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NEWSLETTER

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LESSON TOPICS FOR DECEMBER 2020 - JANUARY 2021

DECEMBER 6 SECURE IN KNOWING

Rev. Donna Gatewood

There is an outer world and there is an inner world. Paul referred to those knowing only the outer world as the natural man. He referred to those who were aware of the inner world as the spiritual Sons of God. Which are you?

DECEMBER 13 THE ONE TRUE POWER

Rev. Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr.

A consciousness of God is the Power over which there is no other power. There is no-thing in the material world that has power over you. God IS Power, and what is of God is of you. "And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power." Colossians 2:10

DECEMBER 20 CHRISTMAS SERVICE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

Rev. Donna Gatewood

To our mind and in our present understanding of the Truth, Christ is not a person. Christ is the impersonal Truth of Being. This impersonal Truth applies to all of God's creation. God is the universal Spirit penetrating and permeating His very creation from center to circumference.

December 24 Christmas Eve Service at 7:00pm THE MISSION OF CHRIST

Rev. Janet Friedline

Jesus told us about Christ. But, exactly, what did he tell us, and more importantly, what does it mean to us today?

DECEMBER 27 PEACE - BE STILL

Rev. Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr.

Out in the world, unless we are steeped in God consciousness, we may get caught up in the negative dealings of people, situations, and things. And so it is in such instances, that error in the forms of anger, sorrow, anxiety, ill health, disease, and other human emotions try to take hold. But Peace is ours always. *"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee." Isaiah 26:3*



Holidays



TRUTH IS FREEDOM

Rev. Donna Gatewood

Freedom is an ideal which fascinates us. It is constantly on our minds and in our conversations. An yet it is a blessing that most of us are not willing to pay the price for. The price of freedom is the release of the accumulation of years of human beliefs. Years which have brought us heartache and limitation. Let go and let God.

JANUARY 10

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Rev. Janet Friedline

A New Year arrives with potential, and possibility, bringing a new time of experience. However, if we carry our old ways into the New Year, we will simply have a repeat of the old one. Change begins with us; it can be no other way.

JANUARY 17

FISHERMEN

Rev. Donna Gatewood

All of us go about life looking and searching for fulfillment and seldom do we know how to find it. We have all heard about people going fishing and not catching anything. Let me share two stories about this type of fishing.



JANUARY 24

FROM CLICHÉ TO TRUTH

Rev. Janet Friedline

Affirmations allow us to declare what we accept to be true. However, mere repetition of words is not enough. Until Truth is our realization, it will not be so for us. When we go beyond words, we are aware in an inward way. We declare a new revelation; and yes, we will have proof of our conviction.

JANUARY 31

FORGIVENESS

Rev. Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr.

Made in the Father's image and likeness, we are to forgive as He forgives. Like the Master Jesus who said, "Neither do I condemn thee," we hold no one in condemnation, but see each soul, each sister and brother as the image and likeness of God. Our source is Love...we are love. "Be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32



Instructions for Joining the Telephone Conference Service **Sundays – 11am**



- 1. Call the number at 605-472-5203
- 2. Use access code 662944
- 3. Then press #

(You will be automatically muted.)

"A NEW AND LIVING WAY" REV. PAT BEACH

The Winter Solstice, Christmas and New Year's Day are viewed as holidays that bring changes for the better into our lives. While we're wise to know that improvements are needed, we're mistaken to believe those happen just because of these events. Something more is needed. The insight that, "We're born upside down and live backwards" pretty well states the case about the human condition. Living backwards simply means living under the influences of the outer realm. Instead, when we live from the inner realm into the outer we live in harmony with Reality. Changes in our approach to life come about when we understand the true nature of Life and consistently make choices based on this understanding.

"...for the Spirit in you is far stronger than anything in the world." I John 4:4 The Message

In contemplation, prayer and meditation we begin to realize the true nature of Life. This is where we experience Life in the Spiritual realm. Here in that deep Silence, we realize that God is ever Present, with us and in us. We then know ourselves to be made in His image and likeness. Moreover, it is evident that besides God, there is none else. Awakening to this Truth is the new and living way that Jesus taught by example. Living from the inner realm gives us the ability to surrender our thoughts, our ways and our will and to let God be God.

"For my thoughts, are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways my ways," is the oracle of the Lord "But as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are my ways higher than your ways, And my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8,9

2021 Winter Classes

Starting Sunday, January 3rd, at 9:00 am, a Divine Science Classes will be offered. The classes will run for 10 weeks at a cost of \$65 (audit fee is \$35 if repeating the class).

Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning/Old Testament

Instructor: Mr. Gene Policastri

Prerequisites: 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.

Spiritual Psychology

Instructor: Rev. Donna Gatewood

Prerequisite: Basic Principle of Divine Science

The class in Spiritual Psychology teaches the student to reason about life from the basis of the Omnipresence of God. In our quest for Truth we learn to look beyond the appearance to that which is real and absolute. Spiritual Psychology presents the physical, mental and spiritual aspects of life as an unfolding process leading to the realization of Oneness.

If you would like to attend the class, please email us at <u>dschurchdc@aol.com</u> or call us at 202-333-7630, and leave your name, phone number, and which class you would like to attend. Since this is a double issue of our Newsletter, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

- As we embark on this new year, our church facility remains closed until further notice due to the present health concerns in our community. The ministers recently agreed that our Sunday services will continue to be accessible via free telephone conference number 605-472-5203, access code 662944#. While there are a variety of alternative platforms that are available, this is the one that our ministers unanimously agree is most workable for our church at the moment. We are pleased to note that the number of households accessing our Sunday Service is steadily increasing, with local as well as long distance participants.
- 2. While our church building is closed for the usual activities that we have at this time of year, we must still maintain the building and pay our bills. We look forward to a time when we can restore the Thanksgiving potluck, the Board sponsored Christmas reception, the toiletries drive and the cookies and hot chocolate following the Christmas Eve candlelight service. We remind you though, that despite the closure, we still must pay our bills for the upkeep of the building. Please feel free to mail tithes and offerings or any donations to the church, or you may use a credit card by visiting the church website.

"If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another"... I John 4:11

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OFFICE COVERAGE

The Church Office will remain closed until further notice

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> Tuesdays 6:30 pm

<u>If you would like to join, please call</u>

Rev. Friedline

