



NEWSLETTER

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LESSON TOPICS FOR MARCH 2020

MARCH 1 “ONE POWER” Rev. Janet Friedline

When we speak of power, we consider the ability to act, and produce with authority and command. But just who, or what is worthy of such influence; who decides, and who gives it? Let us "think on these things."

MARCH 8 “HEAVEN AND HELL” Rev. Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr.

How many individuals on this earth still believe in some place where so-called “bad people” go after human death; a place where the flames of the devil’s furnace are stoked mightily and our evil souls twist and turn in an eternity of anguish? It all sounds quite uncomfortable does it not! Well Hallelujah... let us first be grateful in the knowledge that there is no death, as we in Truth are pure eternal spiritual Beings, made in the image and likeness of God, Spirit...not flesh. Secondly, those places called Heaven and Hell are but our very own states of consciousness, and we experience one or the other out here in this human world through our dominion. Heaven is within...it is the Kingdom of God....there is God only, Omnipresent...and none other.

MARCH 15 “ONLY TRUST” Rev. Donna Gatewood

There is a Divine and Universal protecting principle available to all of mankind. This protecting principle is infinite and ever- present. It is an intelligence which is yearning to give of Itself to everyone.

MARCH 22 “WHO AM I , WHAT AM I , WHY AM I HERE” Rev. Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr.

From childhood, to adolescence, to adulthood, to so-called old age, man has been busy, even frantic at times, seeking his identity, looking for the answers that human beings in the flesh have sought from the beginning of time...who and what am I? Moreover, until one has a “realization of his Truth from within,” there is that question that seems to occupy man’s thoughts throughout his journey out here in the material and temporary world...“why am I here?” And so, we discover that varying individuals, depending upon their so-called religions, customs, nationalities, heritage, and experiences, offer up a slew of answers to these questions. But, over 2,000 years ago, the Master walked the earth, and it was His and our Truth, and His teaching that sums it all up...and it is our choice to accept it or not...to realize it nor not.

MARCH 29 "GOD IS"

Rev. Janet Friedline

We consider the omnipresence of God. This refers to the present time, to the "here-ness" and the "now-ness" of God. God does not exist in time and space, but in the eternal "now." God simply "is;" nothing to be added, and nothing to be taken away.



Answered Prayer
Rev. Pat Beach

We pray because we know that true prayer will be heard and answered. So our prayers take every possible form. We talk to God to question, petition, bargain or even plead for our requests. Gradually with practice, things begin to change. In time as we see the self-centered nature of our requests, we become more of an observer or witness. We come to recognize that the Creator of heaven and earth does not require our instruction. As we grow more aware of God's nature our prayers will acknowledge His Presence, Power and Wisdom and our dependence upon Him. We give prayerful thanks for this new understanding.

Additional change comes as we become still and surrender our thoughts and opinions entering into His kingdom only to listen for His Guidance. In that deep, deep Silence it is revealed that the ultimate Prayer is God's Own Perfect Expression proclaiming Wholeness throughout all creation. And this most Holy Prayer is answered by the soul that is stirred and moved to say, "Speak Lord, thy servant heareth."

Thank you Most Wondrous God for the ability to know Your Grace as our sufficiency. Amen.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1. Special Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, February 16, a special congregational meeting was held after the morning service, to officially reduce the size of the church Board from seven, down to five members. We have been operating with five members unofficially, after one of our members made her transition and another had to leave for personal reasons. There were 14 church members in attendance and a motion was made to change the Church By-Laws to officially accommodate a Board of 5 members plus Ex-Officio. The vote was seconded and passed unanimously. A Board of this size should suffice our needs, due to the size of our congregation and, considering the attendees on a given Sunday. A new printing of the Church By-Laws will reflect this change.

2. Candidates for the new Board

At the Annual Meeting on May 17, a new Board will be announced. A member of the church in good standing, and one who has taken at least the Basics class, may be approached by the Nominating Committee (made up of Board members), for consideration in having his or her name on the ballot. I, as the Board President and a member of the Board for two consecutive terms as outlined in the By-Laws, will be leaving the Board in May. Therefore, there is only one replacement needed, but any number of names may be offered. Only members of the church are eligible to participate in the vote. We are looking for committed individuals who will seriously take part in the governance of the church business.

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law...” Galatians 5:22-23

Respectfully,
Shirley Taylor Moore, President
Board of Trustees

3. Change in Pest Control Service

Rev. Wayne Gatewood who oversees the building and facilities end of the church business asked the Board's approval in changing our pest control service. Unanimously, it was agreed to terminate services with Action Environmental Services, which was not up to standard, and retain a contract with Orkin Pest Control Services to handle the needs of the church. The initial cost for updating supplies needed is \$260. The monthly charge will be \$80. Twenty dollars more than the previous company. However, we hope that this change in service will be up to par. Considering the age of our building, there are areas of concern that must be dealt with to ensure a comfortable and safe environment for our continued use.

4. Secret Valentine – Baby Shower

It was with great pleasure that the Board chose Mayu White as its' secret Valentine this year. Mayu has proven to be a true asset to the church and gives of herself tirelessly. Not only does she perform administrative duties, she is also our church organist. Mayu is also expecting a baby girl in April. Our valentine reception was not only a love celebration, but also a baby shower. Gifts poured in from members and friends in the congregation for Mayu and her husband, Byron. We wish them well along with their three boys and, the church family can't wait to welcome the new addition.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

~ *Tell Your Story* ~

On February 1, 2020, the Alumni Association welcomed Mr. Michael Adeniji to tell his story. Michael's story is about the Divine Science Teaching and Truth. The presentation led into a discussion on The Wall's of Jericho and Joshua from the book of Hebrew. Michael shared his meaning of the Lord's Prayer, and how it can strengthen you and bring wonderful experience of love.

Thanks, Michael, for the love you have to share.
The Alumni Association



THE DS CHURCH GALLERY



VALENTINE RECEPTION

- WHO IS THE SECRET VALENTINE? -



Thank you so much everyone for all you did to make the surprise valentine such an incredible baby shower! There is no amount of words that can express my gratitude. It means so much to me to have this Church in my life. Love,

Mayu White, Office Manager

SPRING CLASSES - STARTING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 5 AT 9 AM

Higher Training and Consecration

Rev. Janet Friedline, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, April 7, 2019, 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;**
- ♣ The people who have previously completed the class may audit and the cost is \$35.



FLOWERS



The Flower Calendar for 2020 is up on the wall for anyone who would like to sign up to dedicate flowers to someone or for a special occasion. If you would like to secure a special date this is the time to do so, since the calendar fills up quickly.

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 \$15. You may take them home after the Easter service on April 21 and plant them, admire them or give them as gifts!



Coming Events

Mar 1, Sunday, 12:15 pm,

Alumni Association Presentation with Charmaine Hawkins.

Mar 8, Sunday

Daylight Saving Time begins.

Mar 8, Sunday, 12:15 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

***Ongoing Prayer and
Study Group***

***Tuesdays
6:30 pm***

TRAFIC ISSUES

Sun, March 15, 8:15 am

St. Patrick's Day 5 and 10-K.
Starts/Finishes at 15th and
Constitution, SW, near the
Washington Monument. Goes around
Tidal Basin.

Sun, March 29, 9:00 am

ScopeItOut 5K Run
Near Freedom Plaza, 1201
Pennsylvania Ave. Starts and ends at
Freedom Plaza. Goes up
Pennsylvania Avenue to the U.S.
Capitol.

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OFFICE COVERAGE

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
10:00am – 3:00pm

Rev. Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Shirley Taylor-Moore, *President*
Regina Bratton, *Vice President*
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Judy Coleman-Kla,
Rev. Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr. *Ex-Officio*

God Is All
Both Invisible and Visible.
One Presence,
One Mind,
One Power is All.



This One That is All is Perfect Life,
Perfect Love, and Perfect Substance.

Man is the Individualized Expression of
God and is Ever One with this Perfect
Life, Perfect Love, and Perfect Substance.