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NEWSLETTER

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LESSON TOPICS FOR MAY 2021

May 2

Rev. Donna Gatewood
“Hypnosis”

Hypnosis is described as a state of sleep. A hypnotic experience is brought about by the power of suggestion. A suggestion is an impression made upon the mind, either consciously or unconsciously, through the five senses. What impressions are your senses making on your mind?

May 9

Rev. Janet Friedline
“Heirs of God”

We are curious about our heritage. The Bible tells us we are heirs of God, heirs, and joint-heirs with Christ. Let us discover what this means.

May 16

Rev. Donna Gatewood
“The Sculptor”

The only idea God ever conceived of man; the only man God knows is a true and perfect expression. This expression is the Christ which lives in you.

May 23

Rev. Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr.
“The Kingdom Or The Mental Playground
– A Merry Go Round To No Where – Your Choice”

Mental Man with his limited mind knows not of the perfect and peaceful Kingdom, what it is, nor how to get there, and spends much of his life in a mental Play Ground ignorantly riding a Merry Go Round that keeps him in a state of lack and limitation. And while going around and around and around, dizzy with confusion, he fails to hear a voice that is always saying:

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Matthew 11:28-29

May 30

Rev. Janet Friedline
“The Demand Is Made Of Christ”

The world asks much of us; however, I, of myself can do nothing. The demand is made of Christ. Stand still, and allow him to do the work.

“TEACH US TO PRAY”

Rev. Pat Beach

When he was asked to teach the disciples how to pray, Jesus gave them The Lord's Prayer. This meaningful prayer gives all of us a foundation for turning to Our Father as his beloved and blessed children. This prayer -- or even any portion of it -- can awaken us to our true relationship with God. Prayer reveals our connection with the Divine as we become more and more open to reunion with Our Father. Divine Science teaches that prayer "becomes the expression of our willingness to do our part in fulfilling God's plan for peace on earth and good will toward all, so that man [mankind] may actually abide in the Kingdom of Heaven here and now." As we establish a regular practice of prayer, we become more attuned to God's Eternal Presence and Grace. Reciting or better yet contemplating The Lord's Prayer is a path back to Our Father's House.

Other forms of prayer, with or without words, will also bring us to an awareness of His Presence. Early on we may believe that prayer is for God to know us. Later, we understand that he already knows us and prayer allows us to realize our innermost self, our real self which is the Christ of God. So, here on earth, opportunities abound for us to be aware of the oneness that



already exists and cannot be diminished. We are given opportunities to pray for greater trust, more understanding and insight; to pray for direction and Guidance. There are abundant occasions to pray in gratitude for things already given. In recognizing the blessings constantly poured out upon us in every form, we become increasingly aware of Our Indwelling Father's infinite Love.

If we see the human experience as a challenge or ongoing struggle, we miss the greater meaning. When we pause throughout each day to become still, the greater perspective becomes evident. In the deep Silence we realize that every worldly experience is given to teach us to pray. In so many ways and forms, Our Father's loving kindness is there waiting for us to experience His Eternal Presence.

Most Wondrous God, for the infinite opportunities to know You, we give you praise and thanks. Amen.



Directions to join to our Sunday Services

1. Call the number:
669-265-1582
2. Enter the Conference ID:
721-672-3017
3. Then press #

You will be automatically muted.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A year has gone by since a viral pandemic made its way into our lives. We are grateful for scientific developments, caregivers and their staffs and all those who perform any number of services to keep communities whole. We mourn the loss of loved ones who transitioned perhaps before we were prepared for them to do so, and we remain here on this leg of our journey to celebrate life and living.

The Board of Trustees held a brief meeting in April. The main discussion concerned the possibilities of returning to the church building for Sunday service and activities.

1. As has been mentioned several times in past messages, there were and still are a number of repairs to the building. As of this writing, the roof repair has been taken care of. That having been completed, the ceiling in the library can now be addressed. In addition, there is painting and plastering of walls downstairs and carpet replacement to certain areas. With the help of Revs. Donna Gatewood and Janet Friedline, Rev. Wayne Gatewood, Building and Facilities liaison to the Board, cleaned out the storage rooms which contained many outdated, old and no longer useful items such as holiday decorations, glasses, etc.
2. Until all of the aforementioned repairs are completed, the church will remain closed for use. We are, however, looking forward (without promise though) to perhaps re-opening the building for worship by summer. This all depends on CDC and government restrictions, and building preparedness. While the number of participants via the telephone and zoom platforms have been steady, the feeling of in person family and community will be a hearty welcome. We will keep you informed.
3. We appreciate those who continually send in their tithes and offerings and remind all that your donations, no matter how small all go toward the necessities of the church building and all other needs to keep our teaching available. Donations can be made via Paypal or credit card on the website, or you may simply wish to mail your contributions directly to the church. The mail is picked up regularly.



“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven”. Matthew 5:16

Shirley Taylor Moore, President
Board of Trustees

Ongoing Prayer and Study
Group
Conference call

Tuesdays
6:30 pm

If you would like to join, you
may do so by using the
conference call number:

605-472-5203

Access Code 662944#.

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DIVINE SCIENCE
STATEMENT OF
BEING
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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.

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OFFICE COVERAGE

The Church Office will
remain closed until further
notice.

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