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### LESSON TOPICS FOR NOVEMBER

**Nov 5 FROM INVISIBLE TO VISIBLE**  
Rev. Donna Gatewood

By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear.

**Nov 12 THE POWER OF  
GIVING THANKS**  
Rev. Donna Gatewood

There is a wonderful power in the act of giving thanks that transcends turkey and trimmings. In giving thanks we discover the power that brings to our lives the fulfillment of our heartfelt desires.

**Nov 19 THE GRATEFUL HEART**  
Thanksgiving  
Rev. Janet Friedline

The Psalmist tells us to give thanks unto the Lord. The author asks us to "count our blessings." The grateful heart listens and obeys.

**Nov 26 SILENCE IS GOLDEN**  
Rev. Janet Friedline

It is said that Wisdom knows when to speak and when to be still. Let us follow the

prompting of the inner voice. Be still and know, is the way to the kingdom.

**WITHIN YOU**  
Rev. Pat Beach

*"...the kingdom of God is within you."*  
Luke 17:21

While the world insists that we look for our fulfillment "Lo here" or "Lo there," Jesus has shown us a direct path, a better Way. He discovered the Life more abundant that "is not of this world" and has shown us how and where to enter into this other realm.

Our access comes increasingly in the practice of being centered and listening for the still, small voice that is God's own expression. From this quiet sanctuary, the gifts of INtellect, INsight, INTuition, and INspiration are given. In truth, these are not "ours" but arise from deep within us as we recognize His Presence in our midst. In Silence, God's Will is done on earth as it is in heaven for there Wholeness is revealed.

Thank you Almighty God that we may know the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As fall finally seems to be settling in, the **season of giving** is fast approaching. At the October Board meeting there were many discussions on present and future activities and policies of the church.

**ITEM #1** On Saturday, November 18, members of the Board will meet at the church to set up for the annual **Thanksgiving potluck dinner** which will be held on November 19. We do need people to help with clean-up; please indicate your willingness on sign-up sheet. Be sure to sign up on the clipboards that are now in the downstairs Fellowship Hall to list the dishes you will bring, and the number of guests you are bringing.

**ITEM #2** As part of our Outreach, the Board plans to **collect toiletries** to be given to a shelter or the like, in time for the Christmas holiday season. We will put announcements in the Sunday bulletins, and receptacles will be placed in the library and the 35<sup>th</sup> Street entrance. **New** items such as bars of soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, wash cloths, lotions, or perfumes are acceptable, including “complimentary” airline and hotel items. However, shaving items such as razors and the like are not appropriate and will not be accepted.

**ITEM #3** The Board is presently perusing and editing a **Mission Statement** for the church. Dr. Salazar suggested this action about three years ago on one of his visits and we are now ready to work on this item. It will give everyone, especially visitors, a clear and succinct idea of who and what we are, our beliefs and our faith. We will keep you posted.

**ITEM #4** The Board continues to be the business arm of the church, particularly in terms of finances and those criteria that keep us functioning. We are interested in any

suggestions that you may put forth that will contribute to the **continued revitalization and betterment of our church.**

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

Shirley Taylor Moore, President  
Board of Trustees

## JOSHUA RICH IN CONCERT

December 10, 2017



Joshua Rich, our guest musician during the months of July and August, took notice of our need to repair and protect the beautiful antique stained glass windows that give our church so much beauty and character, as well as some problems we were having with our organ. He has graciously offered to do his CD Release Concert as a fund raising event for our church on December 10, 2017, at 1:00 in the afternoon.

Joshua is a piano virtuoso, composer, singer and entertainer and he invites you, your family and friends to share his engaging, uplifting, and soul-affirming music in celebration of his new album “Come On Over.”

We are suggesting a donation of \$10.00 per person (larger amounts graciously accepted). All proceeds from this event will go to the Church's Building Fund.

Please plan to “come on over” and be thoroughly entertained.

## CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE



Our second annual Christmas Boutique opened for business on Sunday, October 15.

We have many brand new, like new, gently used and antique items for sale at bargain prices. Any one of the items would make a gift for someone special, a neighbor, a co-worker or a treat for yourself.

Come browse the boutique and make a purchase. All the proceeds from the sale of items will be donated to the Church's General Fund.

### **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK**

In this high-tech age of social media we have come to realize that most people do not read the newspaper any more. Rather, they are using all means of social media to get their news, information, and photos to those in their circle of family and friends.

In the spirit of joining 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology the church now has a FaceBook page (Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ). **Rev. Donna Gatewood** has been working to get it ready for use by members of the congregation and all others that may be interested. She asks your indulgence while she tries to figure out how to post items of interest regarding the church and its activities.

Get a giggle at her mistakes and offer prayers that she gets the hang of it sooner rather than later.

Please see last page of newsletter for more details about joining the group on facebook.

### **BOOKSTORE'S FEATURED BOOK**

This month's featured book is **The Prophet** by Kahlil Gibran. The bookstore has several copies of this lovely book which includes 12 full-page drawings by the author. It makes a solid addition to one's library and a wonderful gift for the readers in your life.

*"Then said a rich man, Speak to us of Giving.*

*And he answered:*

*There are those who give little of the much which they have—and they give it for recognition and their hidden desire makes their gifts unwholesome.*

*And there are those who have little and give it all. These are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their coffer is never empty.*

*There are those who give with joy and that joy is their reward. And there are those who give with pain and that pain is their baptism."*

We hope you will enjoy this featured book.

### **BOOKSTORE**



Thank you to all of you who continue to support the church's bookstore. We are grateful for your continued support over the many weeks, months and years. We do our best to bring in new and interesting books from both new and old authors. Keep your eyes open and see what is new in the bookstore.

As a result of your support, the bookstore's bottom line for the quarter July 1 through September 30, showed a profit. The Profit and Loss Statement for the quarter is shown on page 4. You can see that we brought in a total of \$680.27 in book/cd sales and reimbursed expenses (postage). Our expenses for the period were for the purchase of new books in the amount of \$403.14. Subtracting the expenses from the income our net income was \$277.13.

**Bookstore Profit and Loss**  
**July - September 2017**

Income	
Book/CD Sales	673.71
Reimbursed Expenses	6.56
Total Income:	680.27
Expenses	
Book Purchases	403.14
Total Expenses:	403.14
Net Income:	277.13

Your continued support of the bookstore and the lending library are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Love and Blessings,  
Donna Gatewood, Bookstore Manager

**SUNDAY FLOWERS**

We have posted the 2018 Flower Calendar outside the library/ bookstore. Please sign up for the Sundays when you would like to dedicate the flowers. The cost is \$25 and the flowers are yours to take home after the service. If you will not be at the service, you may leave directions for what you wish to have done with them or they will be “free raffled” during Coffee with Clarence.

**POINSETTIAS**



A clip board has been placed on a table in the downstairs fellowship hall for you to indicate how many poinsettias you would like to contribute to decorate our sanctuary on Sunday, December 17. The cost is \$15 each.

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Alumni Association started its year of speakers with Jacqueline Scotland, a church practitioner. The purpose of our speakers throughout the year is to impart the wisdom we have learned.

Jacqueline selected Psalms 27 verse 4 to speak about: “One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.”

Jacqueline indicated that this particular verse resonated deep in her heart, even giving her goose bumps. She felt Spirit whisper that this was what she needed to work on. She said she had an experience similar to that which David had; the deep desire to be in the presence of being, and to bear witness to the truth. David was a man after God’s heart, often referred to as the “Beloved,” with pure focus, and intention. Jacqueline understood this kind of desire, and believed it’s then that one experiences God’s presence.

She informed us that as Truth seekers our desire should be to connect with Being, to abide in the transcending dimensions even while engaged in our daily activities. Jacqueline recognized that we may ask “how do I dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life with so much distraction?” She reminded us that Jesus showed us the way when, saying; “if we seek we shall find,” and reminded us that when we are consecrated in truth we then invite the presence into consciousness. This is also the teaching and practice of Divine Science, done by way of prayer and meditation. Just as David, Jacqueline said we must direct our attention inward, be vigilant, and “gaze on the beauty of the Lord.” This pattern has been laid out for us by Jesus. He was always lifted up, always in a place of higher

frequency or he would not have been able to accomplish the things he accomplished, telling us that greater things than he did we too will be able to accomplish.

This is a union we form when we enter the silence, it's a Spiritual marriage that Jacqueline called the "wedding dance," and described this personal heartfelt experience of God's love she was so privileged to have. The activity of love is a union of Spirit with the soul of man; this divine marriage is the experience of total oneness with all of its harmony and beauty. Through this union God expresses the fullness of his glory that we call miracles, but they are the norm. This is the temple of God, it's our dwelling place, and God continues to invite us in. This is the Light of God, which is the soul of man. When we look inwardly, when we are still and know who we truly are, we can go into the world and accomplish anything.

Please join us for our next Alumni Presentation on November 5, when I will be the speaker.

Judy Coleman-Kla  
Secretary, Alumni Association

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Nov 5, Sunday Daylight Saving Time  
Ends-turn clocks back**

**Nov 5, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Alumni  
Presentation with Judy Coleman-Kla.**

**Nov 12, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Board of  
Trustees Meeting.**

**Nov 19, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Annual  
Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner.**



### **Ongoing Prayer/Study Groups:**

**Tuesdays – 6:30 pm**

### **OFFICE COVERAGE:**

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

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