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NEWSLETTER

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Dr. Al. G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus

LESSON TOPICS FOR JULY

July 4 BREAKING THE BONDS
Rev. Janet Friedline

Each of us lives in a world of our own making. What we accept in consciousness mirrors back as experience. Let us break the bonds of restriction, and live life in a new way.

July 11 THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT
Rev. Miriam Comer Johnson

“...That ye love one another, as I have loved you.” What a simple request. The miracle of the Truth is the power inherent in its simplicity.

July 18 TO BE ANNOUNCED
Prac. Pamela Johnson

**July 25 AS YE SOW, SO
SHALL YE REAP**
Rev. Maria Borrero

Every day we plant a seed in consciousness. Eventually, it is guaranteed that seeds become our reality. What seeds are we planting, those of duality, fear and lack? Now, let us open ourselves to God for the seeds of life everlasting, love, peace, and wisdom to express in us, for us and as us. Amen.

LESSON TOPICS FOR AUGUST

Aug 1 FAITH
Rev. Donna Gatewood

There is nothing accomplished in this world without faith. However, there is a difference between faith which is the substance of things and a mere belief or opinion. Do you want to know the difference?

Aug 8 YES, THERE IS A SOLUTION
Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus

One of the great lessons we learn as we move from material sense to Spirit is that causation is never in the outer, but within each one of us. Let me share with you how the activity in individual consciousness determines the quality of our lives.

Aug 15 “NOW” IS
Rev. Dr. Miriam Comer Johnson

Living in the three-dimensional world we have many, many perceptions – time, space, form and thought, among others. Yet there is only one way to effectively abide in the Truth.

Aug 22 WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Rev. Janet Friedline

Each of us has opinions that we freely express. But do we really mean what we say? Let us watch the words we send forth for once they are gone, we cannot pull them back.

Aug 29 WHY AM I HERE?

Rev. Janet Friedline

At some point in time, each of us questions our reason for being – just why are we here and exactly what role do we play? Let us question inwardly for this is the true revelation.

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY

Rev. Pat Beach

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness...” Matthew 6:33

Jesus taught that instead of concerning ourselves with the things of this world, we focus our attention on God. This is a difficult thing to do and therefore the greatest honor we can give. It can be done only by constant practice.

We start with the intention to worship God. Soon enough the distractions begin, some of these are blatant and some are subtle. As we repeatedly fall away from our good intentions, it becomes clear that “I of myself can do nothing.” And so we turn to God in humility finally understanding our total dependence upon Him.

In the silence of prayer and meditation, we see that it is God within us that “doeth the work” and we rest in the assurance of His Presence. The human experiences and perceptions no longer concern us for there is no longer an “us” separate and apart from God. Now, there is only the conscious awareness that “the Father and I are One.”

Most Gracious and Loving God, for the ability to be still and know, we praise your Holy Name forever. Amen.

PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

With this issue of the newsletter we close out this year’s church educational activities and take a short recess as we plan for the upcoming year beginning in September.

The new Board held its first full meeting on Sunday, June 13. During that meeting we prepared the calendar of events for 2010 - 2011 and finalized the Table of Organization.

One of the other items we discussed at this meeting was the need for better clean up and trash removal from the kitchen and the fellowship hall. The Board encourages the camaraderie that breaking bread together brings and we would like to allow the eating and drinking to continue. However, the increased eating and drinking throughout the week is creating trash that in turn is causing the invasion of critters. We ask that you please take the time to clean up the kitchen, wash, dry and put away all the dishes and utensils you use, and please consolidate and take the trash home with you so that it can be taken away in your regular trash pick up. The city does not provide trash service to the church. We appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

Remember that Dr. Salazar will be speaking Sunday, August 8. Mark your calendars; you won’t want to miss him.

Congratulations to our students who successfully completed courses during the year and special kudos to Marva Coates and Pearlle Bates who have completed the entire course of study for personal growth. We will look forward to hearing these new graduates speak in the upcoming year’s Alumni presentations.

Have a wonderful summer and stay cool and safe.

Blessings,
Elan Darlington
President, Board of Trustees

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are very happy to welcome two new members to our Divine Science Church: Ms. Colette LaForest and Mr. Chris LeFevre, both of Ashburn, Virginia.

STUDENT RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 27, we will celebrate Student Recognition Sunday. After this special service, there will be a reception for the students in the downstairs fellowship hall, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association.

The following students will receive certificates for the following classes in the basic Divine Science course of study:

Spiritual Psychology

Rev. Maria Borrero, *Instructor*

Okon Jimmy Ebiwok

Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning Old Testament

Ms. Karolyn Elskoe, *Instructor*

Pearlie Bates

Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning New Testament

Ms. Sylvia Anderson, *Instructor*

Pearlie Bates

Marva Coates

Higher Training and Consecration

Rev. Janet Friedline, *Instructor*

Pearlie Bates

Marva Coates

DIVINE SCIENCE GRADUATES

Pearlie Bates and Marva Coates have successfully completed all classes in the basic Divine Science course of study. They will receive Divine Science Graduate certificates and become members of the Alumni Association. Congratulations Pearlie and Marva!!

SPIRITUAL RETREAT TRANSFORMATION OF CONSCIOUSNESS: KARMA OR CHRIST

All of the planning for our August retreat with Dr. Al Salazar, Minister Emeritus, has been completed. All the reservations have been made, the agenda has been set and the information packets are being prepared.

All of the information for the retreat will be emailed to all of those individuals who have made their reservation to participate in what is certain to be an uplifting spiritual experience. For those of you who have not succumbed to the distraction of computers and email, packets will be sent to you by regular mail. All information packets will be sent either by email or regular mail on or about Thursday, July 15.

If you are a registered retreat participant and you do not receive your information packet by August 1, please call me at 703-641-9141 so that I can send it to you.

For those of you who have requested transportation to and from the Airlie Center arrangements have been made. Information regarding your transportation and a number where you can contact your driver will be provided in the cover letter accompanying the retreat packet. You will be responsible for making contact with your driver to arrange pick up and drop off locations.

This wonderful spiritual journey in a beautiful and serene setting will be just what

is needed as the busy summer winds down and we prepare ourselves for the activities of fall and winter.

Blessings,
Donna Gatewood, Retreat Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 15, Thursday, 7:00 pm – Evening with Joel Goldsmith.

August 5-7, Spiritual Renewal Retreat, Airlie Retreat and Conference Center, Warrenton, VA.

August 8, Sunday, 11:00 pm Dr. Al G. Salazar will fill the pulpit.

August 28, Thursday, 7:00 pm – Evening with Joel Goldsmith.

**Ongoing Prayer and Study Groups:
Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays – 7:00 pm (Men’s Group)**

**Ongoing Weekly Meditation Hour:
Wednesdays 12 – 1 pm**

**Ongoing Bible Class:
Wednesdays – 7:00 pm**

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UPCOMING TRAFFIC ISSUES

Here are some upcoming events you may want to avoid on your way to church. (www.dc.about.com is a useful website to check on upcoming events. I then click on “Things To Do” and then “Monthly Events Calendar”).

July 4 - WASHINGTON, DC

- Independence Day Parade 11:45 a.m. Constitution Avenue between 7th and 17th Sts. NW. and other activities on the Mall.
- Capitol Hill – Parade 10 a.m. beginning at 8th and I SE followed by a community fair at Eastern Market Metro Plaza.
- Palisades – Parade 11 a.m. begins at the corner of Whitehaven Parkway and MacArthur Boulevard, ends at the entrance to the Palisades Recreation Center.

July 4 - MARYLAND - Takoma Park, Garrett Park, Kensington, Montgomery Village, Laurel

July 4 - NORTHERN VIRGINIA - Fairfax, Great Falls, Leesburg, several Arlington neighborhoods.

August 1 and 8 WASHINGTON, DC

Legg Mason Tennis Classic Tournament (runs July 31 to Aug 8) at the William H.G. Fitzgerald Tennis Center at Rock Creek Park, 16th & Kennedy Streets, NW Washington, DC.

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