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LESSON TOPICS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sep. 2 THE REAL TEACHER

Rev. Janet Friedline

As students, we are mindful of the teacher, carefully choosing the book we read, and the voice we follow. True revelation is an activity of inner being. Go there, and listen.

Sep. 9 WE STILL HAVE WINGS

Rev. Donna Gatewood

When the pull of things of this world seem too strong for us and in those moments when we feel earthbound, remember you still have wings--you have the Christ right where you are ready and waiting to lift you up.

Sep. 16 PROJECTOR MAINTENANCE

Rev. Donna Gatewood

When our outer experience turns sour and life seems no longer satisfying, it may be time to change the lens on our projector.

Sep. 23 LOOK NOT TO MAN

Rev. Janet Friedline

We rely on our five senses for clarity and interpretation, looking to our fellow man for assurance and acceptance. But the Bible cautions us about this man of flesh. God is, and beside him, there is none else.

Sep. 30 CLAIM TRUTH, KNOW HAPPINESS

Mr. Wayne Gatewood

Throughout the ages, Man has sought happiness from outside of himself. Money, fame, status, and other temporary and fleeting earthly things have been sought. And for naught, as True Happiness is the natural state of our Being and is not of this world. It is ours eternally by Grace.

CLOSER THAN BREATHING

Rev. Pat Beach

Until we can claim it as our own unfoldment, the Bible portrays the awakening from the dream of separation as though this were about other individuals in another time and another place. The very slow and erratic coming into conscious awareness of Reality moves from the perception of human physical might to the illusion of mental power into a spiritual awakening. Throughout this pilgrimage, there are increasing instances of union and communion with God which bring Light into the darkness until the true Spiritual nature of Life is revealed. The revelation is that God is the Only Presence as He has always been since the beginning.

As we identify with and then learn from these lessons and consciously apply the insights, it is given that there is no such thing as "others." The veil has been rent. There is only the One Presence, One Power, One Wisdom filling all of creation. This is the Holiness, the Wholeness that in deep Silence we are to "Be still and know."

God of Grace and Infinite Love, all honor, praise and glory be Thine forever and ever. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings:

I hope that everyone has had an opportunity to take a day or two for rest and relaxation sometime during the summer or, at least found some time to spend alone for a chance to reflect on the past year and also to gear up for the upcoming autumn and winter seasons with all the activities that fall within that time period. As you may recall, the Board of Trustees does not meet during July and August, however with the availability of electronic communication we are able to address any issues which may ensue during the summer. With that being said, please note below:



BRING A FRIEND/EAT CHILI DOGS/MAKE A SUNDAE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23



Sponsored by the Board of Trustees, this is the first fundraiser of the new church year. Following the Sunday service everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall for chili dogs, chips, a soft drink and an ice cream Sundae all for the bargain price of \$10.00. This event has been quite successful in the past and we again look forward to seeing you, your friends, neighbors and family members for food and fellowship. Please sign-up in library by September 16th if interested in attending.

A REUNION AND OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

All are welcome!



We would like to greet those who we have not seen for a long time, as well as newcomers, including those who may be curious about Divine Science, friends, relatives, neighbors, young adults, families. Immediately following the Sunday service in the downstairs Grace Faus Fellowship Hall we will hold an open forum whereby our ministers will be available to answer questions regarding Divine Science. For newcomers and visitors, it will provide an opportunity to learn what Divine Science is all about. For returning friends and members who have been away from the church for a period of time, you will have an opportunity to rekindle whatever it was that drew you into Divine Science. There will also be an opportunity to voluntarily share how you came into the church and what part the teaching has played in your life. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20

Shirley Taylor Moore, President Board of Trustees

DIVINE SCIENCE CLASSES



Two of our fall classes start on Sunday, September 9, 2018, at 9:00 am:

Basic Principle of Divine Science Mr. Wayne Gatewood, Instructor

There is no prerequisite to this class. It is open to all.

The Basic Principle of Divine Science class is the foundation on which all the other classes are built. It is during this class that the student's faith in an ever-present Presence is awakened. Practical Instruction in the application of the teaching is given from the very beginning.

Bible Mystery / Bible Meaning Old <u>Testament</u> Ms. Sylvia Anderson, *Instructor*

Prerequisite: Basic Principle of Divine Science

This class examines the Old Testament in terms of spiritual awareness. When interpreted through consciousness and personal experiences, the hidden meanings of biblical allegories, parables, and symbolic language are revealed. Students discover that the Bible is the story of their own unfoldment which awakens awareness of their divine nature.

Each class is 10 weeks long, tuition is \$65 and the auditing fee for those repeating the class is \$35. Each class is described in the special Education Issue 2018-2019. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the library.

BOOKSTORE—USED BOOK SALE



We are pleased to announce that the bookstore will be holding a used book sale during the month of September. Authors represented in the book sale include:

Lillian De Waters

Jack Holland

Malinda Cramer

Joseph Murphy

Catherine Ponder

James Dillet Freeman

H. Emily Cady

Eric Butterworth

and many others.

Please come and browse for a bargain. Proceeds from the sale of these books will go to the bookstore to make future book purchases.



SUNDAY FLOWERS



Thank you for signing up for all the 2018 flower dates! We have now 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 are not 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.

ADVANCED TRAINING

During the first full week of August, Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus, came to the Washington church to present the Introduction to Ministerial Course to Practitioner, Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr. The week long course included instruction on all of the responsibilities of a Divine Science Minister. These responsibilities include prayer and counseling, teaching classes, preparing and delivering Sunday lessons, conducting weddings and funerals. Also included in this instruction were requirements for letter writing, working with the Church Board and committee members. As part of this course, Wayne was required to prepare and deliver two lessons from the pulpit and participate in a mock counseling session. He also gave an extemporaneous lesson from the pulpit.

Having successfully completed this introductory class, Wayne will now begin the required practicum period that will allow him, in due time, to be ordained as a Divine Science Minister.

Wayne will deliver his first lesson from the pulpit on Sunday, September 30. We invite you to come and encourage him.



Congratulations, Wayne!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



The Alumni Association would like to welcome you to our 2018-2019 Alumni Program, which starts on October 7th. Our opening presentation will feature "A Reunion and Open House", which will spotlight the history, and background of the Divine Science Church. We look forward to a year of inspirational and mindful dialogue, and welcome all to be a part of this upcoming year of presentations. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a great year with the Alumni Association.

Judy Coleman-Kla Secretary, Alumni Association

ONGOING PRAYER/STUDY GROUPS

Tuesdays – 6:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 9, Sunday, 9:00 am Divine Science Classes start

- Basic Principle of Divine Science with Mr. Wayne Gatewood
- Bible Mystery/Bible Meaning Old Testament with Ms. Sylvia Anderson

Sept 9, Sunday, 12:15 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

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Sept 23, Sunday, 12:15 pm Bring a Friend Sunday FUNDRAISER

Chili Hot Dogs and Sundaes

Please sign-up in library by September 16 if interested in attending.

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Mr. Wayne Gatewood 703-641-9141

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Membership Announcement





On July 22, 2018, Tom Willcox became a member of our church!

Divine Science Statement of Being

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.