

## MEDITATIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 2018 SUNDAY BULLETINS

### The Real Teacher

September 2, 2018

Rev. Janet Friedline

Mankind is in a perpetual state of learning. Much of this is done through study and observation, through practice and examination. We are meant to grow and unfold to higher and finer degrees of knowledge and understanding. And then we apply what we have learned. We develop a method of reasoning that reflects our standard of interpretation. Sometimes we are correct in our assessment and other times we fall short of the true discernment.

In our time of learning, we play the role of the student. And as a student, we are mindful of the teacher. We carefully choose the book we read, and the voice we follow. Let us choose the way of divine guidance, as our method of learning. What is given, in the place of inner being, is of God; it is true and certain. When we study in this way, we listen with the inner ear. There is no confusion, no misunderstanding. The real teacher dwells in us. This is the way, walk ye in it.

### We Still Have Wings

September 9, 2018

Rev. Donna Gatewood

In our human condition with our human understanding and mistaken beliefs there will always be the appearance of disease, lack, frustration, suffering, and conflict. This is the continuous state of being for the “man whose breath is in his nostrils.” In Truth, however, we are not that man. We are the sons and daughters of God in whom we live, move and have our very being. Let us put aside the human condition; let us look behind the worldly appearances.

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 here within your own being ready to lift you up.

“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31

### Projector Maintenance

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Rev. Donna Gatewood

When we are watching a movie and something is obstructing or distorting the image or the image is not in focus, we usually tell the projectionist to correct the problem in the projector; we do not correct the problem by repairing the screen.

However, when the outer is amiss in our lives, we may have the tendency to try to correct it. There is no doubt that sometimes the projection screens of our lives do get a little frayed and in need of repair, but most of the challenges and our problems must be restored to wholeness by working on our lenses—our own souls.

When we look at the life of Jesus, we see His clarity projected on the screen of His life. Some people feel that they should worship the screen. But Jesus taught us that we are also connected to the light Source just as He was. He taught us to follow Him and do the things He did. He did not indicate that our lens was totally clear, but we have the indication that He believed it could be.

“You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father, is perfect.” Some have yet to understand this principle: We are all one; our projector light is God, the lens is our soul, and the screen is our outer experiences.

“O, send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill; and to thy tabernacles.” Psalm 43:3

### **LOOK NOT TO MAN**

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Rev. Janet Friedline

Mortal man relies on his five senses for information and interpretation. He looks to his fellow man for guidance and direction. As individuals, we give a great deal of importance to our ability to think and reason, certain that this is the way of demonstration. And we are very concerned about our demonstration. We consider what we call “our good,” to be confirmation of our personal worth and value. And we want others to know us in this way.

The Bible speaks to us of celestial bodies and terrestrial ones. One is of God; the other belongs to the man of flesh. And the Bible is quite clear about that man of flesh. Isaiah tells us to “cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils, for wherein is he to be accounted of?” And then there is that matter of our ability to think. In the New Testament we are asked, “Which of you, by taking thought, can add one cubit unto his stature?” Let us not look to this man for our good. God alone is good, and to have God is the true demonstration.

### **Claim Truth – Know Happiness**

September 30, 2018

Mr. Wayne Gatewood

The secret of a happy, joyous and free life is in the controlling our mental states. As we have heard so many times, our thoughts create our circumstances out here in the world. “As within, so without!” What we think on with feeling and emotion comes to pass in our daily lives. In going within and maintaining constant contact with God, the Good, we are guaranteed that which is good and very good. In Truth, we know wholeness, and things in our lives change for the better. God has given us “dominion.” Experiences are subject to us, not we to them. Events and experiences do not just happen. Someone or something caused them to happen. Experiences and happenings do not come first. They follow...

We are not happy because things are positive. Things are positive because we are happy... because we are full of Truth. We are not discouraged because trouble has come our way. Trouble has come to us because of consistent negative thoughts and feelings. To sit and sulk, to accept sickness and lack or trouble as natural and unavoidable is foolish. We need not remain the way we are today. We are not victims of our environment, because we can change our environment by realizing the Source of our Being.

God, because you are wisdom and guidance, because you are our Source, we choose to go forward with courage and faith. Through God, we overcome all error as we meet every challenge with poise and right action. We choose fullness and happiness. Let us get that mind that was also in the Christ Jesus, as in that mind is the totality of Good and the promise of love and wholeness. The choice is ours...may we Prove Him now...be still and know.