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NEWSLETTER

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*Dr. Al. G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus*

**LESSON TOPICS FOR DECEMBER**

**Dec 5 FULFILLMENT IS NOW**

*Rev. Maria Borrero*

Truth is now, not in the future or the past. It is Omnipresent and changeless. This is our heritage. We need not ask for anything, just be still and listen.

**Dec 12 THE GREATEST GIFT**

*Prac. Pamela Johnson*

In the book of John, we are told, "For without me, you can do nothing." As we spiritually unfold and come to know our true selves, we realize that God's greatest gift is the Christ indwelling us. The biblical story of the birth of Christ Jesus reveals this priceless gift to the world.

**Dec 19 THE CHRISTMAS PRESENCE**

(Christmas Service)

*Rev. Donna Gatewood*

At this time of year we all have a tendency to get all caught up in the presents – the shopping, wrapping, giving and getting. Christmas is not about the presents. It's about the Presence.

**Dec 24 O HOLY NIGHT**

(Christmas Eve Service)

*Rev Dr. Miriam Comer Johnson*

As we are moved along the spiritual path, some experiences are more poignant than others. The Christ realization is one such experience. Join us in celebration of this holy occasion.

**Dec 26 THE MISSION OF CHRIST**

*Rev. Janet Friedline*

Jesus told us about Christ. But what did he tell us and, more importantly, what does it have to do with us?

**LESSON TOPICS FOR JANUARY**

**Jan 2 NOW IS THE TIME**

*Rev. Janet Friedline*

The calendar tells us that we have entered a new year, a new time of experience. Exactly what does this mean and what are we to do about it?

**Jan 9 FEAR NOT**

*Rev. Dr. Miriam Comer Johnson*

To be fearless is one of the greatest attainments in the life of an individual. We seek many ways to relieve our doubts and fears. However, we discover fearlessness in oneness with God.

**Jan 16 TAKE TIME TO BE**

*Prac. Pamela Johnson*

As the new year begins, we tend to take time out to assess our status and our relationships, mostly in this world. According to a beautiful anonymous poem, "let us take time to pray...it brings God near and washes the dust of earth from y[our] eyes."

**Jan 23 SURRENDER TO LOVE**

*Rev. Maria Borrero*

It is God's love that maintains and sustains us. When we surrender to God's Love, we become

a vehicle for His love to be revealed out here in the world.

**Jan 30 GLORIOUS LIBERTY**  
*Rev. Donna Gatewood*

Mankind mistakenly believes they are subject to the human laws of sin and death. It is through the knowledge of the truth of our being that we are liberated and set free from this bondage of our own making.

**THY WORD IS TRUTH**  
*Rev. Pat Beach*

**“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”** Psalm 119:105

Many of us practice abiding in God’s word through a daily Bible reading. This way of giving time and attention to the “things of the Spirit” keeps us centered on Truth. When we are grounded in Truth, we know life far beyond the level of appearances.

Reflecting on these readings throughout the day leads us to a higher understanding of the messages given. This practice reveals an Infinite Intelligence deep within us as we are increasingly open to it. And so we discover that God’s word is not just in print but it is imprinted within us. God’s Word is a Living Word as we live from the awareness of this Truth.

Thank you Father, for the Pure Expression of your Being realized within us. Amen.

**DIVINE SCIENCE CLASSES**

On Sunday, January 9, at 9:00 a.m., the winter session of Divine Science classes will offer the following three classes:

**Basic Principle of Divine Science**  
**Wayne Gatewood, Instructor.**

*There is no prerequisite to 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. This class is offered three times during the church year.

**Spiritual Psychology**  
**Rev. Donna Gatewood, Instructor**

*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. The teachings of Jesus are studied as an approach to philosophy, religion, how to live the truth we have attained, and the understanding of cosmic consciousness. Units on prayer, the silence, healing, supply, and death, among others are presented in the class.

**Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning – New Testament, Sylvia Anderson, Instructor**

*Prerequisite: Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning/Old Testament*

This class moves the metaphysical study of the Bible into the New Testament. The class emphasizes the awakening of the Spiritual nature in man as told through the birth of the Christ. This one revelation in the consciousness of an individual transforms ordinary man and woman into children of God. In essence, the story of the Bible, when metaphysically understood, is the story of man as he moves from the Adam state to the Christ state.

## AT-ONE-MENT

The Divine Science Federation International is giving its monthly publication, *At-One-Ment*, a new look and a new format. This new publication will be a single book containing one entire year of daily meditations. The meditations making up this book are from the pens of some of the great teachers, practitioners and ministers who were pioneers in Divine Science.

This new single volume of *At-One-Ment* includes meditations from twenty-nine highly respected Divine Scientists including: Nona Brooks, Fannie B. James, Helen Zagat, Max Ballard, Irwin Gregg, Carrie Munz, Vernon Shields, Grace Faus, Lucile Frederick, and Pansy Cantrell just to name a few.

This little book is arriving just in time for holiday gift giving. Take this opportunity to give your family and friends the gift that gives Peace, Joy, and Wisdom all year long.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Let's count our blessings as we enter this season of good cheer and good will. One of those great blessings is our individual awareness of the Omnipresence, Omnipotence and Omniscience of God, our Father. Let us make it a point to share this awareness with the children in our lives.

The schedule for Youth Ministry and Sunday School for the months of December 2010 and January 2011 follows:

Dec 5	Rev. Donna	Bible
Dec 12	Ms Elan	Living Divine Science
Dec 19	Rev. Maria	Meditation
Dec 26		No Sunday School
Jan 2	Rev. Donna	Basic Principle
Jan 9	Ms Elan	Living Divine Science
Jan 16	Rev. Maria	Meditation
Jan 23	Rev. Donna	Bible

Jan 30 Rev. Maria Meditation

May each of you experience His Peace, Love and Joy now in this busy season and throughout the weeks and months ahead.

Love and Blessings,  
Donna Gatewood, Director  
Youth Ministry and Sunday School

## BOOKSTORE

As I start my tenure as Manager of the Divine Science Bookstore, I would like to express our gratitude to Elan for the wonderful job she has done for the past several years. I would also like to review some books I have found especially valuable:

*Fear Not* by Martha Smock

The words "fear not" appear in the Bible nearly 80 times. Why do we fear? What do we fear? Are we afraid to be alone, of people, of being unloved, of lack, of a health condition, of our prayers not being answered? Each chapter of Smock's book focuses on a slightly different aspect of fear and provides us with empowering, positive vocabulary to combat those fears, replacing our uncertainties with positive thoughts of confidence, courage, and self-love. By our affirming of the Truth about our own innate, divine nature, the author assures us that we can overcome life's challenges by conquering our fears through faith. Smock shows us how in difficult times, we can meet fearful thinking with words that proclaim life and affirm God as the unfailing Source, the unfailing Supply of our needs. She reminds us that outer conditions cannot, do not, limit God.

*The Universe Is Calling* by Eric Butterworth

Because it is the Father's good pleasure to give us the Kingdom, the universe is always calling us to our inheritance as sons and

daughters of a Most Gracious God.

Butterworth addresses prayer and praying.

He guides us in understanding what prayer is, how to really pray, and how not to pray amiss. The author cautions us that this book may lead us onto unfamiliar trails but he urges us to go forward in the spirit of adventure. We have no-thing to lose. We stand to gain the experience of Allness through praying aright.

*This Thing Called You* by Ernest Holmes

We are not the body. We are spiritual beings who can never lose the Divine Spark. We may lack recognition of Its presence but it is always nearer than breathing and closer than hands and feet. We have been created in God's image and likeness and so God's nature is our nature. Holmes tells us that the Author of Life is in and around us--not a God who was, but a God who is. Feeling, thinking, communing with this Life restores us and fills us with light and power. We need not go in search of It because It is always where we are.

Karolyn Elskoe  
Bookstore Manager

### **INCOME TAX STATEMENTS FOR 2010**

As the 2010 calendar year comes to a close the thought of the rapidly approaching April 15<sup>th</sup> income tax filing deadline looms large. If you are already gathering your documents for the accountant you may want a statement of your gifts and contributions to the church.

If you made your offerings to the church by offertory envelope with your name on it or by check or money order, a statement of your contributions can be prepared for you to use in filing your income taxes.

If you would like to have a statement of your contributions to the church, please sign up on the clipboard on the table in the

library. Statements will be ready for pick up at the church by January 31, 2011.

Rev. Donna Gatewood, Treasurer

### **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

On November 7, Charmaine Hawkins spoke at the Alumni Presentation on the beatitude "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." She related personal experiences about friends that had experienced tremendous loss and had overcome the pain and isolation and fear associated with the loss. She explained the metaphysical meaning of the mountain setting of the Beatitude teachings. Bill Martin commented on how her presence and style inspires and teaches. He also said that she makes considerable contributions in the weekly study groups.

Thanks to Shirley Taylor Moore for providing refreshments for us.

Please join us on December 5th for our next Alumni Presentation on a beatitude.

James Tomaski  
Secretary, Alumni Association

Ed. Note: Here are a few pictures including one of James Tomaski, Jr., whom we were very happy to see.



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Continued thanks and blessings to all who contribute flowers to decorate and beautify the church sanctuary. Once again this Christmas season, we will be decorating the church sanctuary with Poinsettia plants. These lovely plants will be available to take with you following the Christmas Service on December 19. Plan now to purchase one or more of these plants (\$14) to take home with you or to give as a gift this season. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the Church library for reservation and purchase of the plants. Again, many thanks and blessings.

Sylvia Anderson  
Flower Committee

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

Over half of the Sundays in 2011 have been taken. Plenty more are left – please sign up on the Flower Calendar on the wall outside the bookstore. The cost is \$45.00 and the flowers are yours to take after the service. When paying for the flowers, please put “Flowers” on the memo line.

Sylvia Anderson,  
Flower Committee

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dec 5, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Alumni Presentation.**

**Dec 12, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Board of Trustees Meeting.**

**Dec 19, Sunday, 11:00 am, Christmas Service and Reception.**

**Dec 24, Friday, 7 pm, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service followed by dessert reception.**

**Jan 9, Sunday, 9:00 am Divine Science Classes: Basic Principle of Divine Science with Wayne Gatewood, Spiritual Psychology with Rev. Donna Gatewood,**

**and Bible Mystery and Meaning – New Testament with Ms. Sylvia Anderson.**

**Jan 9, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Board of Trustees Meeting.**

**Ongoing Prayer and Study Groups:**

**Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesdays – Noon Meditation**

**Thursdays – 7:00 pm (Men’s Group)**

**Ongoing Bible Class: A Study of Consciousness - Wednesdays – 7:00 pm (Bible Class will meet through December 15<sup>th</sup> & be suspended through Feb; it will resume March 16, 2011.)**

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### **WHETHER WEATHER**

For information about weather-related church closings, please call the church number (202) 333-7630, listen to WTOP 103.5FM or 103.9FM at :04 past the hour or :31 past the hour, or check the WTOP website: [WTOPNEWS.COM](http://WTOPNEWS.COM).

**Here is a gift for you -- a puzzle to work on over the holidays or in the event of blizzard conditions some of us had last winter. Enjoy!**

**CAN YOU FIND THE 16 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE?**

I once made the remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu. It kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most rewarding few moments for you.

Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to find them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea, so she can concentrate better.

See how well you can complete. Relax now, for there are really sixteen names of the books of the Bible in this story.

(One preacher found 15 books in 20 minutes but it took him 3 weeks to find the sixteenth one.)

Source Unknown

**We wish you a joyous Christmas and  
blessed New Year!**

