

December 2018 - January 2019 Newsletter



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LESSON TOPICS FOR DECEMBER 2018

Dec 2 A TIME OF PREPARATION
Rev. Janet Friedline

The Christmas season brings celebration and remembrance. It is a time of busyness, requiring focus and attention. The command "be still," is the preparation of inner being. Let us go there and be at peace.

Dec 9 ABUNDANCE IS OURS
Mr. Wayne Gatewood

So many of us go about life believing that our supply, prosperity and abundance are strictly dependent upon our employment, our education, our technical capabilities, our so-called network of associates, and other worldly factors. Likewise, we turn to this or that diet and this or that vitamin and new medicine to secure perfect health. The Truth however, is that All is of ONE Source; our Father who lives us, moves us, and IS our very Being. Abundance of perfect health, abundance of love, abundance of peace and joy, and abundance of prosperity and eternal life are ours by virtue of our Spiritual Truth and heritage.

Dec 16 ARE YOU READY FOR THE BIRTH?
Christmas Service
Rev. Donna Gatewood

On Christmas some celebrate the memory of a man who walked the earth over 2000 years ago; others celebrate just to enjoy the parties and the friendships. And others celebrate out of obligation and religious duty. But there is a far deeper significance to Christmas than the birthday celebration of a child. Come see what that is.

Dec 23 NO SERVICE

Dec 24 IMMANUEL WITH US
Christmas Eve
Rev. Janet Friedline

The prophet predicted that a child would be born of a virgin, and his name would be called Immanuel. And so it is for us today. Let us celebrate the arrival of this child - Christ in us, our hope of glory.

Dec 30 A TIME TO REMEMBER
Rev. Janet Friedline

As we close out the old year, we reflect on events that made up it months, weeks and days. We ponder and consider our actions, and reactions, wondering if we could have done things differently. I say, release it, and let it go. Today is a new day, rejoice and be glad in it.

LESSON TOPICS FOR JANUARY 2019

Jan 6 FEAR NOT

Mr. Wayne Gatewood

Has fear of this or that kept you from moving forward in life and experiencing its fullness and its goodness? Fear through our error thinking has but the power that we give it. We are to realize and live in the Truth of our Being, and bask in the peace, serenity, and assurance of our Father...as One...In and Of Him. *“No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD. Isaiah 54:17”*

Jan 13 KEEP A SECRET

Rev. Janet Friedline

Sometimes we keep secrets, considering them personal and private. Wisdom dictates when to be silent, and when to speak. Some things are

meant to be shared, others are not. Let us learn to tell the difference.

Jan 20 MOMENTS OF GRACE

Rev. Donna Gatewood

Most of the time what fills our minds prevents us from seeing life as it really is. But there are moments when the reality of life breaks through and we see life entirely new. These are powerful moments of Grace.

Jan 27 TRUTH IS HARD WORK

Rev. Janet Friedline

The Bible tells us that Truth will set us free. As we study, and learn, we discover there is work to be done. And sometimes we are not up to the task. Only the pure in heart shall see God - it can be no other way.



O HOLY NIGHT

Rev. Pat Beach

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” Luke 2:14

These words were not intended to refer only to a single event. The angels gave this message for all who are in the dark about the eternal nature of God and the relationship between God and mankind.

God is properly given honor and glory when He is recognized as the Source of all that is. This acknowledges His rightful place in the highest part of heaven. This worship of the One True God brings peace and harmony to those on earth. To recognize that God’s will is eternally available to mankind is to know that earth is but the underside of heaven – and that heaven is all there is. As we give attention to the kingdom within, accepting the Wholeness of Being, our Savior is come.

Most Gracious God, we give You thanks and praise forever for the outstreaming nature of Divine Love. Amen.

President's Message



Greetings to Everyone:

The Divine Science Church Board of Trustees offers you the following updates.

Building and Facilities

- ♣ On October 18, Practitioner, Wayne Gatewood who is the Board Liaison for Building & Facilities cleaned out the storage areas and the Grace Faus Fellowship Hall, and old items were discarded. The books that have been here for years on the shelves in the Grace Faus Fellowship Hall were donated to the Salvation Army.
- ♣ The beautiful wreaths made by Marsha Mine, who recently made her transition were pulled out of the storage room and are now on display in the hallway between the Fellowship Hall and the back classroom.
- ♣ Wooden plates were painted and placed under each of the legs of the piano in the sanctuary, as these legs were pressing into the floor from the weight of the instrument. The plates are ½ inch in thickness and will eliminate excess pressure to the floor.
- ♣ The portion of the ceiling in the library was scraped and painted where a large portion was peeling.
- ♣ A new Boiler Room Maintenance Agreement with CFS Service Corporation was signed for \$1,553.00.
- ♣ On November 1 CFS replaced the boiler gas valve that was leaking.
- ♣ Presently, shingles have been dislodged from the church roof and we are investigating a roofing company to take care of this situation ASAP as this could cause leaks in the church ceiling.
- ♣ We are grateful to Wayne for his continued service to the church in taking care of these much needed issues. His grandson Samuel, who was able to earn community volunteer time at his local school, was also helpful in aiding Wayne with some of these clean up jobs. Thank you to Wayne and Samuel.

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Once again, members, friends and family were able to gather in fellowship to enjoy a hearty meal and dessert while catching up with each other. We were thrilled to have new members, as well as some first time visitors join in the celebration. The array of dishes reflects the diversity of our congregation along with the traditional Thanksgiving food.

Nuts For Sale

As of this writing, the final numbers on our nut sales have not been tallied as there are a few bags still to sell. However, so far, sales have been going well with purchases being made at every event and every Sunday. It seems that the cinnamon pecans and the chocolate pecans are among everyone's favorites. We will give you an update as soon as we have the final figures. All of the proceeds go the Church's General Fund as profit, as we received a donation to cover the original cost of purchase.

Toiletries Drive

Once again, we have asked for your donations to our Toiletries Drive to be given to a non-profit organization that aids homeless citizens. It is a part of the church Outreach Program and certainly a worthy cause. The cut-off date is December 2, unless you drop something off during that week before Saturday, December 8.

Shirley Taylor Moore, President
Board of Trustees

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My House, and test me now in this" says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows"...Malachi 3:10

DS Church Gallery November 2018

Thanksgiving Dinner, November 18



Alumni Association Presentation, November 4



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

On November 4th, 2018, Charmaine Hawkins, the Alumni Association President, presented “The Grateful Game,” she hosted and served as the speaker for this event. Charmaine’s research showed that when we have Love, Faith and Sincerity in our hearts, Divine Grace becomes the dominating factor in our lives, and in our prayers. She reminded us to recognize Divine Grace when it shows up, realize when it reveals itself, and most of all to be conscious of it in our everyday lives. It is said that God’s Grace is expressed through many avenues, both in happiness as well as in sorrow, and always it is Grace that brings us through, even when we fail to recognize this. Remember, God is always there, God is the only presence, and only power that never leaves us.

With attention to the words; “Grace” and “Gratitude,” Charmaine lead the group in an activity called “The Grateful Game.” This game asked that each member of the audience examine their lives and feelings by responding to given questions. Cards with printed questions were passed out to each person, questions such as; “Who has shown you kindness,?” “Who have you learned the most from so far?” “If you could relive any day in history, which

one would you choose, and why?” and “What is your favorite childhood memory?” The responses were tremendous, the sharing revealed such Gratitude, Love, and Grace for those in our lives, for the memories held, and especially for the Love and Grace bestowed upon all, by God. Each person revealed a sense of calm, serenity, and sincerity in their responses, a sense of peace and appreciation fill the room.

WINTER CLASS

Starting Sunday, January 6, at 9:00 am, a Divine Science Class will be offered. The class will run for 10 weeks at a cost of \$65 (audit fee is \$35 if repeating the class).

Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning/New Testament

Ms. Sylvia Anderson

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.

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS



The Church website has a Donation Button that allows people to donate to the Church either through Paypal or with credit cards. When using this feature, donors shall be provided Donation receipts for income tax purposes. Please go on line and donate now !

FEATURED BOOK

The Christmas Letters

Joel S. Goldsmith



By the mid 1950's students around the world were receiving a monthly Letter which Joel considered a sacred bond between him and the many students drawn to his message. The Letters helped students understand the Infinite Way principles at a deeper level. This book presents ten December Letters, taken from a variety of his books, each of which leads to a fuller grasp of the nature of Christmas.

The author writes: “To understand Christmas Day, then let us understand clearly that God has planted the seed of himself in each of us, the seed that springs forth as the fully developed son of God whose mission it is that our lives may be fulfilled, that we may show forth the glory of God which the Master revealed.”

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Please sign-up on the clipboard in the library to reserve and purchase poinsettias which will decorate our sanctuary on Sunday, December 16. Following the service the gorgeous plants are yours to take with you. Cost: \$15.

STATEMENTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR 2018

To help you prepare your taxes we are offering to provide statements of your tithes and offerings made to the church for 2018.

If you would like to have a statement prepared for you, please sign up on the “Income Tax Statements for Tax Year 2018” form on the clip board on the table in the library.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

We have posted the 2019 calendar on the bulletin board outside the bookstore. Several dates are still available.

EVENTS

Dec 2, Sunday, 12:15 pm
Alumni Association
with Michael Adeniji.

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Dec 8, Saturday
Board Meeting.

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Dec 16, Sunday, 11:00 am
Christmas Service
followed by board-sponsored
luncheon reception.

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Dec 23, Sunday
there will not be service.

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Dec 24, Monday at 7:00 pm
Candlelight Service,
followed by a dessert reception.

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Jan 6, Sunday, 9:00 am
Divine Science class begins:
Bible Mystery and Bible
Meaning/New Testament.

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Jan 13, Sunday, 12:15 pm
Board Meeting.

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Church Office and Bookstore will be
closed **Dec 25, 26, and 27**. Office will
reopen Wednesday, Jan 2 2019.

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Ongoing Prayer/Study Groups:

The Tuesday night prayer and study group
will not meet on **December 25 and January 1**.
It will resume **January 8, 2019**.

OFFICE COVERAGE:

Tuesdays - Rev. Janet Friedline
Wednesdays - Rev. Donna Gatewood
Thursdays - Practitioner Wayne Gatewood

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