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LESSON TOPICS FOR FEBRUARY

Feb 4 AN EMPTY VESSEL
Rev. Janet Friedline

Each of us establishes patterns of belief and acceptance. While helpful, they can also keep us stuck, restricting our ability to look in a different way. Let us empty ourselves of misplaced ideals. God fulfills and satisfies.

Feb 11 A GOD OF LOVE
Rev. Janet Friedline

Each of us longs to love and be loved. And we do so in a personal way. God's love is universal, available to all mankind. The command is given "love one another, as I have loved you."

Feb 18 NO MAN IS AN ISLAND
Rev. Donna Gatewood

"No man is an island," although many of us today feel that we are. There is a remedy for loneliness. Come learn what it is.

Feb 25 A THANKFUL HEART
Rev. Donna Gatewood

Gratitude is the heart's appreciation and response for some favor or good received. When we quicken our hearts, we put into action all the emotion that leads to generosity, loyalty and love.

THE KINGDOM WITHIN

Rev. Pat Beach

"There is in man the power of choice as to whether he will co-operate with the Great Will." Nona Brooks

We give a great deal of time and attention to our worldly decisions without understanding that we have abilities far beyond the limits of this world. Divine Science teaches that we have within us the God-given ability to know the Truth about the nature of the Creator and His Creation. God's nature is Wholeness and His plan is that all of creation be aware that the Lord God is One and beside Him there is none else. With this knowledge, we have the ability to recognize and then claim our inheritance as the sons and daughters of the Most High.

God's plan, His purpose, His will is that we accept that I AM the individualized (indivisible) expression of God and ever one with this perfect life, perfect love and perfect substance. This awareness comes to us not from the world but from the ongoing practice of union and communion with Our Father. In the deep Silence of His Holy Temple, the realization is given that, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth."

Most Gracious God, we give thanks for the Love, the Light and the Spirit that make it so. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ITEM 1: TOILETRIES DRIVE A HUGE SUCCESS: A special thanks to you, our members and friends, who contributed so generously to the church toiletries drive for the Christmas season. On Monday, December 18, two large parcels of toiletries were delivered to THRIVE, DC, a non-profit organization that serves over 2,000 clients a year. From your donations, the Board packaged 90 bags of two - three toilet items per bag, which made it enough to distribute to 45 men and 45 women. We received a letter from Alicia Horton, Executive Director of THRIVE, DC, thanking the church for its generosity. Personal toilet items are among the basic necessities needed by their clients.

ITEM 2: CHRISTMAS BONUSES: Each year the church gives a Christmas bonus to those who continue their service to the church. This includes musicians, the church secretary and this year it included Dr. Salazar for his tireless efforts in training new practitioners. Thank you notes were received from all.

ITEM 3: Jacqueline Scotland, who so aptly decorates the sanctuary according to the seasons, sends thanks to the congregation for your support of the poinsettias that beautifully adorned the sanctuary this past holiday season. Lovely Easter lilies will be available this spring.

ITEM 4: SECRET VALENTINE COMING SOON: On Sunday, February 11, the Board will reveal its secret Valentine at a reception immediately following the service. We invite all to attend.

ITEM 5: WHAT KIND OF MEMBER ARE YOU? The Board of Trustees carries out the general business of the church, voting on new members, monies to be spent for repairs and other decisions that keep the church functioning. We welcome your suggestions, your talents and time to activities that keep the vitality of the church current. **Don't be a bench member.** Let us know what your talents are, and what skills you may have that can be used for the good of the church. Know that we give consideration to new ideas and suggestions.

Shirley Taylor Moore
President, Board of Trustees

"There is...one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all and in you all."
Ephesians 4:4, 6

WELCOME

We wish to extend a special welcome to our newest church member, James Edward Tomaski, Jr., of Silver Spring, MD.

TREASURER'S THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their generous tithes over the past year and during the holiday season. Your gifts are a blessing and help sustain our day-to-day operations. As a reminder, you can contribute tithes through our website at www.divinescience.org and click on the "DONATE" button.

Have a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Brandi Coates
Treasurer, Board of Trustees

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

Our Christmas Boutique this year was made possible by the generous donations of Rev.

Friedline's cousin, Douglas and Rev. Gatewood. Our gratitude goes out to them and to all of you who made the Boutique a success. We brought in over \$650 for the church's general fund.

**JOSHUA RICH'S CD RELEASE
CONCERT**

Our gratitude to Joshua Rich for entertaining us with his CD release concert to raise funds for the church's building fund.

On December 10, Joshua entertained us with some of his original compositions for piano and improvisations of some good old standards. We enjoyed his singing and his playing. Joshua is quiet a showman. We have a few of his CDs for sale for \$10.

To all who stayed after the service to listen to the concert, thank you so much. The concert raised \$462 for the building fund.

BOOKSTORE FINANCIAL REPORT

Presented below is the fiscal year 2017 Profit and Loss Statement for the church bookstore.

A brief overview of the report shows that our income for the year totaled \$2,346.59, of this, book sales amounted to \$1,997.74. Our expenses totaled \$1,668.15 which included book purchases in the amount of \$1,402.96. Our net profit for the year was \$678.44.

**Bookstore Profit and Loss
Jan – Dec 2017**

Income	
Book Sales	1,997.74
Contributions – Other	197.50
Gift Certificate Sales	50.00
Library Membership	10.00
Reimbursed Expenses	16.75
Tape and CD sales	75.00
Total Income:	2,346.59

Expenses	
Book Purchases	1,402.96
DC Sales & Use Taxes	265.19
Total Expenses:	1,668.15

Net Profit 678.44

Thanks to all of you who continue to support the bookstore. We appreciate your business.

Love and Blessings,
Donna Gatewood

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Alumni Association welcomed Michael Adeniji who spoke on December 3, 2017. In keeping with the purpose of imparting the wisdom we have learned from the Divine Science classes, and the teachings of the church, Michael selected "The Lord's Prayer" as his topic of discussion. He expressed how dear this prayer has been for him, and how it relates to issues in our daily lives. It's also a prayer he feels we are familiar with and thinks it may be God's favorite prayer.

Michael says he attempts to use scripture when interacting with others, believing that most of the bible verses have an inner and an outer meaning. He stated: "We are more familiar with the outer meaning of scripture, but we must learn more about the inner meaning, since most of the stories in the bible are interrelated."

Michael proceeded to read The Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6: 9-15, and interpret the verses:

Our Father; a statement of grace. *Hallow Be Thy Name*; respecting the grace and mightiness of God. *Thy Kingdom Come*; the kingdom is coming. *Thy Will Be Done*; the blue print is already in Heaven. *Give us this day our daily bread*; you are being

guided. *Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those; repent. Lead us not into temptation; stay humble. Deliver us from Evil; follow Divine Law. Thy Power and Thy Glory forever and ever; difficult to conceptualize its enormity. Amen; God steps in, takes over, and shapes things for our best interest.*

Michael closed with the Book of Revelation: 3:14; one can say “Amen” and nothing else, this word alone begins the meditation.

The next Alumni presentation will be on February 4, 2018. Practitioners Wayne Gatewood and Jacqueline Scotland will conduct an “Ask the Practitioner” panel. All are welcome!

Graduates -- it is now time to pay your **annual \$10 Alumni dues** for 2018 to Mr. Wayne Gatewood, Treasurer of the Alumni.

FLOWERS



The Flower Calendar for 2018 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 4, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Alumni Association Presentation with Wayne Gatewood and Jacqueline Scotland.

Feb 11, Sunday, 12:15 am, Valentine’s Day Reception.

Feb 18, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Board of Trustees Meeting.

Ongoing Prayer/Study Group:

Tuesdays – 6:30 pm

OFFICE COVERAGE:

Tuesdays - Rev. Janet Friedline

Wednesdays - Rev. Donna Gatewood

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