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LESSON TOPICS FOR JULY

July 2 FREEDOM TO BE
Rev. Janet Friedline

We speak of freedom as something to be desired and attained. But freedom is not something we can see or touch. True freedom is a quality of inner being. Be still and know is the way of attainment.

July 9 BE A WITNESS
Rev. Janet Friedline

Our thoughts, words and actions bear witness to our idea of "Self." Are we the one of flesh and blood, or are we the one who has his being in Christ? It is our decision.

July 16 A JOYFUL GIVER
Rev. Donna Gatewood

The apostle Paul tells all of us how we are to give to the Lord. We are to do so with joy. "For God loves a cheerful giver."

July 23 WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?
Rev. Donna Gatewood

Jesus was Love in action. He showed us what God is like--not so much by what He taught; but how he lived.

July 30 I HAVE MEAT
Rev. Janet Friedline

Jesus spoke of invisible sustenance when he said "I have meat ye know not of." And we want what Jesus had. We ask "what is the source of Jesus' good and where do we find it?" Let us discover the answer.

LESSON TOPICS FOR AUGUST

August 6 CONSIDER THE RAVENS
Rev. Donna Gatewood

Our Father raises the fragile bird to the sky on ascending wing; just as he raises each of us up to His divine holy Self.

August 13 SILENCE
Rev. Donna Gatewood

It is a very simple concept--if we want to hear what a friend has to say to us, we must pay attention and listen. So why is the most common kind of prayer talking?

August 20 IT IS YOUR CHOICE
Rev. Janet Friedline

Each of us has the ability to pick and choose. The wise, among us, seek guidance and direction. Truth reveals the source of inner being. Let us choose to turn within and listen.

August 27 FULLNESS OF LIFE
Rev. Janet Friedline

Each of us has certain ideas about life and how it should be lived. We wish to be successful, accomplishing in ways that bring satisfaction. Clearly, there is work for us to do. Let us get busy and do it.

“I ONCE WAS LOST...”
Rev. Pat Beach

Yes, Father, it's so clear now that this world's challenges can truly bring our greatest blessing. For it is in the most difficult times that we learn to pray with all of our mind, heart, soul and strength. Surrendering worldly thoughts and words, the illusion of separation dissolves. Far above a sense of a limited, separate self, Your Presence is revealed as the foundation and essence of all creation. God of Infinite Mercy, thank you that finally I realize that every element of creation was made just to experience union and communion with You. Most Loving God, with humble, grateful heart Thy wandering child has come back Home. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the newly elected Board of Trustees and its officers. Thank you for your continued vote of confidence in those individuals who have decided to give their time and energy to carrying out the business of the church. We will not meet over the summer but expect to meet the second Sunday in September.

After the recent election, the Board now has a full complement of 7 members. The new Board met and updated the Table of Organization which will be posted on the Bulletin Board at the Church Library entrance. Please consider taking a look to see which Board Members are Liaisons for certain Church functional areas such as

Sanctuary, Library, Facilities, etc., and get in touch with a respective Board Member to volunteer to serve.

The new Board also prepared the 2017-2018 Calendar of Events for goings on at the Church for the next year. Once finalized by input from the Education Director, this will also be posted on the Bulletin Board and will be included in the September Newsletter Education Insert.

At present, we have no pressing issues to bring to your attention over the summer, however, in September we will have some discussion as to how the Board will proceed in the coming year. In addition to its attention to the financial stability of the church, the Board is always open to ideas and suggestions from you, our Divine Science family.

In the meantime, have a safe and joyous summer.

"Our activities should be varied, satisfying and effective. Life should be and may be for each one of us full of richness, beauty and goodness."

Nona L. Brooks

Shirley Taylor Moore
President, Board of Trustees

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY

On Sunday, June 25, we celebrated and honored two students who completed Divine Science classes this year. Each of them also completed the full basic course of study and became a Divine Science Graduate. Two others received Practitioner Certificates.

STUDENTS COMPLETING BASIC COURSES IN DIVINE SCIENCE

**Bible Mystery/Bible Meaning
Old Testament**

Ms. Jacqueline Scotland, Instructor

Judy Coleman-Kla

Marsha Miné

**Bible Mystery/Bible Meaning
New Testament**

Ms. Sylvia Anderson, Instructor

Judy Coleman-Kla

Marsha Miné

Higher Training and Consecration

Rev. Janet Friedline, Instructor

Judy Coleman-Kla

Marsha Miné

DIVINE SCIENCE GRADUATES

Students successfully completing the basic
Divine Science course of study

Judy Coleman-Kla

Marsha Miné

PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATES

Dr. Al G. Salazar, Instructor

Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr.

Jacqueline Scotland

TONY HAWKINS

As most of you know, **Tony Hawkins**, made his transition on June 14, 2017. Tony first came to the church a number of years ago. He completed the basic Divine Science course of study and became a graduate last year. His presence and loving spirit have blessed each one of us.

In February, Tony delivered the Alumni Presentation in which he shared about his spiritual journey and the power of continuing to focus on the Kingdom of God within. He increasingly manifest as an individualized expression of God.

Tony worked for many years as a cameraman and videographer at WTOP-TV and later worked freelance.

He would often come to service or class at the Divine Science Church, after attending a service at the United Church of Christ and before attending a service at the Unity Church. He was a true seeker and a man who spoke his mind, sometimes raising controversy. He attended the Men's group, Tuesday evening Study Group, Miriam's Wednesday night bible classes, and Alumni events. He was very gracious and generous about giving people rides to service and other church events.

A few of us had the opportunity to experience or observe him as a talented, tough and fiercely competitive basketball and ping pong player, even after his surgeries and chemo.

Tony, your spirit is indomitable and your love unceasing.

ANNA HUNT

We learned by return mail, that **Anna Hunt** made her transition in May 2017. Anna joined the church in October 1975.

We haven't seen her for a few years, but prior to that, when able, she came by Circulator bus or Metro Access to church in her wheel chair. It was always a joy to see her. When she wasn't able to get down to the Fellowship Hall, one of us would bring some food up and join her for dinner or snacks in the library.

Her sweet and loving presence is remembered and cherished always.

BOOKSTORE

The bookstore is featuring a new book by Neville for the months of July and August. The book is titled: *Immortal Man*. This book is a treasury of inspiration and Spiritual Comfort by one of America's Great New Thought Teachers. "Although

Neville’s career peaked in the late 1950’s and early 60’s his message continues to find a place in the hearts of readers throughout the world. Neville Goddard was one of the more quietly dramatic and supremely influential teachers in the New Thought field for many years. In his simple yet elegant style, Neville was able to clarify the nature of God in deeply personal terms, awakening students to the reality of God’s manifestations not only in the world around them, but from within—their soul.”

This book has been chosen for reading and discussion by Rev. Janet Friedline’s Tuesday Evening Book Study Group. Why not pick up a copy and join the group for lively discussion and fellowship.

Below is a Profit and Loss Statement for the Bookstore covering April-June.

The statement shows a net income of \$597.84 for the quarter. This net income is the result of book and CD sales in the amount of \$542.93 and donations in the amount of \$179.50 made from the book swap and sale held in April, and the sale of gift certificates totaling \$50.00. Making our total income for the quarter \$772.43.

Our expenses for the reporting period was \$174.59 for the purchase of books.

**Bookstore Profit and Loss
Apr-Jun 2017**

<u>Income</u>	
Book and CD Sales	542.93
Contributions	179.50
Gift Certificates	50.00
Total Income:	772.43
<u>Expenses</u>	
Book Purchase	174.59
Total Expenses	174.59
Net Income:	597.84

Thanks to all of you who participated in the book swap and sale. We think it was a success and we will consider doing it again next year.

Rev. Donna Gatewood
Bookstore Manager

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Alumni Association would like to express gratitude and appreciation for all the speakers, attendees, and all those who gave support for the food, the set-up and the clean-up. The 2017-18 Alumni Program will start October 2 and run through May, with the exception of January. Officers for the upcoming year: President: Charmaine Hawkins; Vice President: Marva Coates; Treasurer: Marsha Miné; Secretary: Judy Coleman-Kla.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church office will be closed July 4.

Ongoing Prayer/Study Groups:

Tuesdays – 6:30 pm (The group will not meet on Tuesdays, July 4 or 18.)

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