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# NEWSLETTER

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## LESSON TOPICS FOR FEBRUARY 2021

### FEBRUARY 7 A REASON FOR LIVING

Rev. Janet Friedline

Intuitively, we feel there is a reason for everything. Life is lived in the moment, bringing the necessary things. Let us not question the reason. Inner guidance reveals the role we play; be still, listen, and obey.

### FEBRUARY 14 LOVE

Rev. Donna Gatewood

When our minds steadfastly dwell on love as love, we become the embodiment of love. We become the consciousness of love.

### FEBRUARY 21 CLOSER THAN BREATHING

Rev. Janet Friedline

We are told that God is omnipresent, ever available and at hand. We long to feel close to God, to walk with him and talk with him. The command is "be still." Right where we stand is holy ground.

### FEBRUARY 28 NOW WALK YE IN HIM

Rev. Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr.

Saul of Tarsus experienced a blinding light and he was no more...the Old Man, that error-filled Human personality and ego of Saul had died. Realizing the light within, the Christ of Him...that very same Christ of the Master, he said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13. "...I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me..." Galatians 2:20. And so it is, that there is much more than just saying in mind and in words that we have realized our Truth; it must be lived and manifested through us, so that all of the crooked places are made straight.

### 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.)

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## "LOVE IS"

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*Rev. Pat Beach*

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians gives a truly beautiful description of love. He says that love is patient, kind, and enduring among other qualities. While his description is not incorrect, it is incomplete. Love is an experience that cannot be fully expressed in words. In our human identity, we experience love in a variety of times and ways, with family, with friends, with partners. All of these are meaningful because they help us learn to recognize the full magnitude of this state of being.

As we grow in spiritual awareness, we discover that Love originates with God because "God is Love." This quality of Being is God's own nature. To know love as our nature also lets us know God as our Source and our substance. Love is the why, the what and the how of God's creation and so it is the reason we are here. Our ability to experience love is because we, even in some small measure, have felt the Presence of the Divine expressing Itself within us. "...everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."

As a young man, Paul's purpose in life had been transformed but he always retained his action approach to fulfilling his purpose. Had he been less active and more contemplative his description of love might well have been different. Relating to God's Omnipresent nature, he might have expanded his statement by significantly limiting his words to just say that, "Love is."

In the awareness of this Truth, human identity steps aside to acknowledge that God alone fills heaven and earth.

## President's Message

Happy New Year to all. Although the church building is closed for activities, the Board must still carry out the business of the church. Following are items discussed at the January Board meeting.

1. As past treasurer of the church, Rev. Donna Gatewood has remained constant in maintaining the church books and sharing the information with the Board. To that end she was invited to the January Annual Budget Meeting to present the proposed budget for the new year and to answer any question pertaining thereto. Although some obvious items such as kitchen supplies, coffee hour necessities and other items usually purchased for various receptions decreased, there were significant building repairs that had to be carried out, some of which are still ongoing as of this printing. Because of Covid-19, the closing of the church has resulted in a significant decrease in the amount received from tithes and offerings. As a result, the church liquidated \$50,000 from its investment portfolio to assure that there was enough revenue to cover necessary bills. The proposed budget for 2021 was based on the Profit and Loss Statement from 2020. It was accepted unanimously by the Board.
2. Board Vice-President, Regina Bratton and liaison to the Bookstore is working out details for a "Book of the Month" feature. This would provide inspiring reading and also revenue to the Bookstore.
3. Under normal circumstances, at this time of year we would begin the search for new Board members to replace those whose terms expire. However, the present Board agreed to continue in their positions until such time as the church is open and congregants once again attend.
4. Please be aware that even though the church facility is closed, bills for the building upkeep still come in monthly. Your tithes and offerings can be made via Paypal using credit card in the church website. You may also mail in your check to the church. Mail is collected regularly along with deposits to the church bank account.

***"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse...and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the window of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it"...Malachi 3:10***

Shirley Taylor Moore, President, Board of Trustees

## Rev. Dr. Miriam Comer-Johnson

There is but little doubt that most if not all of our Church congregation was informed that our very Dear Rev. Dr. Miriam Comer Johnson, made her transition on December 19, 2020. On Sunday, January 17, 2021, through our Church conference line, Rev. Wayne Gatewood held an uplifting Memorial Service for our beloved friend Miriam. Many individuals from across the United States called in and shared their loving and lasting memories of Miriam, an individual that they considered to be their friend, and their Divine Science Mentor and Teacher. No doubt we shall all miss Miriam's spiritual guidance, uplifting teaching of Bible Interpretation and Meaning, and her loving words of encouragement. Should anyone like to receive a copy of Miriam's Memorial Program that included an Obituary provided by Miriam's family, please contact Rev. Wayne Gatewood at [wgatew1617@aol.com](mailto:wgatew1617@aol.com) and a copy shall be provided. Likewise, upon request, if you would like to receive an audio file of the entire Memorial Service, that can be provided via e-mail as well.



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### OFFICE COVERAGE

The Church Office will remain closed until further notice.

### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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***Ongoing Prayer and Study Group  
Conference call***

***Tuesdays  
6:30 pm***

***If you would like to join, please  
call Rev. Friedline***

