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NEWSLETTER

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Dr. Al. G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus

LESSON TOPICS FOR JUNE

June 1 TO PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Rev. Maria Borrero

Our attitude, beliefs, feelings and thoughts are our prayers that are manifested out here in the world. Let us learn to pray correctly so that we may be a witness to God, his works and his Kingdom.

June 8 ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Rev. Pat Beach

The prophet Isaiah foretold of deliverance through Immanuel (God with us and in us). He said salvation would come for those who turn from rituals and selfishness to know the Lord, the Holy One of Israel. We honor this awakening to new life as "unto us a child is born...and his name shall be called Wonderful..."

June 15 RENEWING OF THE MIND

Practitioner Pamela Johnson

In order to renew our spirit, we must renew our thinking and our thoughts. Be still and know.

June 22 THE PAST IS REQUIRED

Rev. Miriam Comer Johnson

Man's deepest yearning in life is to "be perfect." Yet, nothing happening in his life is without merit. Every activity and

experience has been necessary to bring him into the realization of *being* a perfect expression of God.

June 29 THE LAND WHICH THOU SEEEST

Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus

A Divine Science Ordination

PRACTICING THE PRESENCE

Rev. Pat Beach

"The practice of the presence of God is the whole of Divine Science." Nona Brooks

Divine Science teaches the Omnipresence of God. This simply means that God is present at all times and in all places. In our readings and studies of Divine Science, God is recognized as the basis for all that is. Through instruction developed by our founders, we are shown how the law of expression proves the Oneness of all being. Being flows always from the Creator, through creative action to the creation.

With this understanding and through ongoing practice, we learn to see the true relationship of all things to the One Source. Our practice is in living consciously in and from the basis of Spirit. To be consciously aware of God's presence is the example that Jesus set with his teaching. *"For I have*

given you an example, that ye should do as I have done.”

This teaching reveals Truth to all who accept it. It is accepted through practical application. *“If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Can you believe that we are halfway through 2008 already? Time surely flies. While the calendar reads mid-year, our new Church year is just beginning. At last month’s annual meeting the Board of Trustees welcomed Ramona Harper as its newest member and selected officers as follows:

Elan Darlington, President
Rev. Janet Friedline, Vice President
Rev. Donna Gatewood, Treasurer
Connie Greco, Secretary

Rev. Maria Borrero, Wayne Gatewood, Pamela Johnson and Stacey St. Holder continue to serve as well. In the coming weeks we will revise the organizational chart and make committee assignments. We are always looking for volunteers that want to help in various areas such as fundraising, sanctuary, facilities and outreach. If you are interested, please contact a member of the board or me.

Have you visited the bookstore recently? It is better organized so you can easily find the books and authors that you love. Take a moment to browse the shelves and get comfortable with the new layout. For all of you bargain hunters, there is a sale section where you will find books and CDs for 50% off; you may find some books you’ve been eying for some time at a good price! A “Featured Books” section includes some newer selections too. CD’s have been moved to the table next to the cash register,

so please continue to sign up for your favorite lessons.

It is such a joy to watch the continued growth of the Church as we try new things and make subtle changes to old traditions. Please feel free to share any comments, suggestions or questions you have.

Blessings,
Élan Darlington

DIVINE SCIENCE ORDINATION

On Sunday, June 29, 2008, Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus, will conduct an Ordination Service during the Sunday Service. The two individuals to be ordained are David M. Bailey and Ishbel M. Bailey of Tunbridge Wells, United Kingdom.

Dave and Ish studied for many years under the late Rev. June Jones in South Africa. Rev. Jones’ Church, the Association of Creative Thought (A.C.T.), became a campus of the Divine Science School in the mid 1990’s. Dave and Ish took Divine Science classes under Dr. Salazar’s instruction when he first went to South Africa to teach for the Divine Science School. They have continued their studies in Divine Science Graduate training and then Divine Science Practitioner training through on-site and correspondence training with Dr. Salazar, Rev. Miriam Comer Johnson, Rev. Donna Gatewood and Rev. Pat Beach. They are currently Practitioners and are on the faculty of the Divine Science School. Most recently, they fulfilled the requirements of a two year Ministerial Training Practicum. They plan to teach Divine Science from their location in the United Kingdom.

Please join us for a reception following the Ordination Service and meet both of these very dedicated individuals.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We are grateful for your continued loving support of our teaching and our church activities. Through your conscious awareness of God's Abundance everywhere and always present our little church continues to flourish.

At its February Board Meeting the Board passed its projected budget for fiscal year 2008. The budget was prepared using actual income and expenses based on what came in through tithes and offerings and what we spent to run the church in 2007. We also used projected expenses to include increases in the cost of postage, maintenance of the facility, travel and lodging our voting representative to attend the Divine Science Federation meeting in Kansas in August. If everything goes as planned in our budget, we should have a net income of \$14,833 at the end of the year. The approved budget is included below.

Divine Science Church Budget Overview January through December 2008

Income	
Book Department	1,500.00
Unrestricted Contributions	103,008.00
Total Contributions	103,008.00
Divine Science Classes	50.00
Flowers	1,500.00
Gifts Sunday School	1,200.00
Sunday School Brunch	605.00
Total Income	107,863.00
Expenses	
Bank Service Charges	120.00
Contract Labor	30,625.08
Copier Rental/Maintenance	1,230.96
Custodial Contract	7,125.00
Custodial Supplies	500.04
Dues & Subscription	309.96
Equipment Miscellaneous	1,200.00
Federation Dues & Donation	1,400.00
Fire and Security Alarm	260.00
Flowers Expense (Sundays)	1,952.04
Furnace Expense	999.96

Guest Minister	3,399.66
Insurance	2,293.00
Kitchen Supplies/Coffee Hour	622.08
Misc. Ops (Pest Control, etc)	750.00
Office Supplies	544.92
Outreach	7,308.00
Postage and Delivery	1,699.92
Printing and Reproduction	3045.84
Rent	1,200.00
Repairs – Building Repairs	2,499.96
Sanctuary Supplies	186.00
Special Flowers	490.00
Special Music Expenses	5,525.04
Sunday School	600.00
Sunday School Brunch Expenses	375.00
Telephone	2,856.00
Travel & Ent.	2,226.52
Utilities	
Gas and Electric	11,004.96
Water	680.04
Total Utilities	11,685.00
Total Expenses	93,029.98
Net Income	14,833.02

Also included for your information is the Profit and Loss Statement for the year January –December 2007. This is the statement on which the 2008-2009 budget was based.

Divine Science Church Profit and Loss January through December 2007

Income	
Book Department	1,500.00
Building Fund	20,010.00
Unrestricted Contributions	118,342.68
Other Contributions	103.00
Total Contributions	118,445.68
Divine Science Classes	189.50
Flowers	1,215.00
Fundraisers/Musical Gala	30.00
Gatewood Ordination Gifts	410.00
Gifts Sunday School	6,420.00
Miscellaneous Income	27.73
Music Gala Gifts	5,652.00
Music Gala	5,165.00
Musical Gala Ad Purchases	1,250.00
Norman Bott Memorial Fund	53.00
Reimbursed Expenses	79.96

Special Flowers	314.00	
Sunday School Brunch	875.00	
Total Income		161,636.87
Expenses		
Bank Service Charges	1,013.77	
Contract Labor	30,625.00	
Copier Rental/Maintenance	1,230.96	
Custodial Contract	7,125.00	
Custodial Supplies	457.29	
Dues & Subscription	100.00	
Equipment Miscellaneous	309.30	
Federation Dues & Donation	1,300.00	
Fire and Security Alarm	677.20	
Flowers Expense (Sundays)	1,952.70	
Furnace Expense	1,324.20	
General Fund Investment	30,000.00	
Guest Minister	3,400.00	
Insurance	2,293.00	
Kitchen Supplies/Coffee Hour	607.13	
Licenses and Permits	75.00	
Misc. Ops (Pest Control, etc)	748.25	
Miscellaneous	191.92	
Musical Gala Expenses	3,603.20	
Musical Gala Printing	926.10	
Norman Bott Memorial Expenses	837.73	
Office Supplies	541.29	
Outreach	7,307.42	
Postage and Delivery	1,674.45	
Printing and Reproduction	3045.68	
Rent	1,200.00	
Repairs – Building Repairs	2,425.00	
Sanctuary Supplies	186.04	
Special Flowers	245.00	
Special Music Expenses	5,525.00	
Sunday School	579.35	
Sunday School Brunch Expenses	299.43	
Telephone	5,006.94	
Thanksgiving Dinner	75.92	
Travel & Ent.	1226.50	
Utilities		
Gas and Electric	11,002.45	
Water	667.96	
Total Utilities		11,670.41
Total Expenses		129,806.18
Net Income		31,830.69

At the end of April the balance in our General Fund checking account was \$71,546.50.

Blessings,

Donna M. Gatewood
Treasurer, Board of Trustees

KIDS' KORNER

Our Sunday school year has rapidly come to an end. Sunday, June 8, will be the last session for our Sunday year 2007-2008. That Sunday has been designated as Sunday School Recognition Day and you know what that means! We'll be serving up a delicious meal just for you as our way of saying thank you for all your support over the year. Please join us.

The good old fashioned ice cream social we sponsored on Sunday, May 25, was a whopper of a good time! We stuffed ourselves with cold creamy ice cream and every topping you could imagine and some you couldn't! We're all kids when it comes to ice cream.

Thank you from our hearts for all the support you have given us through out the year by way of attending our Cooking with Spirit Brunches and our recent first ever bake sale. Your generosity taught us how to serve others and give back to the church family and the teaching. Through the sale of brunches, the Sunday school earned \$599; and all those delicious goodies we baked for the bake sale brought in another \$322. As a result of your support, the Sunday school was able to donate \$921 to the General Fund.

Selfless service is an expression of Love. Did you see all the love blooming as you walked toward and up the 35th street entrance? The children weeded, planted, and mulched the two existing flower beds along the walkway and made and planted a new bed on the side of the church next to the porch. They did a great job!

I wish to thank our wonderful teachers who dedicated their time and energy in support of our Sunday school program during the term. They are Elan Darlington, Shirley Taylor Moore, Stacey St. Holder and Courtney Moore.

An extra special thank you goes to Ms Courtney Moore, our special valentine, for her loving care of the toddlers. She certainly had her hands full with our little ones. She was patient and kind as she read to them and taught them to color, draw and paint. Ms Courtney was also a great help in the kitchen.

Hugs and kisses those very special individuals who donated money and supplies and materials to the Sunday school. We are most grateful and appreciative of you all.

Ours is the only Divine Science church that has a viable Sunday school. We work each year to renew and refresh it. During our break we will look at the curriculum again to see what we can do to improve it. We encourage you to bring your children and your grandchildren and your neighbor's children.

Love and Blessings,
Donna Gatewood
Director, Youth Ministry and Sunday School

PLAN AHEAD:
DIVINE SCIENCE FEDERATION
INTERNATIONAL Conference
August 11-15, 2008 in Kansas City, MO
www.quarteragehotel.com
www.divinesciencefederation.com
(Registration forms are on the table in the Library)

**MAY IS DIVINE SCIENCE
FEDERATION MONTH**

Membership forms are on the table in the Library. Please consider joining and/or making a donation.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Divine Science Church Alumni Association culminated its 2007//2008 season on Sunday, May 4 with a presentation by Ms. Karla Rodas. This year's theme focused on the Beatitudes – states of supreme happiness or joy. The Beatitudes are those qualities or characteristics described by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount of the citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. On May 4, Karla shared her understanding of Matthew 5:9, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Sons of God.”

Karla graphically depicted through both her gift as an artist and metaphors of nature the importance of attaining the characteristic of a peacemaker. She beautifully conveyed the idea that to realize our Divine Sonship we must gain the ability to bring all negative thoughts and emotions, the storms of life, into a state of harmony and balance.

We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who contributed to make this season a success.

On June 22nd our Church will celebrate Student Recognition Day and the Alumni Association will host a reception in honor of the students. Following the reception, the Alumni Association will hold its Annual Meeting at which the floor will be open for nomination and election of officers. All are welcome.

Sylvia Anderson, Secretary
Alumni Association

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8, 11:00 am, Sunday School Recognition Day Service, followed by Brunch.

June 22, 11:00 am, Student Recognition Day Service, followed by a reception for all and a meeting of the Alumni Association.

June 29, 11:00 am, Divine Science Ordination with Dr. Al G. Salazar, followed by a reception.

Ongoing Study Groups and Class:

Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays – 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays - 11:00 a.m.

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DR. AL G. SALAZAR

Minister Emeritus

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2008

“The Land Which Thou Seeest”

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A COMPLAINT FREE WORLD

How to Stop Complaining and Start Enjoying the Life You Always Wanted

by Will Bowen

Are you tired of all the whining and complaining going on, including your own?

By becoming conscious of and changing one’s words, one changes one’s thoughts and ultimately one’s life. As Bowen says, “Complaining is talking about things you do not want rather than what you do want.” “You are creating your life in every moment with the thoughts to which you give the most attention.” Sound familiar?

The Bowen Complaint Free challenge only deals with complaints, criticism and gossip that are spoken. If it comes out of your mouth it counts. If it is only in your thoughts, it doesn’t count. This is different from the 7 Day Mental Diet by Emmet Fox in which negative thoughts count, whether expressed or not.

In this book, Will Bowen, the lead minister at Christ Church Unity in Kansas City, Missouri, describes the Complaint Free movement he started. About 6 million people in 80 countries have requested the free purple bracelets he makes available as a step toward transforming their lives. The purple bracelet is put on one wrist and whenever the person complains, criticizes or gossips, he/she takes the bracelet off that wrist and puts it on the other one. The challenge is to go for 21 days without moving the bracelet – that means, 21 days without complaining, criticizing or gossiping.

The bookstore has 1 copy of this book and can order more if there is interest. You can learn more about this on the website: AComplaintFreeWorld.org and order a free purple bracelet.