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# NEWSLETTER

DIVINE SCIENCE CHURCH OF THE HEALING CHRIST

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## LESSON TOPICS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

### **SEPTEMBER 5** “WHERE DO WE LABOR”

Rev. Janet Friedline

We all have work to do. We may use the power of thought, or the strength of the body. Each has its own reward, and we will enjoy its fruit, whatever it is. Let us be careful where we do our work, so that we do not labor in vain.

### **SEPTEMBER 12** “EXPRESS YOUR TRUE SELF”

Rev. Donna Gatewood

God is spirit. And Spirit is the indwelling force and substance which is waiting to be expressed according to our desires. What do you desire?

### **SEPTEMBER 19** “TO SOW AND TO REAP”

Rev. Donna Gatewood

Divine Science teaches that we are accountable for the experiences that come to us; and no one can give us anything or bring anything to us and expect that it will stay unless it is within our own consciousness.

### **SEPTEMBER 26** “GOD’S WILL”

Rev. Janet Friedline

We ask, "What is God's will for us?" The Bible tells us that we are to live the abundant life, and all that I have is thine. The only requirement is that we seek him above all else. Let us get busy and do so.



## Directions to join to our Sunday Services



### To join via telephone

Call the toll-free number: 669-265-1582; and press#. You will be joined and be automatically muted. If you are asked to enter the conference ID, enter 721-672-3017, then press #.



### To join via zoom app (New!)

Simply enter our meeting ID: 7216723017. There will be no password required. You will automatically be muted and disabled to use your video.

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“BUT WAIT....THERE'S MORE!”

REV. PAT BEACH

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We've likely heard the tag end message that accompanies some advertisements, telling us there are more features to be included if we will just continue to listen. That statement can also be seen as a useful reminder for us in relating to our spiritual practice. As we learn that there is an Invisible Presence behind and within creation we come to know the nature of the "more" that is really available to us.

In our worldly experiences, we easily judge events by worldly standards. We can learn, through practice, to pause and know that all human perception is limited and that there is another dimension to every situation. The reality of each situation is that the Divine is there waiting to be recognized and honored. To pause instead of making any human judgment gives us the opportunity to see and listen beyond just the way things appear. This is our chance to bear witness to the Truth of God's creation knowing that "all things work together for good to them that love God..." Each and every event is an opportunity to know God's Presence regardless of the outer indications.

This ability to pause and resist making human judgments comes to us to the extent that we have practiced turning to Immanuel, God with us and in us. This practice acknowledges the spiritual identity of all being and allows His Presence to go before us, making crooked roads straight. The "work" to see beyond human limitations comes not as an effort but as a revelation. The veils are parted and the Truth of God's creation is revealed. The "more" revealed to those who pause and listen shows what God has already provided. So the phrase, "But wait, there's more" can even be heard as a worldly echo of the call to "Be still and know."

Thank you Father that in Stillness, Omnipresence is made known.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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As the summer solstice nears its end and vacations are a thing of the past, we embark on another new year in our Divine Science calendar. The past year embraced a few building repairs and preparations for whenever the greenlight comes for the building to re-open for worship. Like it or not, Zoom has been, and continues to be our "go to" for services. The Board of Trustees does not meet in July and August unless there is a matter of urgency, and as of this writing there are few issues to report on.

1. The Board of Trustees and the church ministers agree that due to the current continued CDC reports and edicts from the Mayor's Office, it is best not to begin worship in the building at this time. We will continue our Sunday lessons via zoom and let everyone know when we will again worship in our sanctuary.

2. Rev. Wayne Gatewood, Jr., our Building & Facilities manager will meet with the National Park Service in reference to a recent DC Water inquiry into the water service lines at the church. He will meet with them on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Wayne also made NPS aware of the extensive work we had performed on the building, and the costs we incurred in the past several months.

3. We appreciate those who send us tithes and offerings. Whether we attend the building on Sundays or not, we still must pay our bills for its upkeep and grounds care. As has been mentioned in the past, each time we incur costly repairs we often have to rely on our investment accounts to keep us afloat. Your continued monetary support is key.

**"Be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for I am with you"....Haggai 2:4**

Shirley Taylor Moore, President  
Board of Trustees





### **Fall 2021 Divine Science Classes**

The following fall class starts on Sunday, September 12, 2021, at 9:00 am. The class will be taught virtually.

#### **Basic Principle of Divine Science**

**Rev. Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr., Instructor**

*There is no prerequisite for this class. It is open to all.*

The Basic Principle of Divine Science class is the foundation on which all the other classes are built. It is during this class that the student's faith in an ever-present Presence is awakened. Practical Instruction in the application of the teaching is given from the very beginning.

The class is 10 weeks long, tuition is \$65 and the auditing fee for those repeating the class is \$35. Each class is described in the special Education Issue 2021-2022. If you are interested in taking those classes please email the church: [dschurchdc@aol.com](mailto:dschurchdc@aol.com) or call the church at 202-333-7630.

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### **IN MEMORIAM—REGINALD BOUKNIGHT**

Reginald (Reggie) Bouknight made his transition after battling an illness for several months on Monday, July 26. Reggie was not a member of our congregation but you could count on him to spend most Sundays and holidays with us. For the most part of twenty plus years, Reggie lent his beautiful tenor voice to our services bringing them to life with soulful poise and dignity.

In addition to singing for the Sunday and special holiday services, Reggie always made himself available to bring his talents to weddings and memorial services. He also performed in many church sponsored music galas which helped to raise funds for the church.



Reggie will be remembered lovingly as a kind, gentle and loving man; always a gentleman with a wonderful sense of humor and a smile that would light up every room he entered.

## IN MEMORIAM - ANA RASMUSSEN

Ana Rasmussen made her transition on Sunday, July 25. Ana was a seeker of Truth. She was a member of the church for many years. She began coming to the church when Dr. Ballard was the minister. In most recent years Ana and her husband, Gary, were members of Unity. However, they were frequent visitors to our church and supported church events including dinners, alumni seminars, the annual meeting. She participated in Rev. Friedline's Tuesday evening prayer and study group.

Ana has graduated from the earth school and is at peace. We wish her every blessing as she continues her journey.



## DIVINE SCIENCE MINISTERS

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### **OFFICE COVERAGE**

The Church Office will remain closed until further notice.

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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#.**

