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NEWSLETTER

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LESSON TOPICS FOR DECEMBER

Dec 6 PREPARE YE THE WAY
Rev. Janet Friedline

Much of what we do in life requires preparation. Spiritual knowledge is not given to consciousness not able to receive it. Through prayer and study, we prepare the way. Let us get busy and do it.

Dec 13 YOUR CREATIVE SELF
Rev. Donna Gatewood

What you think results in your spoken word and your physical actions. Beyond that what you think influences the body's internal processes and your health. What are you creating?

**Dec 20 A LITTLE CHILD SHALL
TEACH THEM**
Christmas Service
Rev. Maria Borrero

Jesus taught us that when we listen to the inner Christ we will be led to God's Kingdom and paradise. But there is work to be done. Let us begin.

Dec 24 THIS HOLY NIGHT
Christmas Eve
Rev. Janet Friedline

The birth of Christ takes place in the soul of man. This holy experience occurs each time

we turn within and give recognition. This is the news of great joy. Let us receive it.

Dec. 27 NEW START FOR YOUR LIFE
Rev. Donna Gatewood

Carlyle says, "Every day that is born into the world comes with a burst of music, and rings itself all day through; and thou shalt make of it a dance, a dirge, or a life march as thou wilt." What kind of music will you make in the New Year?

LESSON TOPICS FOR JANUARY

**Jan 3 ARE YOU READY FOR
A TRUE LIFE?**
Rev. Maria Borrero

Have you ever wondered what life could be if you had a relationship with Our Divine Father? In 2016 anything is possible with our Divine Father.

Jan 10 A NEW BOTTLE
Rev. Janet Friedline

A new year brings promise and potential, and it requires its own expression. It does not come forth as last year's standard. The new possibility requires a new consciousness and it is our role to provide it.

Jan 17 I AM WHAT'S HAPPENING

Rev. Donna Gatewood

You always have a choice to react in resistance or to choose the high road of love and non-resistance. Given the choice, will you choose the road less traveled or the worn path?

Jan 24 ARE YOU LOOKING FOR YOUR TRUE SELF?

Rev. Maria Borrero

We spend too much time trying to improve the human body and our intellect and even our brain. However, these things are all temporary. Our true self is spiritual which needs no improvement. We must decide which one we will choose.

Jan 31 HOW OLD ARE YOU?

Rev. Janet Friedline

Mankind thinks in terms of age. But he also considers eternal life. Our years, on this earth plane, have nothing to do with eternal life. Let us not concern ourselves with the number of years, but rather how it is that we live them.

FALLING AWAKE

Ordinarily we're reacquainted every day with the experience of falling asleep. We're less familiar with another level of consciousness that can also be part of our experience. This other realm could even be described as "falling awake." That happens when we're already awake but somehow suddenly become more alert. At one time or another we may have encountered this special sense of awareness or understanding that seems to come "out of the blue." This something is not easily explained in human terms.

In those fleeting instances, a new perspective is given as if a fog lifted making

all things clear. These seemingly involuntary events come increasingly to those who voluntarily look beyond life's visible level. We do this by choosing to focus on that which is deep within us rather than on the outer world. In this contemplative practice the veils between the Invisible and the visible dissolve.

In honoring the Wholeness of Life we awaken from deep slumber as naturally as raindrops fall back into the ocean from which they first began.

"Awake thou that sleepest, arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."
Ephesians 5:14

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings of the season to everyone!
In recent weeks, the Board of Trustees has tackled a number of items which we share with you here.

ITEM #1

By now you may have noticed some changes around the building. We have contracted with HDS Environmental Services, headed by Mr. Harold Sutherland, to tackle a number of repairs that need urgent attention. After a thorough walk through with Wayne Gatewood, our Building and Facilities coordinator, several issues were reported. Repairs to the leaking slate roof, rotted wood on the trim of the entire building, the support for the stained glass windows barely holding on, painting of the outside of the building, repairs to ceiling leaks inside the building, replacement tiles and door and painting of the foyer. These are "must do" items. The Board voted to liquidate \$120,000.00 from its investment account to keep us afloat through the end of next year and to pay for the contractual work which by itself is in slight excess of \$60,000.00. The Board felt that to be a very reasonable figure

considering the extensive work to be done. Let it be very clear that weekly collection does not come anywhere near what it takes to support the monthly needs of the church. We cannot continue in this way.

ITEM #2

What can you do to help the church?

While we as members and friends of this teaching understand that all will be taken care of, it does not mean that we are to sit and wait but must actively work toward the final outcome. Therefore we are asking the following of you.

- Consider increasing your weekly donation
- Give a special donation and earmark it for the present building project
- If you have a skill such as painting, yard upkeep, cleaning, helping with snow removal, or any other skill not mentioned here, please let us know! (In the past, many of these tasks were done by volunteers). These things help with monthly expenses.
- To those who are the core and who are always participatory, we thank you. However, all of us can up the ante in some way.
- There are many ways to give and serve. Whatever you can offer, we welcome you.

ITEM #3

The Christmas Boutique consisting of items from the estate of Mrs. Elsie Fiore, mother of Rev. Donna Gatewood took off with lightening speed. The items are beautiful and useful, not to mention the seasonal ones as well. The Boutique will be open through the end of December and possibly into January

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. “
2Corinthians 9:7

Shirley Taylor Moore, President
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WINTER CLASSES

Starting Sunday, January 10, at 9:00 am, three Divine Science Classes will be offered. The classes will run for 10 weeks at a cost of \$65 (audit fee is \$35 if repeating the class).

Basic Principle of Divine Science

Mr. Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr, *Instructor*

There is no prerequisite to this class. It is open to all.

The Basic Principle of Divine Science class is the foundation on which all the other classes are built. It is during this class that the student's faith in an ever-present Presence is awakened. Practical Instruction in the application of the teaching is given from the very beginning. This class is offered two times during the church year.

Spiritual Psychology

Rev. Maria Borrero, *Instructor*

Prerequisite: Basic Principle of Divine Science

The class in Spiritual Psychology teaches the student to reason about life from the basis of the omnipresence of God. In our quest for Truth we learn to look beyond the appearance to that which is real and absolute. Spiritual Psychology presents the physical, mental and spiritual aspects of life as an unfolding process leading to the realization of Oneness. The teachings of Jesus are studied as an approach to philosophy, religion, how to live the truth we have attained, and the understanding of cosmic consciousness.

Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning/New Testament

Ms. Sylvia Anderson, *Instructor*
Prerequisites: Basic Principle of Divine Science, Spiritual Psychology, Meditation, Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning/Old Testament

This class moves the metaphysical study of the Bible into the New Testament. The class emphasizes the awakening of the Spiritual nature in man as told through the birth of the Christ. This one revelation in the consciousness of an individual transforms ordinary man and woman into children of God.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

On November 1, Wayne Gatewood shared on the topic “The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation.”

He addressed each key word: the **Lord** is the I Am that lives inside of us.

He described the **Light** as truth, understanding, principle, wisdom, a state of consciousness. He cited many well-known references to light in the bible: Moses on the mountain top, Isaiah, Job, Saul/Paul.

He told us that **Salvation** means restitution of man to his spiritual birthright whereby we regain all our God given attributes. Salvation is based solely on our inner overcoming, cleansing of the mind. It is available to all. He cautioned us against approaching salvation with the intellect; it is of the heart.

Thank you, Wayne, for sharing with us.
Thank you, Donna and the Coates family, for providing a fabulous feast!

The next Alumni Presentation will be held December 6 with Patricia Shields. All are welcome!

BOOKSTORE

Hello,

Many of you may have already seen the lovely items on sale in our **Christmas Boutique** located in our Bookstore. All these items were very generously donated by Donna Gatewood from the estate of her mother, Mrs. Elsie Fiore. You may find something to give as a gift – or to keep for yourself! Pieces of fine china, crystal, Christmas ornaments, Christmas angels and dolls, leather goods, jewelry, pictures, etc. All in mint condition. Great bargains.



All proceeds from the sale of these items will be donated to the Church. If you have not yet had a chance to visit the Bookstore, please stop by soon as items are selling fast!

And thanks again to Donna Gatewood – not only for her donation, but also for all her work setting up the boutique!

Sincerely,
Deb Clarcken
Bookstore Manager



Book Highlight



The Universe is Calling ~ Eric Butterworth

The Universe is Calling addressed the growing need for understanding and clarity regarding the function and nature of prayer.

Taking the problems and traditional prayer to their roots, Eric Butterworth asserts that our fundamental concept of God must change before we can experience true connection with the divine. Instead of praying *to* an imperialistic and remote God, Butterworth encourages praying *from* the shared consciousness of God. He outlines principles that enable entrance into the stream of God-consciousness, and offers techniques that act as universal guidelines for both interpersonal communication and spiritual living.

Books and CDs as Gifts

The **small pamphlets** we have by Divine Science writers, Joel Goldsmith and Lillian DeWaters make very rich and meaningful gifts at very reasonable prices. Check them out on the rack along the wall next to the Ministers office.

Daily meditation books are very popular as we come to the beginning of another year. You may want to take a look at these:

Daily Studies in Divine Science, DSFI
Around the Year with Emmet Fox
365 Days of Richer Living – Ernest Holmes
The Book of Life - Krishnamurti

CDs make wonderful gifts as well. Check out the lists of **Dr. Ballard and Dr. Salazar CDs** on our website. We will be happy to make any of these for you.

Happy Shopping!

SUNDAY LESSONS ON WEBSITE

www.divinescience.org

You can hear Sunday lessons on our website. Just click Sunday Lessons on the bottom of the left side and then choose the lesson or retreat you would like to hear and/or burn. 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015

lessons are currently posted. (Lessons tend to be uploaded within 2-3 weeks.)

DIAL-A-PRAYER

(202) 338-1240

During these colder and darker days, it is a real blessing to have a phone number to call for an inspiring Divine Science message recorded by one of our Divine Science Ministers or Teachers.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Many thanks to all who attended, ate, cooked, bought food, set-up, cleaned-up, etc., etc. We had a fabulous Thanksgiving Potluck!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Please sign-up in the library to reserve and purchase poinsettias which will decorate our sanctuary on Sunday, December 20. Following the service the gorgeous plants are yours to take with you. Cost: \$15.

STATEMENTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR 2015



To help you prepare your taxes we are offering to provide statements of your tithes and offerings made to the church for 2015. If you would like to have a statement prepared for you, please sign up on the “Income Tax Statements for Tax Year 2015” form on the clip board on the table in the library.

Statements will be prepared and made available for pick up at the church no later than January 31, 2016.

If you cannot pick up the statement at the church, please leave your complete mailing address on the form. Please print legibly.

SUNDAY FLOWERS



We have posted the 2016 calendar on the bulletin board outside the bookstore. Several dates are still available.

Remember, the lovely flowers from Whole Foods cost only \$25 and are yours to take home after the Sunday service. If you will not be here on the date you have dedicated the flowers, we have a tradition of raffling them off (free) during the coffee hour following the service, unless you give us other directions for what you would like done with the flowers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 6, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Alumni Association with Patricia Shields.

Dec 13, Sunday, 12:15 Board Meeting.

Dec 20, Sunday, 11:00 Christmas Service followed by board-sponsored luncheon reception.

Dec 24, Thursday, 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service followed by dessert reception.

Jan 10, Sunday, 9:00 am: 3 classes begin: Basic Principle of Divine Science, Spiritual Psychology and Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning/New Testament.

Jan 10, Sunday, 12:15 pm Board Meeting.

Church Office and Bookstore will be closed Dec 24, 29, 30, and 31. Office will reopen Jan 5.

Ongoing Prayer/Study Groups:

The Tuesday night prayer and study group will not meet on December 22 and December 29. It will resume January 5th.

Our Evening with Joel Goldsmith will not meet during the months of December through March. It will resume on the third Thursday in April 2016.

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WHETHER WEATHER?

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