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LESSON TOPICS FOR APRIL

Apr 1 THERE IS NO DEATH
Easter
Rev. Janet Friedline

Easter brings the message of eternal life. There is but one life, expressing as various forms. We lay down one form, and pick up another. There is no end to life, no end to us.

Apr 8 WHAT DO WE HAVE?
Rev. Janet Friedline

The question is: What do we have as our treasure; what do we value above all else? Let us be careful. Where our treasure lies, there will our heart be also.

**Apr 15 RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE
 SUPPOSED TO BE**
Rev. Donna Gatewood

In our quest for spiritual understanding, we often think if it weren't for the cares of material living we would devote more time to our spiritual unfoldment. We think it, but could we do it?

Apr 22 REFLECTING THE LIGHT
Rev. Donna Gatewood

If light has this wonderful quality of always being itself, always retaining its own integrity, always remaining one with its source, and we are light, then we too, have the same quality.

Apr 29 BE NOT AFRAID
Rev. Janet Friedline

The message is "I will never leave you, nor forsake you." Who is this "I" that speaks in this way? The answer lies in the midst of us. "I" is Christ, our true name. Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace.

THE GREATER GOOD
Rev. Pat Beach

Spring is celebrated as the season of new life and renewal. We experience this season as a delight to the senses. Yet, as we pause to reflect beyond the visible level, we are given a new understanding. For that which is new is not so much in the outer but a new awakening to the eternal realm that has been since the beginning.

In this higher level of awareness, the continuity of all life is revealed as God's only creation. To be aware of this union is life eternal. *"And this is life eternal: to know You the only true God..."* To fully accept the unbroken flow of His

expression is to accept our Divine inheritance. "...and to know Him, Jesus Christ Whom You have sent."

This awareness comes not to the worldly senses but in Silence when we have turned (returned) to Our Father's House. "Flesh and blood have not told you this but Our Father which is in heaven."

Most Gracious God, for the ability to pause and know, all honor, praise and glory be Thine forever and ever. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we welcome the spring season, the church continues to be involved with several events. We have come through a fall and winter of a successful Chili Dog Sunday with invited friends and families, a wonderful Thanksgiving pot luck dinner, a Christmas Boutique, a toiletries drive in coordination with an agency that serves the homeless, and the selection of a long term member as this year's Secret Valentine. Spring and the Easter season of renewal is now upon us and there is no let-up of church activities.

ITEM 1: CHURCH ANNUAL BOARD OF ELECTIONS SET FOR SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018: It's that time again where church members have the opportunity to vote for any vacancies on the Board of Trustees. This year, two members have completed their first term (a 3-year tenure) and have agreed to run for a second term. This is in accordance with the By-Laws of the church Board. They are Eugene Policastri who has served faithfully as Board Secretary and Jacqueline Scotland, one of our new Practitioners. We are grateful for their willingness to continue serving. We are looking to replace one of our Board members who was unable to complete her term. According to our By-Laws, a replacement may be appointed by the Board.

Please give serious and thoughtful consideration should you be approached by a member of our search committee.

Membership on the Board gives you an opportunity to know firsthand the workings of the church, and a chance to be of service in the Divine Science Family.

Remember, there are 2 requirements to be eligible to run for the Board: (1) church membership and (2) successful completion of the Basic Principle of Divine Science course.

ITEM 2: CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING - SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018



Everyone is invited to attend the church Annual Meeting where reports are presented to let you know the state of the church. Each committee in the church organizational structure will report on events of the past year. A reception will be provided by the present Board. Results of the elections will be announced and the new Board shall meet immediately following that announcement.

There are already plans in the works for church events next fall. They will be announced here in our newsletter in the near future. Should you wish to lend a hand, please contact any member of the Board, we welcome your input and assistance.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 8.

Shirley Taylor Moore, President
Board of Trustees

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

SPRING CLASSES

Starting on Sunday, April 8 at 9 am:

Meditation

Rev. Donna Gatewood, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, April 8, 2018, 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 8, 2018, 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.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK



The church now has its official Facebook page. You can follow us on Facebook either on your smart phone or your computer.

This is the link where you can find us by using your computer:

<https://fb.me/divinescienceschurch>

Or, when you are logged onto Facebook, you can search for divinescienceschurch or just divine and our page will come up.

We invite you, your family and friends to follow us on Facebook for inspiration and to see what is happening at our church.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, March 4th, 2018, Charmaine Hawkins and members of the Alumni Association hosted a Spiritual Art workshop. The task was to select a spiritual verse and design a card that embodied the message of the verse. Individuals were provided with a variety of materials to design cards that reflected the beauty, the meaning, and the message reflected by their selected verse. Once the artistic cards were completed, each person read their selected verse, described its message, and displayed its beauty for all to see. The cards are displayed on a bookcase in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you, Charmaine for the workshop and Jacquie for providing refreshments.

The next Alumni Presentation will be on April 15. All are welcome!

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. If you will not be at the service, you may give us instructions for giving them away or they will be free-raffled at Coffee with Clarence.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1, Sunday, 11:00 am, Easter Service.



Apr 8, Sunday, 9:00 am, Meditation Class and Higher Training and Consecration Class start.

Apr 8, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Board of Trustees Meeting.

April 15, 12:15 pm, Alumni Presentation.

ONGOING PRAYER/STUDY GROUPS:

Tuesdays – 6:30 pm

OFFICE COVERAGE:

Tuesdays - Rev. Janet Friedline
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TRAFFIC ISSUES



Sunday, April 1, 6:30-8 am – Lincoln Memorial Easter Sunrise Service.

Sunday, April 8, starts at 7:30 am -- Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 miler and 5 K Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial, Hains Pt, Lincoln Memorial, Memorial Bridge.

Sunday, April 15, 1-5, Anacostia River Festival in Anacostia Park, 1900 Anacostia Dr., SE.

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

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.

