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NEWSLETTER

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Dr. Al. G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus

LESSON TOPICS FOR FEBRUARY

Feb 5 THE POWER OF LETTING GO

Rev. Maria Borrero

There are those who hang on to beliefs, pain and fear which keep them stuck to a self and life they do not want. Letting go of those thoughts and turning within to the secret place of the most high will reveal the kingdom that awaits all.

Feb 12 LOVE IS THE ANSWER

Rev. Maria Borrero

Too often we seek outside ourselves for solutions and our good. As a child of God, we need only look and turn within our very being to find Love. God's Love is the answer to all problems, all questions and all seeking.

Feb 19 THE SECRET PLACE

Rev. Janet Friedline

The Bible speaks of a secret place. But just where is this place, and how do we find it? There is a way - let us discover what it is.

Feb 26 WHAT HINDERS YOU?

Rev. Janet Friedline

Each of us desires to experience life in a particular way and the decisions we make

help or hinder. Choose wisely, for we will reap the results of our determination.

GOD IS LOVE

Rev. Maria Borrero

“God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him” 1 John 4:16

Divine love is an attribute of God which lives within us as we are one with our Father. The love that is eternal can never die or be taken away, and gives continuously without any conditions or expectations in return. We were created to express this love for love is the harmonizer of life.

When we turn within to silently dwell in the secret place of the most high, listening carefully, we dwell in pure love. It is then that we are an instrument for God's love to be experienced and known out here in the world.

God's love dissolves all seeming problems and challenges. Divine love heals all error and lifts our consciousness higher so that we may experience love in action.

“Now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13

Hope is the desire for something to happen. Faith is the belief that it will happen and love is the certainty that it has happened. Love unites us all in God. It heals all pain and sorrow, revealing our true nature, a spiritual being.

Love is always with us it will never leave us or forsake us. It is in communion with God that we open up to love and have realization of its power. Love, while impersonal, loves all souls for the pure joy of loving.

Let us look at others with love in our eyes, in our hearing and in our being, knowing that they too are full of love even if they don't recognize it as of yet. Love brings us wholeness, perfection, and joy.

“Love therefore is the fulfillment of the law.” Romans 13:10

MINISTER’S MESSAGE

Dear Board of Directors, Church Members and Congregation,

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors and the Church Members for their confidence and support in selecting me as the full time minister. It is an honor to serve the Church and the Divine Science teaching. There will be a transition from the present rotation in the pulpit of the ministers. However, as promised, although I will speak the vast majority of the time in our Sunday Services, the present ministers and Dr. Salazar will have the opportunity to also speak from the pulpit, teach classes, continue leading study groups, putting the messages on the daily dial-a-prayer, participate in and lead spiritual retreats and special workshops, as well as provide spiritual counseling. The ministers will have choices in terms of their participation in the various Divine Science teaching activities.

There are no words that can adequately express my gratitude to all the ministers for serving the church in so many ways. They have all been my mentors and instruments of Divine Spirit in guiding and leading me. Their advice and feedback kept me on this beautiful path to know and serve God. To all the ministers, I thank you and want your presence with us as this Divine Science Church continues serving all those who seek to have a relationship with our Father, God.

Blessings,
Rev. Maria Borrero

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

ITEM 1: REV. MARIA BORRERO TO BECOME CHURCH FULLTIME MINISTER EFFECTIVE MARCH 1,

2012: Greetings all! Hope everyone enjoyed a festive yet peaceful holiday season. No doubt we all know that the Christ is born each and every time we go within and live in the realization of our being. Still, Christmas is a very special time of the year, and if others about us feel “the Presence” all the more because of Christmas, then Oh What Joy!

We are looking forward to having the leadership of a full time minister. Rev. Maria Borrero was voted into the position by an overwhelming majority of the Church Members present at a special meeting held on December 11, 2011. Thanks to all of you that took the time to attend this special meeting and cast your vote.

The Board has drafted up a one year contract for Rev. Borrero and it will be presented to her within the next couple of weeks. Maria will start as our fulltime Minister on March 1, 2012 and the contract will run through February 28, 2013, at which time another contract can be drafted.

The Board looks forward to working with and supporting Maria in her extremely important role as our church spiritual leader.

ITEM 2: HOWARD L. JONES, JR. – HIS ABUNDANCE AND LOVE ARE DEMONSTRATED: We all loved Howard, and those of us that knew him still miss his sharp wit, his oftentimes questioning ways, and his steady presence at our Church. Howard made his transition over a year ago and as his Court Appointed Personal Representative I got to learn things about this wonderful man that I had never known. Howard was a “giver,” a man that gave of his abundance to so many organizations and causes that it took some months to identify them all. He cared about those around him; he cared about those who lived in far off places that did not have the material abundance or simple necessities in life that we take for granted here in America. He was a decorated WW II Veteran, he was a devoted son to his mom and dad, and he was simply a loving and wonderful man.

I sat with Howard during the weeks and days leading up to his transition, and it was his desire that the Church receive a significant portion of his estate. Howard loved our Church and he was so very appreciative of the teaching of Divine Science. In December 2011, a \$300,000.00 (three hundred thousand dollar) check was made to the Church as a partial gift from Howard’s estate. Once Howard’s home is sold and any other identified remaining assets liquidated, there will be one more (final) disbursement of monies to the Church from Howard’s estate. The Board will be working with others, to include a financial planner, to ensure that we become the best stewards possible of this most amazing and generous gift from our most loving and dear friend Howard. Thank you Howard!

ITEM 3: SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT - CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AND VOLUNTEERING: The Organizational Chart is on the cork board in the library entrance way. If you want to sign up for a certain committee, just take a look at the chart and identify the Board liaison that is responsible for that committee. I know we can use some kitchen help, some help in the book store with taping and such, some help in the sanctuary, etc. A big thanks to our newest Church member, Robert Mayo, for stepping up and volunteering to assist me in Church facilities matters. Please volunteer and please get involved.

ITEM 4: CHURCH SECRET VALENTINE: Please join the Board and other Church members on Sunday, February 12, 2012, when we announce and celebrate this year’s Valentine. Those folks selected as Valentines are people that have stepped forward to assist the Church, and have given of their time and energy as volunteers.

ITEM 5: NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, 2012.

Love and blessings folks....
Wayne Gatewood
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SPECIAL WELCOME

A very special welcome to two new church members: Rev. Dennis Donlon of Washington, DC, and Mr. Robert William Mayo of Gaithersburg, MD. We are happy that you have joined our Church family.

BOOKSTORE

The Bookstore has a new check acceptance policy. In order for personal

checks to be accepted for Bookstore purchases, the purchaser must write his/her telephone number on the check and provide identification in the form of a driver's license or other state or federally issued identification. The Bookstore retains the right not to accept any check. Fees charged to the church for any returned checks will be the responsibility of the purchaser.

Profit and Loss
Oct - Dec 2011

Income:

Book Sales	1,223.51
Contributions	11.00
Miscellaneous Income	4.97
Nut Sales	876.71
Reimbursed Expenses	28.48
Tape and CD sales	470.00
Total Income	2,614.67

Expenses:

Book Purchases	505.88
DC Sales & Use Taxes	42.28
Gifts to Church	2,000.00
Nut Purchases	817.08
Supplies	24.95
Other Expenses	36.00
Total Expenses	3,426.19

Net Income **-811.52**

Profit and Loss
Jan - Dec 2011

Income:

Book Sales	4,646.93
Contributions	230.76
Miscellaneous Income	4.97
Nut Sales	876.71
Reimbursed Expenses	77.05
Tape and CD sales	2,018.55
Total Income	7,854.97

Expenses:

Book Purchases	1,727.87
DC Sales & Use Taxes	788.10

Gifts to Church	2,000.00
Nut Purchases	817.08
Postage and Delivery	5.00
Supplies	53.49
Other Expenses	39.00
Total Expenses	5,430.50

Net Income **2,424.47**

Blessings,
Karolyn Elskoe, Bookstore Manager

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Profit and Loss Statement for the fourth quarter (October 2011-December 2011) and the annual Profit and Loss Statement is presented below for your information.

Some of the highlights of the annual report include a \$300,000 gift from the estate of Howard L. Jones as well as a \$20,000 gift from Norman Bott for which we are most grateful. When these two bequests totaling \$320,000 are subtracted from our net income, we show a net income of \$15,900.32.

Unfortunately, the investment portfolio saw losses for November instead of gains: the General fund took a loss of \$902 with a net equity showing at \$242,501 and the Retirement fund took a loss of \$576 leaving a net equity of \$171,529.

The checking account balance at the end of November was \$85,859.24. The FY 2012 budget will be based on the 2011 actual income (excluding the \$320,000 in bequests) and expenses.

The 2011 statements of tithes and offerings are available for pick up in the library.

Divine Science Church
Profit and Loss
Oct - Dec 2011

Income	
Building Fund	78.00
Contributions Income	37,153.76
Flowers	371.00
Legacies & Bequests	320,000.00
Reimbursed Expenses	44.77
Special Flowers	322.00
Total Income	357,969.53
Expenses	
Bank Service Charges	6.00
Book Purchases	19.82
Contract Labor	11,225.00
Copier Rental/Maint	539.49
Custodial Contract	3,625.00
Custodial Supplies	150.86
Equipment Misc.	680.65
Federation Dues/Donation	600.00
Fire and Security Alarm	190.85
Flowers Expense (Sun)	585.00
Furnace Expense	310.60
Guest Minister	2,250.00
Insurance	31.95
Kitchen Supplies/Coffee	110.73
Misc. Ops (Pest Ctrl, etc)	65.04
Office Supplies	165.19
Outreach	1,540.00
Postage and Delivery	440.00
Printing and Reproduction	191.25
Rent	600.00
Repairs – Equipment	155.00
Special Flowers	261.00
Special Music	1,950.00
Telephone	691.77
Thanksgiving Dinner	52.97
Travel & Ent.	1,667.20
Gas and Electric	1,394.66
Water	211.16
Total Expenses	29,711.19
Net Income	328,258.34

Divine Science Church
Profit and Loss
Jan - Dec 2011

Income	
Alumni Association	732.00
Building Fund	6,851.00
Contract Labor Income	1,140.00
Contributions Income	113,138.47
Divine Science Classes	113.75
Flowers	1,320.00
Legacies & Bequests	320,000.00
Miscellaneous	9.29
One Day Retreat	951.00
Reimbursed Expenses	145.27
Special Flowers	829.00
Special Music	430.00
Total Income	445,659.78
Expenses	
Bank Service Charges	81.50
Book Purchases	19.82
Contract Labor	34,390.00
Copier Rental/Maint	2,040.66
Custodial Contract	10,650.00
Custodial Supplies	597.67
Dues and Subscriptions	100.00
Equipment Miscellaneous	680.65
Federation Dues-Donation	1,400.00
Fire and Security Alarm	411.35
Flowers Expense (Sun)	2,352.95
Furnace Expense	1,553.00
Guest Minister	6,750.00
Howard Jones Memorial	395.00
Insurance	2,580.00
Kitchen Supplies/Coffee	304.96
Misc. Ops (Pest Ctrl, etc)	808.52
Miscellaneous	34.35
Office Supplies	1,426.70
One-Day Retreat	525.59
Outreach	6,187.75
Postage and Delivery	1,171.50
Printing and Reproduction	935.31
Rent	1,200.00
Repairs – Building	5,350.00
Repairs – Equipment	870.90
Sanctuary Supplies	117.31
Special Flowers	491.00

Special Music	8,835.36
Telephone	3,106.38
Thanksgiving Dinner	52.97
Travel & Ent.	4,323.98
Gas and Electric	9,317.95
Water	696.33
Total Expenses	109,759.46
Net Income	335,900.32

Blessings,
Brandi Coates, Treasurer

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

It is time for the Alumni Members (those who have completed the basic 6 Divine Science Courses) to pay **\$10 annual dues to the Alumni Association. Please give to Wayne Gatewood, Alumni Treasurer.**

Three presentations have been given this year on the overall theme, **Truth In Practice**. The next presentation will be given by Karla Rodas on February 5, following the Sunday Service. Her topic will be "Facing Whatever Comes to Us with Courage."

We are most grateful to those who provide refreshments for the presentations. If you are interested in either speaking or providing refreshments, please see Charmaine Hawkins or Shirley Taylor Moore.

We hope to see you on February 5th.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The 2012 flower calendar has been posted outside the bookstore. This year we have made arrangements with Whole Foods to make flower arrangements available for \$25 which allows more people to participate.

Please sign up for the Sundays you want and make sure we have contact information for

you so we can get your flower dedication at the appropriate time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 5, Sunday, 12:15 pm, the Alumni Association Presentation on Truth in Practice with Karla Rodas.

Feb. 12, Sunday, 12:15 am, Valentine Day Reception with Secret Valentine/Board Meeting.

Ongoing Prayer/Study Groups and Class:
Tuesdays – 6:30 pm
Wednesdays Women’s Group – 11:00 am
Wednesdays Meditation – 12:00 noon
Thursdays – 7:00 pm Men’s Group

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