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NEWSLETTER

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## LESSON TOPICS FOR APRIL

### Apr 1 THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Palm Sunday  
*Rev. Maria Borrero*

Jesus' followers expected him to use force and weapons to win back their Kingdom. However, Jesus entered Jerusalem to lead the way to an inner peace and inner freedom.

### Apr 8 I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Easter  
*Rev. Maria Borrero*

Jesus, the master teacher gave us the greatest lesson of all, that death is not real. The Christ within raised Jesus to infinite Divine Consciousness. It is the Christ that dwells within our being, which will raise us also to life everlasting.

### Apr 15 SEEK YE THE KINGDOM OF GOD

*Rev. Maria Borrero*

Jesus told us to "seek ye first the Kingdom of God." Let us stop the search for our good, peace, love and joy, out here in the world. Instead, let us seek to know and experience God.

### Apr 22 JUDGE YE RIGHTEOUSLY

*Rev. Maria Borrero*

To judge righteously we must judge according to "right thinking." Right thinking is to see beyond the appearances to the spiritual reality of all. We must learn to live according to spiritual law.

### Apr 29 CLOSER THAN BREATHING

*Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus*

Information is not the same thing as Knowledge, Wisdom, and Understanding. One is from the outer while the others come from within the deep recesses of our own being. Let us discover a way for these Imprisoned Splendors to escape.

### GOD IS MY SUFFICIENCY

*Rev. Maria Borrero*

*"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves: but our sufficiency is of God"*

The search for God is the search for the real identity of the self: that which we cannot see. We have many ways of identifying ourselves out here in the world: men, women, young, old, teacher, parent, child, friend, neighbor, sibling, sinner, saint, lawyer, etc. Yet these are all roles that we assume in relationship to our responsibilities or ways of describing our place in the world.

God is the principle of oneness, the one Good found everywhere, in everything and filling all space, invisible and visible. The reality of our being is that we are one with God right this very moment. While God gave us free will, it doesn't mean that we have power unto ourselves, separate and apart from the Divine.

Jesus told us that we of our own self can do nothing for it is the Father within that doeth the works. We of ourselves are nothing. The human being is a temporary state of mind. It is God's expression through us, as us and for us where we experience God's sufficiency, his power the only power in the universe.

*"Live as children of light...for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true." Ephesians 5:9*

It is the light of God that leads us to God's sufficiency. To live in the light we must spend time with God with a silent mind, body and heart. It is in listening, not talking, that God reveals his light. In God's light we get understanding of truth, peace, love, joy, wisdom and abundance. This understanding is spiritual not human or mortal. It is the understanding that never changes, dies or gives us false concepts. God's spiritual understanding is eternal, for it is principle and law.

Let us turn within over and over and over again throughout our days to know God and to know God only, for God is our one and only sufficiency.

*"The inward man is renewed day by day." Corinthians 4:16*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **ITEM 1: MAY 2012 ANNUAL MEETING**

Greetings folks! Here is another reminder that our Annual Church Meeting will be May 20, 2012. We ask that all Church Members attend this meeting! As most of you know, the Board will be addressing this past year's operations and we will be announcing the Election results for the 2012-2013 Board term. Food and beverages will be served. Hope to see you there!

### **ITEM 2: BOARD ELECTIONS**

The below three Board Members are scheduled to come off the Board this year as their terms are up. These folks are eligible to run for another Term if asked by the Board Member search committee and if they agree to do so.

Sylvia Anderson  
Wayne Gatewood  
Karolyn Elskoe

The Committee Chair for this year's elections is Charmaine Hawkins. As required by the Church Bylaws, Charmaine will be assisted by two Church members not on the Board, and these two folks are Rev. Janet Friedline and Margaret Greenblatt.

**ITEM 3: KAROLYN ELSKOE:** At our Board Meeting last month, the Board presented Karolyn with a number of tithes given by members of the Church and a check from the Church itself. Karolyn is in an apartment at present, walking distance from her office and this helps her a great deal. The fire that took her home and all of her personal belongings did not touch her Spirit and Karolyn has been a Trooper through it all. The Board appreciates the way so many of you have supported Karolyn over the past couple of months, not only

through donations, but through your love, kindness and offers of assistance. This is the Light making all crooked places Straight; this is the Fruit of the Spirit made manifest...being demonstrated through you all. Many blessings to all and much love for Karolyn.

#### **ITEM 4: CHURCH FACILITIES.**

**Sound System:** We are now using a hand-held USB recording stick to record the Minister's lessons. Lessons will then be placed on the Church website so you can download them to a disc or simply listen to them through your PC. No charge for this folks! I will be working with Margaret so we can also load the lessons on her PC at the Church and produce CD's for those of you that still desire CD's.

I have been remiss in not having gotten out there to look at a new Church sound system for upstairs and downstairs, but hope to identify a system soon.

**New Copier:** Margaret and Maria have been speaking with Vendors and we will be selecting one in the near future. We will be looking to purchase the system rather than lease it. What we will pay for after the purchase is a long-term maintenance agreement.

**New/Used Piano:** Still on the hunt for a new and/or used piano.

**Spring Clean Up.** I have scheduled the spring clean-up of the Church for Saturday, April 21, 2012. Let me know if you will like to help out.

**ITEM 5: NEXT BOARD MEETING:** The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 15, 2012, and then we have the Annual Meeting on May 20, 2012!

Love and blessings folks....

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#### **DIVINE SCIENCE CLASSES**

On April 1, 2012, at 9:00 am, two Divine Science Classes will begin. The classes last for 10 weeks and cost \$60. People who have taken the class and wish to review pay \$35.

**Meditation with Rev. Maria Borrero**  
*Prerequisite: Basic Principle of Divine Science*

The Meditation class is approached in a well-defined, scientific manner and clearly establishes the difference between the cosmic and spiritual levels of awareness. The transcending spiritual meditation process and its practical application to every-day living are emphasized in every session. Students are encouraged to audit this class often.

**Higher Training and Consecration with Rev. Janet Friedline**  
*Prerequisite: All of the other classes.*

This class stresses the transformation of consciousness from a sense-awareness of life to a Christ-awareness of life. It gently presents to the individual student an opportunity to establish a spiritual basis from which to think and live.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

In the spirit of the new season, we have sprung forward with some gains in both the General Fund and the Retirement fund. For the month of February, the General Fund went from \$218,650.00 to \$245,398.00 showing a net gain of \$26,749.00. The retirement fund went from \$154,560.00 to \$173,348.00 showing a net gain of \$18,788.00. The checking account balance

at the end of January was \$388,841.00 and for February was \$385,003.06. The Board of Trustees has approved the proposed budget for January 2012 to December 2012 which is presented below for your information. Again, this budget excludes the generous gifts of both Norman Bott and Howard Jones which will be held in an interest earning account for safekeeping for now. Our annual meeting to be held in May will allow all church members to ask any questions regarding the budget and any other matters concerning the church. The first quarter profit and loss statement will be available in the May newsletter.

**Divine Science Church  
2012 Budget**

<b>Income</b>	
Alumni Association	732.00
Bookstore	2,000.00
Building Fund	6,651.00
Contributions Income	113,139.00
Divine Science Classes	300.00
Flowers	1,260.00
One Day Retreats	500.00
Reimbursed Expenses	44.77
Special Flowers	548.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>125,174.77</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Bank Service Charges	84.00
Contract Labor	69,996.00
Copier Rental/Maint	2,040.66
Custodial Contract	10,650.00
Custodial Supplies	797.80
Equipment Miscellaneous	16,500.00
Federation Dues-Donation	200.00
Fire and Security Alarm	411.35
Flowers Expense (Sun)	1,260.00
Furnace Expense	1,553.00
Gifts	3,000.00
Guest Minister	4,750.00
Insurance	2,580.00
Kitchen Supplies/Coffee	304.96
Licenses and Permits	75.00
Minister's Discretionary	1,000.00

Misc. Ops (Pest Ctrl, etc)	808.52
Office Supplies	1,426.70
One-Day Retreat	500.00
Outreach	6,187.75
Postage and Delivery	1,171.50
Printing and Reproduction	935.31
Rent	1,200.00
Repairs – Building	5,350.00
Repairs – Equipment	870.90
Sanctuary Supplies	117.31
Special Flowers	491.00
Special Music	9,000.00
Telephone	3,106.38
Thanksgiving Dinner	52.97
Travel & Ent.	3,625.90
Gas and Electric	9,317.95
Water	696.33
Valentine Reception	50.99
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>160,112.28</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-34,937.51</b>

Blessings,  
Brandi Coates, Treasurer

**SAVE THE DATE!**

<p><b>Aramaic Lord's Prayer Workshop</b>  <b>Dale Allen Hoffman</b>  <b>Saturday, April 14, 2012</b>  <b>1-3 pm</b>  <b>Suggested Love Offering: \$25.00</b></p>
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The Divine Science Alumni Association is sponsoring a workshop on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, entitled, *Pray In My Shem: The Aramaic Prayer of Yeshua, featuring Dale Allen Hoffman.*

International Aramaic spirituality mystic Hoffman offers a living, breathing vision of the ancient Aramaic Lord's Prayer ("Our Father") that is profoundly intimate to how Yeshua and his listeners would have experienced its depth of vibration within themselves nearly 2,000 years ago. Numerous speakers and scholars offer theological insights into the Aramaic Lord's

Prayer but Dale offers us the opportunity of an authentic *direct, personal experience* of this most Sacred of human prayers from within the spaciousness of our own heart.

The workshop will be held in the Church Sanctuary from **1–3pm**.

All are welcome to attend.

Suggested Love Offering \$25

### **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

On March 4, Jacqueline Scotland spoke on Truth in Practice (TIP) and shared with us a tip she recently got from her students who were repeatedly telling her “you’re doing to muchcha.” She looked to see if there might be some spiritual wisdom in what they said and realized that she needed to trust in the goodness of God to supply her needs, be with her holy self and let go and let God.

The next presentation on Truth in Practice will be given on April 1, following the Sunday Service.

We are most grateful to those who provide refreshments for the presentations. If you are interested in either speaking or providing refreshments, please see Charmaine Hawkins or Shirley Taylor Moore.

We hope to see you on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **DIAL-A-PRAYER**

Have you called into the dial-a-prayer number lately? Each day there is a new meditation recorded by a practitioner or minister. It is a great way to start the day, end the day, or take a break at any time – 24/7 – to listen to some words that gently remind us to go within and be still and know.....

The number is **(202) 338-1240**.

### **Contributors to the Daily Dial-A-Prayer:**

Rev. Pat Beach  
Rev. Maria Borrero  
Prac. Pamela Johnson  
Rev. Janet Friedline  
Rev. Donna Gatewood  
Rev. Barbara St. Holder

### **FOUNDERS AND FRIENDS**

We made a valiant attempt to offer a group for our women to meet on a weekly basis to study the works of our founders. Initially, we met on Thursday evenings opposite the men’s meeting but changed to Wednesday during the day with the idea that more would be able to attend in daylight and when the traffic was a bit less. A handful of wonderful women were able to attend the meetings on a hit or miss basis but we were not able to sustain any continuity of the studies. The women’s Founders and Friends Study Group will continue to meet only through Wednesday, March 28.

To the women who braved the dark of night, the traffic, and the parking limitations, I am most grateful.

The hour of silent meditation currently being held on Wednesday from Noon to 1:00 PM will continue. Reverend Maria Borrero and I look forward to having you join us in the peace, quiet, and solitude of the sanctuary for silent communion with the Father.

Blessings,  
Donna Gatewood

### **FLOWERS**

We will once again adorn our sanctuary with Easter Lilies. If you wish to contribute one or more, please sign up on the clipboard in

the library. The plants cost \$12 and are yours to take home following the Easter Service on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The 2012 flower calendar has been posted outside the bookstore. There are still a few Sundays left. The cost of these lovely bouquets from Whole Foods is \$25. Please sign up for the Sundays you want and make sure we have contact information for you so we can get your flower dedication at the appropriate time.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 1, Sunday:**

**9:00 am, Meditation Class with Rev. Maria Borrero; Higher Training and Consecration Class with Rev. Janet Friedline.**

**11:00 am, Palm Sunday.**

**12:15 pm, Alumni Association Presentation.**

**April 8, Sunday, 11:00 am Easter Service.**

**April 14, Saturday, 1-3, Aramaic Lord's Prayer Workshop with Dale Allen Hoffman.**

**April 15, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Board of Trustees Meeting.**

**April 29, Sunday, Dr. Al G. Salazar will fill the pulpit. His topic will be "Closer than Breathing."**

**Ongoing Prayer/Study Groups and Class:**

**Tuesdays – 6:30 pm**

**Wednesdays Meditation – 12:00 noon**

**Wednesdays Bible Class – 7:00 pm**

**Thursdays – 7:00 pm Men's Group**

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### TRAFFIC ISSUES

April 1 – Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 miler and 5 K – Washington Monument Grounds, Jefferson Memorial, Hains Point, Lincoln Memorial, Memorial Bridge. Starts at 7:20 am.

April 29 – Race to Stop the Silence 8K and 5K. Freedom Plaza 13<sup>th</sup>/Penn. 9 am.

### **DIVINE SCIENCE STATEMENT OF BEING**

God is all, both invisible and visible.

One Presence, One Mind, One Power is all.

This One that is ALL is Perfect Life, Perfect Love, and Perfect Substance.

Man is the individualized expression of God and is ever one with this Perfect Life, Perfect Love, and Perfect Substance.