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LESSON TOPICS FOR APRIL

April 2 IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE
Rev. Donna Gatewood

God is closer and more available than we think. Come learn a practical way of putting that truth into practice.

April 9 THE SILENT MIRACLE
Palm Sunday
Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus

Our moments in the Silence are not to voice our displeasure with life but to give of ourselves to God. This is the key that opens the door to the Kingdom of Heaven. "Be still and know."

April 16 THE EMPTY TOMB
Easter
Rev. Janet Friedline

Christ is risen. The stone is rolled away. There are no barriers to eternal life; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**April 23 HE THAT DOETH
THE WORKS**
Dr. Salazar, Minister Emeritus

All prayer is not the same. Our Bible reminds us that the reason why some prayers are not answered is because we pray amiss. Let us remind ourselves that prayer is not

what we say but an activity that takes place in consciousness.

April 30 THE POWER OF NOW
Rev. Donna Gatewood

Much of human suffering involves our attitude toward the past and the future. The answer may be so close, so near, that it could reach right out and bite us. Come see how to change your life with the power of now.

LIFE MORE ABUNDANT
Rev. Pat Beach

There comes a time when the old ways no longer work. We're at a complete loss as to where to turn or what we can do. What feels like total devastation is actually new found freedom. For now, the false gods of "imperfect thought and vain opinion" have been taken away. The veils of illusion are lifted.

Jacob's response as he met with this very same awakening was, "Surely the Lord is in the place and I knew it not." He may even have added, "God lives here! ... I've stumbled into his home. This is the awesome entrance to heaven." As Moses unexpectedly encountered Divinity the message to him was, "Kneel and pray. You are in a holy place, on holy ground." For us at such a time, the "thing to do" is to nothing

more than to just stand still and be present. Listening with body, mind, heart, soul and strength we bear witness as life says unto Life, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

Thanks be to God forever and forever that His Beloved Child is welcomed home. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ITEM 1: PALM SUNDAY FUNDRAISING BRUNCH – APRIL 9.

Please come join us and help make this event a success. The cost is \$10.00, and the menu is rich in a variety of foods provided by your Church Board members. Please consider bringing a friend or family member. Dr. Salazar shall be present at this event; he is also speaking that day. Hope to see you here!

ITEM 2: DR. AL G. SALAZAR SURPRISE 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION March 12, 2017. Our Minister Emeritus, Dr. Al Salazar, turned 80 years old (never know it looking at him), on March 10, 2017. He was indeed surprised when he walked downstairs to the Grace Faus Fellowship Hall where we laid in wait to yell "Surprise!!" Thanks to all of you who attended Service on the 12th of March and celebrated Dr. Salazar's birthday. Thanks also for the ladies that set up the celebration, Brandi Coates, Marva Coates, Nik Coates, and Revs Janet Friedline and Donna Gatewood.



ITEM 3: THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT! BOARD ELECTIONS ARE SET FOR MAY 2017. Because of a previous change to our Church's Bylaws, the Board is to be comprised of seven members. For the next Board Year 2017-2018, the Board shall need two new members. Should you be contacted by the Board and asked to run for a Board position, please consider doing so.....the Church needs productive, participating, and energetic Board members. The Election Committee consists of Charmaine Hawkins, Wayne Gatewood, Rev. Janet Friedline, and Margaret Greenblatt. Once the candidates are identified, church members will receive ballots that need to be returned by May 21.

ITEM 4: CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017. For you Church members especially, please join us for our Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, May 21, 2017, in the Grace Faus Fellowship Hall immediately following the Church service. The Board shall present information relative to the past Board-Year activities, provide updates on current and ongoing activities, and shall answer questions regarding the Church and its operations. Food, desserts, and beverages shall be provided compliments of your outgoing Board. The results of the Board Elections shall also be announced at the Annual Meeting. Please participate!

ITEM 5: CHURCH STAINED GLASS WINDOWS. I am currently working with a local window installation and repair company so that we can get certain of our stained glass windows treated or replaced with a tinted type of window that blends in with the outside green window framing. We simply cannot afford to have new stained glass windows installed. I am hoping to see samples of the replacement glass very soon. Want to thank my able bodied assistant Margaret for helping me hang a large plastic covering over the one stained glass window

that is losing large pieces of glass and was causing cold air to enter the Sanctuary.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 23.

Love and blessings....

Wayne Gatewood, President

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SPRING CLASSES

Starting on Sunday, April 2 at 9 am:

Meditation

Rev. Dr. Denise King Miller, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, April 2, 2017, 9:00 am

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.

Higher Training and Consecration

Rev. Janet Friedline, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, April 2, 2017, 9:00 am

Prerequisite: The other 5 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.

Sign-up Sheets have been placed on the table in the library. The classes run for 10 weeks; the cost is \$65; people who have previously completed the class may audit and the cost is \$35.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

On March 2, at the Alumni Presentation, Pat Shields shared her thoughts on “the Kingdom of God is within.”

She started by astounding us all with the fact that she first came to this church in the early 1970’s.

The Kingdom of God is not found outside of us, we cannot find it “lo here, lo there.” The Kingdom of God is within. Our body is the temple of God. We already have God – at times we know and feel God; at other times we may say “where are you, God?” In reality, God is always within, always here, but we are not always aware.

She shared an experience she had about a year ago when she went shopping with her daughter and baby granddaughter. As she stepped onto the escalator, she realized her granddaughter had not stepped on with her. As she fell backwards, she said “God help me.” She heard a voice say, “open your eyes and stop her.” A man put his arms around her and said “don’t worry, I have you.” The escalator stopped. Afterward, she was not able to find anyone who had stopped it. The store manager took the baby who never screamed or cried. Pat turned down medical attention and they all continued their day at the mall.

If we ask and have faith, God will take care of us. Sometimes challenges are given to us to strengthen our faith. Spirit is the only life we have. That’s how we contact God.

Thank you, Pat, for sharing your spiritual journey with us and thank you, Tom Willcox, for providing the delicious refreshments.

Please join us on April 2 following the service; James Tomaski will be our speaker.

BOOKSTORE BOOK SWAP

Our first ever bookstore sponsored spiritual, metaphysical, and esoteric book swap begins on Sunday, April 2. For those of you who brought in books to swap you may begin swapping first thing on Sunday morning, April 2, before and after the service.

If you don't have books to swap you can still take advantage of the opportunity to buy the books. You can purchase books by making a love offering of \$1 or \$2 per book that will go directly to the bookstore.

Books will be available for swapping or purchasing through the month of April

If you have procrastinated and you haven't brought in your books for swapping, it's not too late. You still have time to bring your books in. See you at the book swap!

FLOWERS

Many thanks to all of you who contributed to our glorious display of Easter Lilies!

There are still dates for people to sign up this year to dedicate flowers for our Sunday services. The flowers cost \$25 and you may take them with you after the service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 2, Sunday, 9:00 am, Meditation Class and Higher Training and Consecration Class start; 12:15 pm, Alumni Association presentation.

Apr 9, 11:00 am, Palm Sunday Service, Dr. Al G. Salazar, followed by Brunch.

April 16, 11:00 am, Easter Sunday Service.

Apr 23, Sunday, 11:00 am, Dr. Al G. Salazar, followed by Board Meeting.

ONGOING PRAYER/STUDY GROUPS:

Tuesdays – 6:30 pm

DARK NIGHT, BRIGHT MORNING

May 19 – 20, 2017

Rev. Dr. Miriam Comer Johnson will conduct a seminar hosted by New Thought Vermont – Divine Science in the Green Mountains on Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20, 2017. Join her on a journey from the Dark Night of doubt, reservations and uncertainty to a Bright Morning of faith, trust and confidence. For details, click on Events at www.newthoughtvermont.com.

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TRAFFIC ISSUES

Sunday, April 2, starts at 7:15 am -- Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 miler and 5 K Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial, Hains Pt, Lincoln Memorial, Memorial Bridge.

Sunday, April 9, noon-5, Anacostia River Festival in Anacostia Park, 1900 Anacostia Dr., SE.

Sunday, April 16, 6:30 am – Lincoln Memorial Easter Sunrise Service.

Online gift-giving is now possible with credit cards or Paypal. Go to www.divinescience.org, lower left corner.

