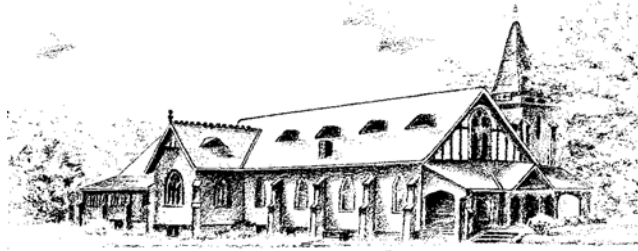


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NEWSLETTER

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Dr. Al. G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus

LESSON TOPICS FOR FEBRUARY

Feb 7 NO FEAR
Rev. Donna Gatewood

It's ugly, it's destructive, and it's limiting. It's fear. We don't need it and we don't want it in our lives, but how do we get rid of it?

**Feb 14 WHAT'S LOVE
GOT TO DO WITH IT?**
Practitioner Pamela Johnson

The answer to this questions is everything. God is all. God is Love. All is Love in the real world – the Spiritual realm.

Feb 21 IT'S AN INSIDE JOB
Rev. Janet Friedline

We understand that cause has its effect, that life proceeds from "within out," and what is invisible takes on visibility. Let us be careful what we accept inwardly, for it will surely appear in an outward way.

Feb 28 I WANT TO BE FREE
Rev. Dr. Miriam Comer Johnson

Man searches for freedom in every aspect of his living. He enacts law, and he rebels against law - always seeking conditions that will make him free. Man will come to understand that the true source of his freedom is within.

OMNIPRESENCE

Rev. Pat Beach

Divine Science teaches that God is the All in All. "...*without him was not anything made that was made.*" Yet, we can hear and even use the term "Omnipresence" without having the experience of what it really means. It is just not enough to understand this at an intellectual level.

If we do not know the fullness of God's Presence, we may mistakenly believe that God has turned away. As we learn to acknowledge God's nature as absolute, changeless and eternal, we recognize that it is we who have turned away from God. We come to see that we have been off entertaining "our own imperfect thoughts and vain opinions."

To be lifted above the realm of worldly illusion, we have only to consciously turn to the kingdom within and focus attention on the truth of God's Being. This is the temple where God is honored and where He may be met. In the deep Silence as we worship in heart, soul, mind and strength, it is discovered that even these are His -- so that Omnipresence may be revealed.

"... as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name [nature]."

Most Gracious God we thank you that in stillness, all is revealed just as it was in the beginning.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome 2010! Here is hoping this New Year finds you well and brings you abundant blessings and uplifted consciousness.

The Men's study group is sponsoring a Joel Goldsmith tape night every 6 weeks. **The next one is scheduled for Thurs, March 11. All (both men and women) are welcome** to attend this special evening. Please see separate article below for details.

It is that time of year when we honor our special Valentine! The Board of Trustees will host a special reception and announce this year's winner on February 14. Mark your calendar and plan to attend

Blessings,
Élan Darlington
President, Board of Trustees

2010 SPIRITUAL RETREAT with DR. AL G. SALAZAR

Last year's August Spiritual Retreat and Renewal with Dr. Al G. Salazar left all of us who participated wanting more! Dr. Salazar has agreed to retreat with us again this year. The dates set for the 2010 retreat are **Thursday, August 5, through Saturday, August 7**. The topic is: **Transformation of Consciousness: Karma or Christ.**

This year, only twenty (20) rooms have been reserved at the peaceful and serene Airlie Center in Warrenton, Virginia. The Airlie Center is a beautifully landscaped campus of 13,000 acres nestled in the Virginia countryside about 50 miles southwest of Washington. Pictures are worth a thousand words so I invite you to

take a look at their website (Airlie.com) to see the facilities and the grounds for yourself.

Accommodations are available for single or double occupancy. If you choose to have your own room the cost will be \$400 per person. However, if you share a room with a friend the cost will be \$300 per person. These fees are all inclusive and include a lovely room with all the amenities you would expect from a top rated center, gourmet meals (starting with Thursday Dinner, ending with Saturday Lunch), refreshment breaks and conference materials for the entire retreat.

Because the space is limited, we are taking reservations right now. All reservations will be made on a first come first served basis. **Do not delay – spaces will fill up quickly. To reserve a place at this special gathering, complete the registration form (on the back of this newsletter) and send it in along with your payment in full to: Rev. Donna Gatewood, Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ, 2025 35th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007. Partial payments will not be accepted.** Please write "Retreat" in memo section of check. If you are sharing a room, both people need to submit separate registration forms and checks together. Please note that no refunds will be given after Friday, May 28, 2010.

Transportation will not be arranged by the church or the Retreat Coordinator. It will be up to each person needing a ride to make their own arrangements. For your convenience, a list of attendees will be posted in the library so that you may contact someone to coordinate car pooling.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 703-641-9141,

Blessings,
Donna Gatewood, Retreat Coordinator

**AN EVENING WITH JOEL
GOLDSMITH**

The Thursday Evening Men’s Prayer, Meditation and Fellowship Group is offering an open invitation to all, **both men and women**, to spend an evening with Joel Goldsmith one Thursday every six weeks.

The first of these open sessions held on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at 7:00 in the evening was an unqualified success!

An Evening with Joel Goldsmith consists of a period of personal silent meditation followed by the silent listening of one of Joel Goldsmith’s taped lessons. At the end of the taped lesson there is another period for silent personal contemplation and meditation.

Wonderful fellowship and refreshments were enjoyed at the end of the evening.

The next Evening with Joel Goldsmith is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2010, at 7:00 in the evening. All are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The two tables below show the status of the church’s finances for the periods October through December 2009 and January through December 2009.

This first table covers the income and expenditures for the last three months of 2009. It shows that our net income for the quarter was \$7,525.30.

October-December 2009: Income	Profit & Loss
Building Fund	6,979.00
Contributions Unrestricted	27,257.88
Contributions Restricted	120.00
Flowers	992.00
Special Flowers	447.00

Spiritual Retreat-2010	6,328.00
Thanksgiving Dinner	50.00
Total Income	42,173.88
Expenses	
Airlie Retreat 2010	6,328.00
Bank Service Charges	7.50
Contract Labor	10,100.00
Copier Rental/Maint	407.94
Custodial Contract	2,925.00
Custodial Supplies	137.44
Fire and Security Alarm	182.35
Flowers Expense (Sun)	630.00
Guest Minister	750.00
Furnace Expense	301.60
Kitchen Supplies/Coffee	147.87
Licenses and Permits	75.00
Misc. Ops (Pest Ctrl, etc)	616.48
Miscellaneous	542.00
Office Supplies	121.98
Outreach	1,557.35
Printing and Reproduction	320.00
Rent	900.00
Building Repairs	495.00
Sanctuary Supplies	22.27
Special Music Expenses	3,725.00
Spiritual Retreat	1,276.00
Telephone	803.69
Thanksgiving Dinner	121.60
Travel & Ent.	456.40
Gas and Electric	1,289.78
Water	408.33
Total Expenses	34,648.58
Net Income	7,525.30

This second table presents a picture of the church’s finances for the whole of 2009.

This statement reveals that over the year we spent \$1,165.18 more that we received in contributions and gifts.

January-December 2009: Income	Profit & Loss
Alumni Group	675.00
Building Fund	20,304.00
Contributions Unrestricted	87,504.91
Contributions – Other	120.00
Divine Science Classes	172.50
Flowers	2,048.00

Special Flowers	547.00
Spiritual Retreat-2009	12,350.00
Spiritual Retreat-2010	6,328.00
Sunday School Brunch	400.00
Thanksgiving Dinner	50.00
Total Income	130,499.41
Expenses	
Airlie Retreat 2010	6,328.00
Bank Service Charges	51.00
Contract Labor	30,500.00
Copier Rental/Maint	1,540.38
Custodial Contract	9,600.00
Custodial Supplies	415.36
Dues and Subscriptions	100.00
Federation Dues/Donation	200.00
Fire and Security Alarm	425.35
Flowers Expense (Sun)	2,756.80
Furnace Expense	2,618.80
Guest Minister	3,000.00
Insurance	2,426.00
Kitchen Supplies/Coffee	311.15
Licenses and Permits	75.00
Misc. Ops (Pest Ctrl, etc)	1,238.62
Miscellaneous	542.00
Office Supplies	653.80
Outreach	6,012.20
Postage and Delivery	2,468.00
Printing and Reproduction	3,028.29
Rent	1,200.00
Repairs – Building	13,405.00
Repairs - Equipment	414.00
Sanctuary Supplies	155.32
Special Music Expenses	11,275.00
Spiritual Retreat	14,902.00
Telephone	4,159.27
Thanksgiving Dinner	121.60
Travel & Ent.	1,479.60
Gas and Electric	9,661.52
Water	600.53
Total Expenses	131,664.59
Net Income	-1,165.18

During the past two years the cost of maintaining, renovating and repairing the church building and facilities came to a total of \$50,205.00. Gifts and contributions to the Building Fund for 2009 totaled \$20,304.00. For the years 2008 and 2009 total contributions made to the building fund

amount to \$28,992.00. We are \$21,213.00 shy of replenishing the Building Fund. To all of you who made a special donation in support of the building fund we are sincerely grateful.

At the end of December the balance in the General Fund checking account was \$41,133.20.

Our investments in the American Funds showed net gains for the year 2009! The General Fund account increased by \$63,450.81 from \$161,409.88 to \$224,860.69; the Retirement Fund account increased by \$42,940.88 from \$116,848.91 to \$159,789.97.

Blessings,
Donna Gatewood
Treasurer, Board of Trustees

KIDS' KORNER

Here is what is happening in the Youth Ministry and Sunday School this month:

Feb 7 Divine Science Principle and Practice for Kids
Wayne Gatewood, teacher

Feb 14 Bible
Rev. Donna Gatewood, teacher

Feb 21 Meditation for Kids
Rev. Maria Borrero, teacher

Feb 28 Practicing Divine Science at School and Play, Elan Darlington, teacher

Parents and grandparents are encouraged to bring the youngsters in their family to church so that they may build a foundation in our beautiful spiritual teaching and enjoy making new friends, playing and creating.

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

SUNDAY FLOWERS

Thanks to all who have signed up to contribute flowers to decorate the church sanctuary in 2010. Plenty of Sundays 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 check memo line.

Sylvia Anderson, Flower Committee

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

On January 3, 2010, Margaret Tuttle spoke on “Overcoming Fear.” She addressed faith as the antidote to fear and shared some useful ideas she gleaned from some of our authors -- Joseph Murphy described fear as a lack of faith or trust in God, a denial of his omnipotence. Ervin Seale said that fear is simply faith turned inside out or faith in the wrong thing; it is the mind’s acceptance of the negative side of any problem.

Margaret said that it is important to have faith in our own faith. Just stating that we have faith strengthens us.

The solution to fear is to realize Truth, to realize the allness and everywhere-ness of God and our oneness with God. Rather than viewing fear as an enemy, we can welcome it as a signal – like a bell – that tells us to stop and pray, let God take over and trust God for divine direction and guidance. It is a reminder to “be still and know that I am God.”

Emmet Fox calls a good prayer a step ladder upon which we may climb from fear to the spiritual height where fear melts away in the light of truth. Any prayer, any text that helps you to realize in some degree the love and presence of God is a protection against danger. The most important truth of all is that God is always with us.

Margaret shared some phrases and words that help her to realize God’s presence:

You are my beloved child in whom I am well pleased I will never leave you nor forsake you It is my Father’s good pleasure to give me the kingdom The Lord is My Shepherd

Our Father.

We are most grateful to Michael Greenblatt for providing a delicious spread for us to enjoy.

Please join us after the Sunday service on February 7, 2010, when the topic will be “Forgiveness.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 7, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Alumni Presentation.

Feb 14, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Valentine’s Day Reception/Board of Trustees Meeting.

Ongoing Prayer and Study Groups:

Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays – 7:00 pm (Men’s Group)

The Wednesday night Bible Class: A Study of Consciousness has been suspended until March.

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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.

Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ
2010 Spiritual Retreat
Transformation of Consciousness:
Karma or Christ
Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus
August 5-7, 2010
Airlie Center in Warrenton, Virginia

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Room Reservation: Please specify single or double occupancy. Prices are per person and include rooms, meals (Thursday Dinner through Saturday Lunch), refreshment breaks and materials.

() single occupancy \$400.00 p/p

() double occupancy \$300.00 p/p – *I will share a room with _____.

*If you indicate that you are sharing a room, each person must submit a separate registration form and check. Please mail together in the same envelope.

Special Accommodations: If you require any special accommodations, please check the appropriate box(es) below:

() Vegetarian meals () Special access

() First floor room () Other _____

(The Airlie Center is a green no smoking environment.)

Space for this retreat is extremely limited. A block of only 20 rooms has been set aside for our group. First come, first served!

To reserve a space, send a check in the full amount due, i.e., \$400 if you are reserving a single and \$300 per person if you are sharing a room. Partial payments will not be accepted. Upon receipt we will send you a letter of confirmation. (No refunds will be given after Friday, May 28, 2010) Each individual will be responsible for arranging his/her own transportation.

(Please mail or deliver registration form(s) and check(s) to Divine Science Church, 2025 35th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007.)