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LESSON TOPICS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov 4 PATIENCE! PATIENCE!

Rev. Janet Friedline

Life expresses according to Law. There is a process that allows for growth and unfoldment, and it cannot be rushed into being before its time. The wise individual "waits on the Lord." Let us be the one who does so.

Nov 11 ONE SOURCE

Rev. Donna Gatewood

Seeing the difference between God and the channels through which He works can give us a new view of the source of our good. Come see the difference.

Nov 18 A TIME OF HARVEST

Thanksgiving
Rev. Janet Friedline

We sow, and we reap. The fertile soil accepts what we give it, producing the harvest compatible with our intent and purpose. It can be no other way.

Nov 25 HUMILITY - ITS WONDER

Mr. Wayne Gatewood

True humility is the freedom from pride and arrogance; it is the recognition that the personal man, the man of the flesh, is by himself, ineffectual. What did Jesus tell us, "I can of myself do nothing" (John 5:30); "The Father abiding in me doeth the works" (John 14:10). True humility is a characteristic of the Christ-centered individual.

Those that know the Truth of their Being in Christ are humble, and they know the nothingness of the lesser self in man.

KNOWING WHAT'S RIGHT

Rev. Pat Beach

So often we see in others and experience in ourselves a very strong need to be "right." Believing we know how things should be, we strive for the right relationships, the right possessions, the right things to do, eat, wear, etc. Yet, all of this effort only leaves us with more work to do. At some point, it becomes clear that our striving is what keeps us from having our only real need met. A statement in the *Divine Science: Its Principle and Practice* book tells us that realization comes when, "Man will at length come to know he no longer wishes to rule in the Father's house." To acknowledge that all of creation is the Father's house is to let go of personal ambition and self-righteousness. Surrendering our will to that of our Father in prayer and meditation, we enter into His Presence. Here we experience the meaning of the Psalmist's prayer, "He leads me in paths of righteousness." In this realm of awareness, this peaceable kingdom, there is no illusion of need, want or separation. "God is in his heaven, and all's right with the world."

Most Gracious God, you have blessed us with a hunger and thirst for righteousness so that we may know Thy Presence and be filled. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Brisk Fall Greetings to Everyone: Below are items to keep you abreast of our actions:

Fundraiser Report

The *Bring a Friend, Make a Sundae* fundraiser which occurred on Sunday, September 23 was again a successful event. We made \$1,429 from sales, and monetary contributions. This was the fifth year for such an event and I think we will make it a permanent one. The proceeds go to the church General Fund for the needs of the church.

Let's go Nuts 2018

We are again offering nuts for sale. They are \$12 per bag. So far sales have been steady. We have cinnamon pecans and plain pecans. The chocolate covered pecans are expected this month. They can only be delivered once temperatures have dropped to ensure quality. They are perfect for gifts, or for your own munching pleasure. We will sell them until they are all gone. It would be great if we could sell all by Christmas!



Donation to Thrive, DC

We are once again inviting you to participate in our toiletries collection, for those in our community who are in need. Baskets are at both entrances to the church. We are collecting the following items: Soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, wash cloths, hand towels, socks, gloves and scarves. Please know that all items should be new. Last year we were able to fill over 90 bags each for men and women.

DS Church on Twitter !

In our efforts to stay afloat in the 21st century, the church now has a Twitter account. Tell your friends and families that they can follow us on Twitter thanks to one of our Board members, Regina Bratton, taking on the task of setting up and maintaining our account.



Thanksgiving Dinner

It's almost time for our Thanksgiving potluck dinner on Sunday, November 18. Sign-up sheets for various food items are on the table in the library. If you don't want to bring food, you may always make a monetary donation. We look forward to this time of social gathering to break bread with one another and to enjoy members of our church family as well as the company of guests. See you there.

"Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." Psalm 107:8-9 NIV

Shirley Taylor Moore, President
Board of Trustees



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

✧ Alumni Presentation ✧

The Alumni Association invites you to a presentation on Sunday, November 4, 2018. Charmaine Hawkins will host, and serve as the speaker, and present “The Grateful Game.” The Alumni Association’s theme and topic for the year will be “Divine Grace.” All are Welcome!

✧ A Reunion and Open House ✧



On October 7th, 2018, the Alumni Association opened its year of presentations with “A Reunion and Open House” event, highlighting the history, and background of the Divine Science Church.

Margaret Greenblatt served as the guest speaker for this occasion; she is a long time member of the church, joining in 1993. Margaret took the Divine Science classes and became a graduate in 1997. She has presented for the Alumni Association on several occasions; she worked in the church book store, and she served twelve years as the church office manager, only retiring this past June. Margaret can always be counted on to support and assist with a variety of services needed around the church.

So, Margaret was the perfect person to spotlight the history of the church with a focus on Dr. Grace Faus, the person who established the Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ as it stands today. Margaret provided us with a rich overview of the life of Dr. Grace Faus, who was born in 1897 in Colorado. She was educated at Kansas State Agricultural College, where she joined a group studying Metaphysical and Universal Principals, later she attended the University of Colorado. She married Charles Patch who introduced her to Divine Science, he had studied with Nona Brooks, one of the Divine Science founders. Grace spent time studying with Nona Brooks as well, and soon became a Divine Science Practitioner. After the death of her father, Grace moved to Washington DC. She missed her church, and couldn’t find anything similar, so she started her own church and held service in a variety of locations.

Soon Grace was offered a location in town to hold Sunday service, and in 1934 Dr. Grace Faus was ordained as a minister, and the church was incorporated as the first Divine Science church. Grace divorced Charles Patch, and soon married Ray Faus, whom she had counseled in Denver.

The Divine Science church moved several times before arriving at its current location. In 1955, a lease agreement was negotiated on by a Washington DC lawyer, who was a board member; it was between the church and the Park Service of Washington DC.

Dr. Grace Faus continued to speak around the country, she brought many spiritual leaders as speakers to the church, she started and maintained a full program of classes, started the first “dial-a-sermonette,” now known as “dial-a-prayer.” Today Divine Science celebrates 120 years. Dr. Grace Faus retired in 1969, and made her transition in 1988. She had a Spirit of adventure, unwavering faith and the ability to listen to, and follow the still small voice within. Many thanks to Margaret for providing this wealth of information.



After the presentation, we had an opportunity to have an open discussion, where attendees shared their own ideas of Divine Science. Our ministers were available for questions and answers, and they helped us re-acknowledge the true meaning of Divine Science Teaching.

It was a wonderful opportunity to come together again with our old and new folks – giving all of us an acknowledgement of who we truly are.

Judy Coleman-Kla
Secretary, Alumni Association



Remembering Marsha Miné



Our friend and cherished member of the church family, Marsha Miné, made her transition on Monday, October 22. While Marsha's body has left the confines of earth we know that she soars free and without the weight of earthly tethers.

Marsha came to the church only a few years ago. She immediately became interested in the teaching and signed up to take the Divine Science Course of Study for personal growth. She completed all the classes and she received her graduate certificate in June of 2017. Following her graduation, she immediately agreed to become the treasurer for the Alumni Association.

Marsha had a beautiful, creative and generous spirit that is unmatched by anyone in our small congregation. While not a member of the church, Marsha supported the church in ways that only those vested in and practicing the teaching could. She was generous in giving of her time and talent in the creation of many of the gorgeous seasonal wreaths she designed and made for display behind the pulpit, in the church entry way and in the fellowship hall. In addition to her artistic floral designs, Marsha, along with her husband, Drac, often provided delicious refreshments for the monthly Alumni Presentations.

Everything Marsha did she did in a quiet and unassuming way. She gave freely and lovingly

never seeking recognition or a thank you. She was a blessing to all of us and she will be remembered with the same love she gave when we look each Sunday on the many things of beauty she made to add special ambiance to the church.

We will miss Marsha for she was a fabulous friend of the church; but we know for certain that her love of the teaching and for the church family and our love for her live on into eternity as does Life.

We bless you as your adventure in life continues and we will meet again.

Rev. Donna Gatewood



BOOK STORE

A great big thank you to all of you who made purchases during the October used book sale. Your generous love offerings given for the gently used books totaled a whopping \$381.00!

All of the proceeds from this used book sale will go to the bookstore to purchase additional new books. To all of you who made the used book sale a huge success, thank you so much.



SUNDAY FLOWERS



We have posted the 2019 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 16. The cost is \$15 each.

Thank you, Sam!



On Saturday, October 13, Samuel Gatewood and his grandfather, Wayne Gatewood, Jr., performed seven hours of volunteer service to the church. They began their service in the morning by stopping at Home Depot to purchase boxes and then made their way to the church where they packed approximately

fifteen boxes of old books that have been collecting dust on the shelves in the fellowship hall for years following a used book sale. In addition, they collected all of the beautiful seasonal wreaths, a gift of Marsha Miné, and hung them on the walls in the classrooms and in the hallway leading to the kitchen and classrooms in an effort to help preserve them. As if that weren't enough, they trekked up to the paint store up the street, purchased paint and Sam painted four wooden disks to be placed under the legs of the baby grand piano in the sanctuary to prevent it from falling through the floorboards. After all the work inside the church, Sam and Wayne loaded all the boxes of books and made a trip to the Salvation Army where the books were donated.

Sam, all of us at the Divine Science Church thank you for your service and we send you love and blessings,



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 4, Sunday

Daylight Saving Time Ends
Turn clocks back

Nov 4, Sunday - 12:15 pm

Alumni Presentation
with Charmaine Hawkins.

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Nov 11, Sunday - 12:15 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

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Nov 18, Sunday, 12:15 pm
Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Church Office Closure

Church Office will be closed on
Thanksgiving Day

Thursday November 22

Ongoing Prayer/Study Groups:

Tuesdays – 6:30 pm

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