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LESSON TOPICS FOR MAY

May 7 WHY THE GOOD SUFFER
Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus

Thousands of people have wondered over the years why it is that good men and women all over the world suffer. Is it the work of God or of man? Let us discover the meaning of the word salvation.

May 14 WITH A GENEROUS HEART
Rev. Donna Gatewood

The Apostle Paul tells all of us how we are to give to the Lord. We are to do so cheerfully, for God loves a cheerful giver. Are you a cheerful giver?

May 21 THE HEALING MIND IN YOU
Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus

Millions of men and women have prayed to a God they have never known. So how can you love anyone you've never known much less pray to it? This morning we can have an opportunity to commune with God. Let us discover how.

May 28 AN ORDINARY DAY
Rev. Janet Friedline

Each day is a new event. It stretches before us, waiting for us to do something with it. It does not come with instructions; the

decision is ours. Let us choose wisely - we reap what we sow.

“COME UNTO ME...”
Rev. Pat Beach

Ordinarily we will seek our comfort in food, furnishings or even philosophies. These sparse and short-lived results can never satisfy because the real need is not being met. The real need is a deep yearning of the soul to know its rightful place. True comfort and peace come as the soul experiences union and communion with Spirit. No worldly substitute will ever suffice.

The path to this place of consolation is discovered only in Stillness as the soul remembers its rightful nature. Here, in the awareness of God with us and through us, Wholeness is restored. Here no threat, no harm can intrude because God's goodness and mercy abound. For here the Spirit of Wholeness so eloquently conveys that, *“I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart -- so don't be troubled or afraid.”* John 14:27

Father, we give You thanks always for the rest ever available to the weary and heavy laden. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ITEM 1: THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY – FOR AN ENJOYABLE PALM SUNDAY FUNDRAISING BRUNCH – APRIL 9, 2017. Thanks to all of you that attended this wonderful Palm Sunday event. Thanks also for the guests you brought with you. We enjoyed a great Brunch thanks to our Board Members who cooked up the good food. Most importantly, we enjoyed special time together as a Church family. No doubt, it is especially in these instances of gathering together in Spirit and love that the Light shines brightly and warmly.

ITEM 2: CHURCH CLOSURE. Folks, the Board has voted to close the Church on the Thursdays of June 1, 8, and 15. There are no Ministers that are at the Church on Thursday, and Margaret shall be on a very well deserved vacation over these Thursdays. Please take note of the dates.

ITEM 3: 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 Term 2017-2020, the Board shall need two new members. The following members shall be on the election Ballot: Shirley Taylor Moore of Washington, DC, Juana Gonzalez of Hagerstown, MD, and Brent Stackhouse of High Point, NC. All members should have already received a Ballot along with the Bios of each candidate. **Please vote for 2 names and get your completed Ballots back to the church by the date indicated on the Ballot.** Thanks folks...your votes are important to the election process.

As I depart the Board, I give a hearty thank you and my deepest appreciation for my fellow Board Members of this past Board year. They are, Michael Adeniji, Brandi Coates, Charmaine Hawkins, Gene

PolICASTRI, and Jacquie Scotland. We worked very well together and did so in the Spirit of Christ. Thank you my fellow Board Members for stepping up and getting it done!

ITEM 4: CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017. For you Church members especially, please join us for our Church 2017, Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, May 21, 2017, in the Grace Faus Fellowship Hall immediately following the Church Service. The Board shall present information relative to the past Board-Year activities, provide updates on current and ongoing activities, and shall answer questions regarding the Church and its operations. Food, desserts, and beverages shall be provided compliments of your outgoing Board. The results of the Board Elections shall also be announced at the Annual Meeting, and the new Board shall then meet to select Board Officers. Please participate! Look forward to seeing you there.

ITEM 5: CHURCH STAINED GLASS WINDOWS. I am still working with contractors to get quotes on the type of repairs and the extent of them...also, to ensure competitive pricing. The initial Company we contacted never got back to us after explaining to us what they could do. We are now in contact with another company that appears to be very reputable. More to come...

NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 21, 2017 (First meeting of new Board for 2017-2018)

Love and blessings....

Wayne Gatewood
President, Church Board of Trustees
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WELCOME
COURTNEY ELYSE MOORE

Sunday, April 2, 2017, was a very special day for our church family. It was the day that we officially welcomed Courtney Elyse Moore into membership in our church. What makes this occasion so special is that Courtney has been coming to our church since she was an infant in her mother's arms. Through the years, Courtney has participated in many church activities.

When she was old enough to sit still she was a member of our Sunday school and she remained in our Sunday school until she was old enough to help teach the younger children. Courtney is a committed Divine Scientist and she is ever ready to serve in one capacity or another. On Sundays you will find Courtney ushering with Kenzel Logan and Clarence Bott. You can sometimes find Courtney in the kitchen chopping vegetables or out in the fellowship hall setting the tables and arranging the food items. Courtney received a diploma from the New York Institute of Technology in culinary arts and works at Au Bon Pain restaurant. She is also a talented artist and has used her artistic ability to make signs and other decorations for our church events.

Courtney is a very special young lady and it is an honor and a privilege to formally acknowledge her as a member of our church family.

Courtney, we all welcome you with love.
Rev. Donna Gatewood



BOOKSTORE

The bookstore **Used Book Swap** has been in full swing for the entire month of April. There are still books available for love offerings of \$1.00 to \$2.00 each; but they won't be here long. **The swap/sale ends the second Sunday in May.** Please take a moment before and after the service to look at the books and choose one or two for your own. Proceeds from your love offerings will go directly to the bookstore for use in purchasing some new books.

Your support of this bookstore activity is very much appreciated.

The first quarter Profit and Loss Statement for 2017 is provided below for your information. The bottom line shows a negative balance of \$38.96. The negative balance is the result of book purchases exceeding book sales and the need to pay D.C. Sales and Use Taxes for 2016 in the amount of \$140.36.

Bookstore Profit and Loss
Jan-Mar 2017

<u>Income</u>	
Book Sales	473.18
Contributions – Other	18.00
Reimbursed Expenses	7.00
Tape and CD sales	<u>65.00</u>
Total Income:	563.18
<u>Expenses</u>	
Book Purchases	461.78
DC Sales & Use Taxes	<u>140.36</u>
Total Expenses:	602.14
Net Income:	-38.96

The church bookstore continues to have its place in the church because of your support which is greatly appreciated.

Love and Blessings,
Donna Gatewood

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

James Tomaski was the speaker at the Alumni Association Presentation on April 2, 2017. He began by quoting Luke 17:20-21: "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! Or lo there! For, behold, the kingdom of God is within you."

James referred to one of his favorite Joel Goldsmith's books, "Collected Essays of Joel S. Goldsmith" which contains many of Goldsmith's small booklets which are available in our bookstore. Goldsmith's essay on Prayer states that "God is the life, mind, body and substance of individual being.... True prayer is the constant recognition of this truth. There is not God and you. I and my father are one." James reminded us that when we pray, we are to leave the world outside. True prayer is communion with God. We listen to the still small voice of God. We should not take our desires, needs or lacks into prayer. Realizing the Christ in us is the Kingdom.

James also spoke of Emerson's position that the kingdom doesn't exist as material form nor does it exist as thought. It exists as intuition. "There is guidance for each of us, and by lowly listening we shall hear the right word.... Place yourself in the middle of the stream of power and wisdom which flows into you as life.... then you are without effort impelled to truth, to right, and a perfect contentment."

Thank you, James, for sharing your understanding with us. And thank you Janet and Charmaine for the refreshments. Please join us for the last Alumni Presentation of the "school year" on May 7.

FLOWERS

There are still a few dates for people to sign up to dedicate flowers for our Sunday

services. The flowers cost \$25 and you may take them with you after the service. If you are not here or prefer not to take them with you, you may request that they be given to a particular person at the service or that we "free raffle" them off at Coffee with Clarence.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7, Sunday, 11:00 Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus. 12:15 Alumni Association Presentation.

May 21, Sunday, 11:00 Dr. Al G. Salazar. 12:15 pm, Church Annual Meeting with lunch followed by meeting of new Board.

Ongoing Prayer/Study Groups:

Tuesdays – 6:30 pm

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TRAFFIC ISSUES

Sun, May 7, **Avon Breast Cancer Walk** (second day) will begin in Bethesda, MD, and end at the National Mall where closing ceremony will be at 2:30 pm.

Sun, May 21, **Semper Fi 5K run/walk** beginning 7 am, Ohio Drive, West Potomac Park, near Lincoln Memorial.

Sun, May 28, Memorial Day weekend – **Rolling Thunder and Buffalo Thunder Memorial Rides** will tie up the Pentagon/Lincoln Memorial areas and 10th and Vermont Ave, NW areas.

