

MEDITATIONS FROM JUNE 2019 SUNDAY BULLETINS

HAVE YOU SEEN GOD LATELY?

June 2, 2019

Rev. Wayne Gatewood

Since time began, people have had a picture, a concept of God in their minds. Starting from childhood some of us have envisioned a kindly and loving old man with flowing white hair and a flowing white beard, a God that may be similar to us in terms of race, color, national origin; to a separate human form with unlimited super powers; to an authoritarian figure just waiting to punish us if we get out of line. And so it is that unless we really know what God is, we'll end up making Him into someone just like us, or some man-made graven image, all of which is idolatry.

For those that have come to the realization of who and what we truly are, and what GOD really is, we can rejoice and live in the Light of our True Being...ONE in and of Him. We know that God does not have a physical body; that He is Pure Spirit, infinitely glorious, eternal, all-powerful, all-knowing, all-wise, and ALL-LOVING. And, unlike anyone you or I shall ever know in the flesh, He is pure and perfect in all He does ...He is All Good at All times, and He is the Light of Life.

Wherever and whenever we witness nature and it's beauty and glory, true love, true understanding, true kindness, true service, true joy, and true gratefulness...we are seeing God and God in action.

LOVE AND CONSCIOUSNESS

June 9, 2019

Rev. Donna Gatewood

Love is not something you and I put on from the outside like a piece of clothing. We ourselves give it birth and life and substance by the activity that takes place within ourselves. Like the poet said, it is we ourselves that must find a way to let that which we seek to escape from within us out.

To experience love is to work with ourselves. It is to reach that point in consciousness where love becomes a very real activity within us. And then we must work with that love to live from within that love and to express that love, for the only bread that comes to us is the bread that we ourselves cast out unto the waters.

It does not matter what is going on in our lives, as all we ever have to work with is our own consciousness—the activities that take place within our minds and hearts, our thoughts and feeling our emotional beliefs.

We can have a consciousness filled with love that is alive and stirring with the activity of God or a consciousness that is void of love. The power to choose is yours.

TRUE SERVICE – IT COMES THROUGH GOD

June 16, 2019

Rev. Wayne Gatewood

We, the Sons and Daughters of God, just like Jesus, are made in the image and likeness of Our Father. As individual expressions of God, we have all of His characteristics...all Good, and in particular, the characteristic of Love. Yes, God is Love, thus we are Love...and we must demonstrate and share this Love just as he pours out His blessings unto us.

Out here in the world it is common that the Son of Man (ego) seeks to be called good in the material sense, and goes about helping and serving others for the shallow purposes of being recognized as a worthy individual, a good Man, a good Woman, so much so, that it is customary that individuals receive medals, awards, and all types of worldly recognition that identifies them as such. Look at me! However, anything done for any form of worldly recognition is for naught, as only Service born of Love is True Service. The ultimate of True Service is the sharing of GOD-TRUTH expressing through us, through our consciousness, as the Light of our Christ. Of course, to help and serve others out here in the world of the Son of Man is indeed good, and so we should, however, what matters are the thought and the motivation behind our actions.

Nona L. Brooks said it best when she said, *“The noblest, the most sacred, the happiest mission in life is to help our fellow men to a higher realization. The privilege of helping is ours. Realization of Omnipresence brings us into closer relation with our fellow men; it introduces into our daily lives that element of love whose warmth and brightness is much needed here.”*

June 23, 2019 – Student Recognition Day

There was no meditation on the bulletin since a special bulletin was used.

LIVING IN THE NOW – THIS MOMENT

June 30, 2019

Rev. Wayne Gatewood

Today's world is full of frantic activity, much of it mindless; full of hustle and bustle, and full of material effect that we all too often cater too. Even though we know the nature of our Being, even though we know that GOD is OMNIPRESENT, in us and of us at all times, we still find ourselves looking to the world of flesh, to intellect and ego for quick answers to our self-made problems out here in the world. When man lives in the moment, in the now, in consciousness, he realizes in very short order that God shall unfailingly do for him that which he could not do for himself.

When we are cognizant of our Truth, when our minds are stayed on Him, our every moment is filled with peace and assurance, and all that God is. Yesterday is gone, tomorrow is not here, and keeping our minds stayed on yesterday and tomorrow all too often brings about anxiety and worry. Conversely, living in the now with unyielding faith in our eternal Source, and going within for strength and wisdom, brings forth the Divine Mind that does not make hasty and emotional negative decisions, but rather...ensures that our path forward is of principle, of love, and of peace. And so it is,

that GOD is here now, He is everywhere now, and He is of us and in us now, right now, this very minute...may you realize Him....Now.

“For in him we live and move and have our being.” Acts 17:28