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NEWSLETTER



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LESSON TOPICS FOR FEBRUARY

Feb 5 PERFECT LOVE
Rev. Donna Gatewood

John said, "Perfect love casts out fear."
Having a loving heart is the key to
happiness. Are you willing to use the
key to open the door?

Feb 12 THE POWER OF LOVE
Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus

Most of us identify love with the human
condition; an emotional facet of life. But
love is a lot more. Love heals. Love
provides. Love is pure power made
visible. Discover what pure joy really is.

Feb 19 NEW PATTERNS
Rev. Janet Friedline

As we travel through life, we gain
knowledge and understanding,
establishing new routines and habits. Let
us not fear the changes. Life moves us
where we need to be. Be still and know
that this is so.

**Feb 26 KEEPING THE HEART
WITH ALL DILIGENCE**

Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus

A scientist once wrote that "Man is ever
in the presence of an infinite and eternal
energy (Spirit) from which all things
proceed." This Spirit contains within
itself all power, all life and all substance.
"Acquaint now thyself with [It] and be at
peace."

OUTSTREAMING GRACE

Rev. Pat Beach

Because God is Omnipresent, He already
fills heaven and earth but this Truth is
our experience only when we accept it.
The Old Testament belief was that God
should accept our offerings. A superior
way is that we accept what He offers.
The Wholeness of God's Presence may
first come to us through an awareness of
His activity. This is God's marvelous
plan that all creation may know its
Source. This activity that flows like a
river from the Kingdom of God can be
called by any of several names: the
Word or God-in-Action or the Law of
Expression or outstreaming Good Will or
Grace. Regardless of the terms used, this
is God opening up the windows of
heaven to pour out His blessing.

In the world, we get glimpses of God's activity in certain instances. These moments lead us to seek a realm above and beyond the world but they cannot take us there. It is through the practice of inner communion in prayer and meditation that we enter into the kingdom of God. It is here that the prodigal son returns to the Father's House. Here Consciousness reveals that, "my Word...shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it." Isaiah 55:11 NKJV

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ITEM 1: ANNUAL CHURCH VALENTINE GATHERING. On Sunday, February 12, 2017, immediately following the lesson, the Board is hosting the Church's Annual Valentine gathering. As customary, the Board has selected a Secret Valentine to be recognized for his/her voluntary efforts in support of our Church and the Church's activities. Wonder who the 2017 Church Valentine is? Come and see. Food and beverages shall be served. Please consider bringing a guest(s) to Church with you.

ITEM 2: SECOND NOTICE. LINK ON CHURCH WEBSITE ALLOWS FOR ELECTRONIC DONATIONS THROUGH PAYPAL AND CREDITS CARDS. If you have been unable to attend service for whatever reason, please know that you have the opportunity to Tithe in a very simple way. Please consider tithing through the use of your Church website. At the front page of the website there is a "Donate Button." You can get to the website at www.divinescience.org Should you not

have a PC, than feel free to send in your tithe via the good ole USPS. Thank you!

ITEM 3: FACILITIES - Stained Glass Windows. I shall be going out trying to identify a company that can cover our stained glass windows with thin but durable and clear fiberglass. Should anyone like to tithe towards this activity in particular, your demonstration of abundance shall be welcomed.

ITEM 4: 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, participative, and energetic Board members.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 19, 2017.

Love and blessings....

Wayne Gatewood
President, Church Board of Trustees
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REVEREND MARIA BORRERO RETIREES

It was with a mixture of both happiness and sadness that we received the news that Reverend Maria Borrero decided to retire from her position as one of the ministers at the Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ in Washington, DC.

Maria came to Washington, DC, from Connecticut, and found our little church. She became a member of the church family in April of 1991 and shortly thereafter began taking the Divine Science classes for personal growth. She was graduated from this course of study in June of 1995. Just two years later, in June of 1997, Maria became a licensed teacher of Spiritual Psychology. Soon thereafter, she was invited to take the Divine Science Practitioner's Course which she completed and was awarded a license in June of 1999.

Maria was invited to study for the ministry and was ordained on September 24, 2000.

During the 1990's Maria served as a member of the Church Board of Trustees, the manager of the bookstore and numerous committees. From March 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013, Reverend Borrero served as the church's full time minister. Following her term as full time minister Maria continued to teach classes in Spiritual Psychology, Meditation, and Higher Training and Consecration. She also served as one of three part time ministers giving Sunday lessons and working in the church office one day each week.

While we are sad to see Maria retire, we are very happy for her future and we know that she will be blessed in whatever adventure lies ahead for her on her journey. We look forward to seeing her here at the church from time to time. Maria, all of us send our thanks for all you have contributed to the church and to the teaching over these many years.

And while we may not see you often in person, know that you will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

On December 4, 2016, the Alumni Association had a general discussion about this year's topic: "The Kingdom of God is Within." Many people participated in a spirited discussion of the importance of going within, how they do it and what it means.

Thank you, **Marsha Miné, Drac Peyton and Judy Coleman-Kla** for providing delicious refreshments for all.

The next presentation will be on February 5, 2017. All are welcome!

Graduates -- it is now time to pay your **annual \$10 Alumni dues** for 2017 to Mr. Wayne Gatewood, Treasurer of the Alumni.

FLOWERS

It was a berry, berry, Christmas. From the feedback we got, the church Christmas decoration was simple and beautiful. I have to give the credit to the folks who made that possible. Marsha Miné always delivers on her wreath designs. The wreath she designed and displayed over the pulpit was a nature scene with birds feeding on berries. It is a lovely piece that gives you a warm feeling in your heart on even a cold winter's night. We will extend the display time for an extra week. So be sure to get a close-up look at it. Thank you so much Marsha for your labor of love!

We are grateful to all who purchased poinsettias. Your contributions added to the holiday spirit. A special thank you to our church usher, Kenzel Logan, for all of his assistance decorating the church. Kenzel added a special touch to the windows with real holly berries from his garden. Thank you also to Wayne Gatewood for stepping up when needed. And thank you also to Margaret Greenblatt for doing such a great job promoting sales and for the constant reminders. Thank you everyone for all of your support!!

Also, let me take this opportunity to remind everyone that we are taking orders for Easter lilies. The sign-up sheet for Easter Lilies is on the table in the library.

The Flower Calendar for 2017 is up on the wall for anyone who would like to sign up to dedicate flowers to someone or for a special occasion. If you would like to secure a special date this is the time to do so, since the calendar fills up quickly.

Thank you,
Peace,
Jacqueline Scotland
Sanctuary Committee Chair

BOOKSTORE



The church bookstore continued to hold its own during 2016 due to your continued support. All of us that work in the bookstore appreciate your

willingness to buy your books from the bookstore because we are aware that some of these wonderful books may be purchased elsewhere for less. We ask that you continue to show the same love and support of the bookstore this year. Again, thank you!

Below are profit and loss statements for the last quarter and all of 2016. You will note that we show a negative balance of \$72.14 for the period October through December 2016. However, for the entire year our net income was \$2,004.47.

Bookstore Profit and Loss
Oct – Dec 2016

Income	
Book Sales	368.73
Contributions – Other	3.00
Miscellaneous Income	16.07
Reimbursed Expenses	7.00
Tape and CD sales	35.00
Total Income:	429.80
Expenses	
Book Purchases	501.94
Total Expenses:	501.94
Net Income:	-72.14

A quick overview of the quarterly report shows total income of \$429.80. This amount includes the sale of books, tapes/CDs, donations and postage and handling reimbursement. All of our expenses were for the purchase of several new books for our store. The expenses totaled \$501.94.

Bookstore Profit and Loss
Jan – Dec 2016

Income	
Book Sales	2,483.84
Contributions – Other	73.01
Library Membership	10.00
Miscellaneous Income	16.07
Reimbursed Expenses	88.76
Tape and CD sales	302.00
Total Income:	2,973.68
Expenses	
Book Purchases	1,113.70
Gifts to Church	-141.33
Postage and Delivery	-6.16
Other Expense	3.00
Total Expenses:	969.21
Net Income:	2,004.47

The Annual statement shows net income in the amount of \$2,973.68 and is made up of the same items mentioned in the overview of the quarterly report above. Our expenses for the year totaled \$969.21. Showing a net profit of \$2,004.47

Rev. Donna Gatewood
Bookstore Manager

USED BOOK EXCHANGE

As we prepare for the arrival of spring most of us take the time to declutter, clean and dispose of those items we have outgrown or no longer need. Many of the items we choose to release are books. The bookstore would like to help you with your spring cleaning by offering to sponsor a used spiritual book swap.

Here is how it will work. Bring in your used metaphysical, spiritual or esoteric books to the church bookstore. We will collect the books through the months of February and March; we will arrange them in the library, and in April the books will be made available to those who would like to have them. If you bring a book, you may take a book. If you bring ten books, you may swap for ten books. Since this is a book exchange, there will be no charge for these books.

Once those individuals who brought in books have made their choices, any remaining books will be made available to other interested individuals for a love offering.

If you wish to donate books to the exchange, please bring them in a bag or box marked with your name so that we can keep track of the books coming in and going out.

If you have any questions, please call Donna Gatewood at the church office at 202-333-7630.

WEBSITE

www.divinescience.org

If you are not able to attend services as often as you would like, remember that you can listen to **recordings of our Sunday lessons** on www.divinescience.org. They are uploaded about once a month. The website contains most of the lessons given since 2012. You may listen to them online or download them to a CD. If you prefer, you may contact the church and request that a CD be made for you.

The cost if you pick it up is \$5; if it is mailed to you, \$8.

You can also now **support the Divine Science teaching on-line**. Click on **“Donate”** on the first page and use a **credit card or Paypal**.

The website has a great deal of information about the Divine Science teachings, classes, events, meditations from the back page of Sunday bulletins, current newsletter, etc.

It is user-friendly and worth a few minutes to peruse.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 5, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Alumni Association Presentation.

Feb 12, Sunday, 11:00 am, Dr. Al G. Salazar will speak – “The Power of Love;” 12:15 pm, Valentine’s Day Reception.



Feb 19, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Board of Trustees Meeting.



Feb 26, Sunday, 11:00 am, Dr. Al G. Salazar will speak – “Keeping the Heart with All Diligence.”

Ongoing Prayer/Study Group:

Tuesdays – 6:30 pm

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WHETHER WEATHER?



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