions we are going through at the moment. God constitutes the nature of our being and this Truth is not dependent on anything out here in the world. Spirit is the foundation on which your life is based. Every day of our lives we have the opportunity to contemplate this Reality, that whatever God is, man is.

It is so easy to move into this awareness; to know and to feel the Presence of God right where we are, especially, when we know that the Spirit of God is simply waiting for our recognition. It takes no effort on our part. There is no struggle. It is all a matter of quieting our thoughts and stilling the mind.

This is the most gentle action we will ever take. It is in the stillness of our own minds that we hear the words, “I am come that ye might be fulfilled. I am the Lord God that healeth thee.”

For the blessing of this awareness, O Most Gracious God, we give you thanks. Amen.

### **THE WILL OF GOD**

September 14, 2014

Rev. Donna Gatewood

How many times have you been witness to a tragedy or some other disturbing event or experience and have heard someone say “It’s God’s will?” How many times have you heard the similar phrase that is tossed about following a devastating earthquake, a destructive tornado or a massive fire, “It’s an act of God?”

We misunderstand so much about the nature of Life and the experiences of the human condition. So it is, when we experience these negative events and situations, we are so quick to turn our attention to the problem or situation and turn away from the Truth.

The Truth is that God did not cause and is not responsible for the ups and downs of the human experience. God is forever Good. And He is eternally pouring His Love and His Goodness into the world and into each and every one of us. His will for us is Good and only Good. Our God is a loving and kind God who has given us all that He is and all that He has. This means that we have embodied in us the Spirit of Love, Peace, Joy, Wisdom, Abundance and Wholeness. The will of God is that we learn who and what we truly are—His beloved children in whom He is well pleased. His will is that we recognize the Truth of our Being and return to Him that we may dwell in His kingdom and experience the blessed communion with Him that brings the Peace, Joy, and Love that passes all human understanding.

## **THE TRUE MIND**

September 21, 2014

Rev. Maria Borrero

Eternal Truth of Divine Spirit tells us that there is only one mind, which is the one source, the one power, the one everlasting. This mind is already ours, for this mind is the spiritual eternal mind of our Lord God. Fannie James, one of the founders of Divine Science, says: "God is the one mind; one substance, intelligence, love, power and life."

This is the mind that was in the Christed Jesus. We too will have conscious awareness of the true mind when we are still enough and quiet enough day in and day out. The Lord our God will transform our consciousness where we will know his kingdom, his love, his peace, joy and abundance. And so it is, Amen.

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

September 28, 2014

Rev. Janet Friedline

In our time of daily living, certain things are required of us. As we travel through life, we involve ourselves in what the world has to offer. We make choices – what school to attend, what we will select as our occupation and when to marry and start a family, or not. We take our choices very seriously, for we understand that we are responsible for what it is we decide to do. Our decisions require something from us and we want to get it right.

Let us begin by taking responsibility for our thoughts, our actions and our deeds. We don't really know how things will turn out, so let us not be so concerned with what might happen. Our only responsibility is to lift our eyes on high and behold only God. When we do this, we may give no thought. Divine guidance provides the answer, and our actions and deeds will be compatible with the divine idea. And then we may do what is given us to do, for it will not be us doing it, but him who hath sent us.