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NEWSLETTER

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### LESSON TOPICS FOR MARCH

**Mar 5 CHANGES THAT MATTER**  
Rev. Donna Gatewood

It's an inspiring idea that our lives can be changed for the better. But some changes never change anything. Why?

**Mar 12 THE HEALING CHRIST**  
Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus  
(Daylight Saving Time)

Paul urges all of us to attain a measure of that mind that was in the Christ Jesus. This was a mind that transcended the human condition. A mind that knows no iniquity of any kind.

**Mar 19 THE SEARCH FOR IDENTITY**  
Rev. Janet Friedline

Mankind longs to know who he is, where he came from, and why he is here. Intuitively we feel that life is not a random event. Our true Self is the one of inner being - acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace.

**Mar 26 DARE I TRY AGAIN?**  
Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus

A wise man once said that "young eyes only look; mature eyes discern." So do we believe what we see or do we see what we

believe? Discover what seeing has to do with a good life.

**THY KINGDOM IS COME**  
Rev. Pat Beach

The realization of Wholeness comes from practice. As we give undivided attention to the things of the spirit, Omnipresence makes Itself known. For instance, in contemplating Bible passages about the nature of God, the union of all things is unmistakable.

**"God is spirit."** God is in the world but not of it, and therefore not limited to it. To give attention to His infinite, *invisible* essence it is necessary to quiet the realm of human physical and mental activities to worship Him in spirit and truth. For this, we are called to **"Be still..."**

**"God is light."** In Stillness His radiant Being shows darkness to be simply the ignorance of His Presence. With this illumination God's Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding are made *visible* from within us **"...and know..."**

**"God is love."** This, the fundamental nature of God, confirms the *indivisibility* of all things on heaven and earth. It is here in His kingdom, when the veil is lifted, that wholeness reveals **"...I am God."**

**Thank you Most Wondrous God that Thy Will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**ITEM 1: ANNUAL CHURCH VALENTINE GATHERING.** Want to thank all of you that attended Service on Sunday, February 12, 2017, and immediately following the Service, attended our Annual Church Valentine gala. This year's Secret Valentine was Ms. "Nik" Coates. Nik, although not a member of our Church, attends service along with her Mom, Marva, and her sister Brandi, our Board Treasurer. Since being introduced to our Church, Nik has volunteered time and time again to play an integral role while supporting our Church gatherings. Whether it be our Christmas celebration, Thanksgiving Dinner, or other Church activity, Nik has stepped forward to help decorate our Grace Faus Fellowship Hall, prepare and donate food items, and stay behind to clean up post-activity. Through all of her volunteer participation and relationships with other Church Members, we see in Nik, a wonderful disposition, sincerity, and a countenance of Love and Light.

**ITEM 2: SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT! BOARD ELECTIONS ARE SET FOR MAY 2017.** Because of a previous change to our Church's Bylaws, the Board is to be comprised of seven Members. For the next Board Year 2017-2018, the Board shall need two new members. Should you be contacted by the Board and asked to run for a Board position, please consider doing so.....the Church needs productive, participating, and energetic Board members.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** March 12, 2017.

Love and blessings....

Wayne Gatewood  
President, Church Board of Trustees  
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### **WELCOME**

We would like to extend a special welcome to our newest member, **Regina Bratton**, of Burtonsville, MD.

### **SPRING CLASSES**

Starting on Sunday, April 2 at 9 am:

#### **Meditation**

Dr. Denise King-Miller, *Instructor*  
Date: Sunday, April 2, 2017, 9:00 am  
*Prerequisite: Basic Principle of Divine Science*

The Meditation class is approached in a well-defined, scientific manner and clearly establishes the difference between the cosmic and spiritual levels of awareness. The transcending spiritual meditation process and its practical application to every-day living are emphasized in every session.

#### **Higher Training and Consecration**

Rev. Janet Friedline, *Instructor*  
Date: Sunday, April 2, 2017, 9:00 am  
*Prerequisite: The other 5 classes.*

This class stresses the transformation of consciousness from a sense-awareness of life to a Christ-awareness of life. It gently presents to the individual student an opportunity to establish a spiritual basis from which to think and live.

Sign-up Sheets have been placed on the table in the library. The classes run for 10

weeks; the cost is \$65; people who have previously completed the class may audit and the cost is \$35.

### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

On February 5, Tony Hawkins delivered the Alumni Presentation, "The Kingdom of God is Within."

Tony shared his revelation which happened long before he found the Divine Science Church. He was feeling especially burdened and questioned whether there was anything to spirituality and asked God to help him and reveal Himself to him. He heard "You are my beloved child in whom I am well pleased. Your burdens are lifted." He did not resist the temptation to ask God for a number -- to hit the lottery. And then felt he had "blown it."

He was led to read "Nature" by Emerson who said that Jesus had more faith in God than anyone ever and that Jesus said "This is the way, follow me." Tony's burdens were lifted; his desire which was leading him amiss was lifted. Fox's "Sermon on the Mount" made him realize that God was within. A Unity minister and Muslim said the same thing.

During his recent health challenges, he was preparing for this presentation. He said his commitment to make this presentation was like a prescription for his healing. At any point, when he shifted his focus to the Kingdom of God within, he experienced peace and comfort.

In the morning he starts his day with illuminating thoughts which prove elusive as the outer world rushes in. He keeps turning within to acknowledge and treasure truth.

Thank you, Tony, for sharing your wisdom and love with us. Thanks you, Charmaine, for the refreshments.

Please join us next month, March 5, when Pat Shields will speak.

### SPIRITUAL BOOK SWAP



If you didn't notice or you misplaced our February newsletter article concerning the bookstore sponsored spiritual and esoteric book swap this is a reminder for you to take a look around your bookshelves, closets, night stands, and coffee tables for those gently used metaphysical/spiritual/esoteric books that you have duplicates of or that no longer interest you.

Take advantage of this opportunity to begin your spring cleaning. Here are the simple rules.

**Books will be collected February and March. The swap begins in April.**

Bring your books in a bag or box with your name on it so we can keep track of what is coming in and going out.

If you bring a book you can swap for a book of your choice. If you bring ten books, you can swap for ten books of your choice. There is no charge for swapping.

Once those who have brought books in to exchange have made their choices, the remaining books will be available to any other interested individuals for a love offering to the bookstore.

If you have any questions, please call Donna Gatewood at the church office at 202-333-7630.

## FLOWERS

Thank you for signing up for flowers to decorate our sanctuary -- there are still a few dates available in 2017. The lovely flower arrangements or plants come from Whole Foods. The flowers cost \$25 and you may take them with you after the service. If you will not be here on your Sunday, you may give us special directions about what you want done with them or we will free-affle them at the coffee hour after the service.

## EASTER LILIES



A sign-up sheet has been placed on the table in the library where you may indicate how many lovely Easter lilies you would like to purchase to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter. The cost is \$13. You may take them home after the Easter service and plant them, admire them or give them as gifts!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mar 5, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Alumni Association with Patricia Shields.**

**Mar 12, Sunday, Daylight Saving Time. Dr. Al G. Salazar: "The Healing Christ," followed by Board of Trustees Meeting.**

**Mar 26, Sunday, Dr. Al G. Salazar: "Dare I Try Again?"**

**Ongoing Prayer/Study Group:**

**Tuesdays – 6:30 pm**

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## TRAFFIC ISSUES



**Sun, March 12, 7:30 am, St. Patrick's Day 5 and 10-K.** Starts/Finishes at 15<sup>th</sup> and Constitution, SW, near the Washington Monument. Goes around Tidal Basin.



**March 12, Noon to 3:00 p.m.** St. Patrick's Day parade along Constitution Avenue - 7th to 17th Streets NW.

**Sun, March 19, 9 am,** near Freedom Plaza, 1201 Pennsylvania Ave. Scope it Out 5K Run/Walk for Colon Cancer Awareness. Starts and ends at Freedom Plaza. Goes up Pennsylvania Avenue to the U.S. Capitol.

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