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LESSON TOPICS FOR JUNE

June 3 CHANGING PATTERNS
Rev. Donna Gatewood

As you begin to gain a sense of wholeness and fulfillment, the broken pieces of life begin to fall together for you in a related pattern of experience. There is no longer a need to concentrate on dividing the ugly from the beautiful or the good from the bad in appearances. For in and through all of it a higher pattern emerges.

June 10 PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE
Rev. Donna Gatewood

All of God's creation was meant to be perfect. And so it is that we feel the urge to be perfect in our appearance, our communications, and our relationships.

June 17 FROM WHENCE YE CAME
Rev. Janet Friedline

We question the origin of life. Who made us, and gave us our name? To know who we are, we must first discover from whence we came. We are of the household of God; that is all we need to know.

June 24 LEARN OF ME
Student Recognition Day
Rev. Janet Friedline

We study and we learn. We gain knowledge from the outer, but revelation is given in the quiet place of inner being. Let us go often to the holy place, so that we may learn from the one who hath sent us.

OUR SUFFICIENCY
Rev. Pat Beach

The concept of "Grace" may sometimes be described instead as "outstreaming good will" or "the Law of Expression." Regardless of the name, this is our sufficiency, our life line and an essential connection to knowing God's Presence. It is God's pouring Himself out – not only into His creation -- but even as His creation. "Without him was not anything made that was made."

When Paul asked to be spared from infirmity, the response was, "My grace is all you need. Only when you are weak can everything be done completely by my power." In other words, we need only to be aware that God is perpetually with us because of His very nature. Our cooperation that comes from this understanding is that we become open and receptive to Him, letting go of "my power" and "my might"

and accepting our true spiritual nature as His offspring.

The world offers us temptations one after another to believe otherwise but we find lasting rest and shelter only in the certainty that truly His Grace is our sufficiency. This understanding is the foundation for harmony and peace in all times and places.

Most Gracious God, we give infinite thanks for grace and truth that have come by Jesus' Christ Consciousness. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Everyone:

This time of year is oftentimes overrun with graduation exercises, weddings and any number of seasonal activities. Here at the church, May is the month of our Annual Meeting and a review of the year's activities both social as well as financial and, a new Board of Trustees is elected with a new slate of officers.

ITEM #1 On Sunday, May 20, members and friends attended the church Annual Meeting. This is the occasion where committee Chairpersons make known the activities of their domains from the previous year. A wonderful reception was offered by the Board of Trustees for those in attendance to enjoy as the presentations were made. In addition a printed edition of reports from the committees within the church was also available.

ITEM #2 The result of the recent elections resulted in the two previous Board members, Eugene Policastri and Jacqueline Scotland, both running for second terms, being elected to the Board again. There were no write-in candidates. In addition, Ms. Regina Bratton has agreed to fill the vacancy left by Juana Gonzalez for the next two years. This is a Board appointment carried out according to

the By-Laws of the church. The following officers were elected within the Board itself:

Shirley Taylor Moore, President
Charmaine Hawkins, Vice President
Eugene Policastri, Secretary
Brandi Coates, Treasurer
Michael Adeniji, Member
Regina Bratton, Member
Jacqueline Scotland, Member
Rev. Janet Friedline, Ex Officio.

ITEM #3 During the past year mention was made to you concerning the Church Mission Statement. It is an item that Dr. Salazar discussed with the Board, teachers, practitioners and ministers on a visit two years ago, and, is something that was worked out in its finality this year. After several edits, this statement was voted on by the Board of Trustees and approved by the ministers and practitioners. It is with pleasure that we place it below for you to see. It will also be placed on our website, in the 35th Street foyer and in the library.

Mission Statement of the Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ

“Be still and know that I AM God” (Psalm 46:10) is the healing message of the Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ. As a Christian-based Teaching, our mission is to acquaint every individual with the Truth of their being as an individualized expression of God, by pointing the way to this Truth, which is discovered through contemplative prayer and meditation—the practice of the Omnipresence of God. We strive to share the knowledge of the way, the truth, and the abundant life in Christ.

ITEM #4 The Board of Trustees does not meet during July and August, but would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the

members and friends who have volunteered in some capacity during the year. Of particular note is Ms. Nikki Coates, sister of church Treasurer, Brandi Coates. She is always present to lend a hand at each church fundraiser or reception. Thanks, Nikki.

“ For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is created by the word of God in prayer.” 1 Timothy 4:4-5

Shirley Taylor Moore, President
Board of Trustees

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Alumni Association would like to invite all to attend the **Student Recognition Reception on Sunday, June 24, 2018**, immediately following the Sunday Student Recognition Service.

There will be the **Annual Alumni Association meeting** following the Student Recognition Reception on June 24, 2018.

On May 6, 2018, the Alumni Association ended its year of speakers with Wayne Gatewood, who recently became a Divine Science practitioner. Wayne spoke about God as the expression of creation, and about our ability to think outside of the 5 senses, using our Intuition which lies within the Spiritual realm. He spoke about the fear we have of not wanting to let go of our condition even when we are not happy with where we are.

He shared a story about creatures that lived in a river and spent their entire lives clinging and holding on to the rocks with an enormous fear of letting go. One day however, one of the creatures did let go, he ultimately got tumbled and smashed, bounced around and bruised up, but eventually he was lifted free. When others

downstream of the river, to whom he was a stranger, saw him they called him a miracle, a Messiah, but he told them “I am no more Messiah than you, the river delights to lift us free, if only we dare let go, our true work is this voyage out here in this life, this adventure,” and the creature moved on leaving the others still clinging on to the rocks.

Next, Wayne spoke about the powerful song lyrics that describe the state of the world today, effectively revealing bible scripture that reflected these lyrics. He emphasized lyrics from the Temptation’s song; “**Ball of Confusion**” which described the world we live in today. Wayne concluded his presentation by reminding us that confusion comes with the flesh, and nothing will change in the world until our consciousness changes.

We thank all those who participated this year in our presentations – by leading, attending and providing refreshments. Our next presentations will start in October.

Judy Coleman-Kla
Secretary, Alumni Association

WEBSITE – LESSONS



If you would like to listen to any of the Sunday lessons delivered since 2012, they are available to you on our website.

All you need to do is go to www.divinescience.org and click on the lower left title “Sunday Lessons.” A listing of all the recorded lessons since 2012 will be displayed. Just click on the one you wish to

hear and enjoy! If you wish, you may download them free and make your own CDs. Or, if you prefer, you may request a copy from the church. Each costs \$5 if picked up here; \$8 if mailed.

FLOWERS



There are still 2 days in 2018 for people to sign up to dedicate Sunday flowers. The flowers cost \$25 and you may take them with you after the service. If you are not able to be here on that Sunday, you may either leave directions about what you would like us to do with them, or leave them for the popular free raffle during Coffee with Clarence.

Margaret is often acknowledged for getting the Sunday flowers for the church. I wish to gently correct the record -- there is someone who has gone unacknowledged for too long -- Michael Greenblatt. Not only does he go with me to pick up the flowers, he usually arranges them, and he is the one who started and conducts the "Free Raffle" which brings much joy to all of us. Thank you, Michael!



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 10, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Board of Trustees Meeting.

June 24, Sunday, 11:00 am, Student Recognition Day Service followed by Reception and Alumni Association

Annual Meeting.

Ongoing Prayer/Study Group:

Tuesdays – 6:30 pm, Prayer and Study Group

OFFICE COVERAGE:

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

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TRAFFIC ISSUES

Sun, June 10, 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Capital Pride Concert and Festival, Pennsylvania Ave from 3rd to 7th St, NW, DC

Sun, June 24, 11:00 am -- 7:30 pm, National Capital Barbecue Battle, Pennsylvania Ave, between 9th and 14th Streets, NW.

