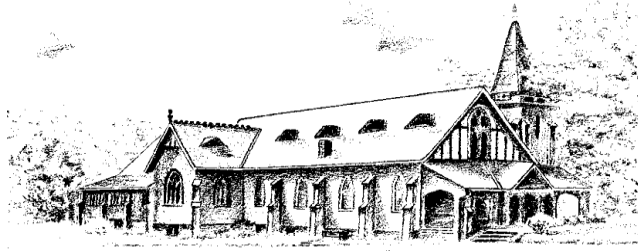


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LESSON TOPICS FOR FEBRUARY

Feb 3 WHAT WE TRULY WANT

The results of our inner emotional thinking give us experience. It may not be what we want. To know God, we must be clear what it is we want.

Feb 10 TODAY I RENEW MY FAITH IN LOVE

Eternal love is of God and God is love. We let go of the hurt, pain and disappointments. Turning within to renew our faith in God's love gives us joy, peace and blessings.

Feb 17 THE GIFT OF GOD, GRACE

Grace is God's gift of himself to his beloved children. We do not earn, fight for or gain grace. We open ourselves to its expression.

Feb 24 CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY WHOM YE WILL SERVE

To know God we must choose the path of spiritual unfoldment. It is in turning to Divine Spirit over and over again that our consciousness is opened to our true self, a spiritual being.

THE PURE IN HEART

Rev. Maria Borrero

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind and with all thy strength....” Mark 12:30

God is all in all, the one and only divine spirit, love and power. God is love; therefore love is found within his beloved, the Christ found in all living souls. The love that God has for all is eternal and changeless. When we truly love God above all else, then we can say that we fulfill the law.

This love is pure; it has never been touched by anything that is temporary, false or error. The love that comes from a pure heart is lasting; it doesn't come and go like the waves of the ocean. It starts in the heart and radiates out, lifting the consciousness of all it touches.

“If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.” 1 John 4:12

Love never fails. In loving our neighbor, we become an instrument for God's love to envelop and surround us providing its

protection against any iniquity. For what we do to others with love, we do to our Father. *“Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”* Matthew 25:40

God’s love dwells within the being of all. When we abide quietly and ever so silently within, with Divine Spirit, love goes before us revealing the perfect life.

“God is love; and he who abides in love abides in God.” 1 John 4:16

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings folks! Christmas and New Year’s celebrations have come and gone and here we are into February already. Hope everyone had a great Holiday Season.

ITEM 1: TWO NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO THE CHURCH BOARD.

As authorized by our Church Bylaws, the Board may identify qualified Church Members to fill vacancies on the Board. During our January 2013, Board meeting, the Board, with the endorsement of our Minister, Reverend Maria Borrero, selected Ms. Cheryl Walker and Ms. Barbara Brennan as new Board members. Please join the Board and our Minister in welcoming these two wonderful ladies to the Church Board.

ITEM 2: CHURCH SECRET VALENTINE FOR 2013. On Sunday, February 10, 2013, immediately following the Lesson, we will retreat to the Grace Faus Fellowship Hall where our Secret Valentine will be announced. Church members identified as Secret Valentine are those people who volunteer around the Church and can always be counted upon to give of their time and assistance. Food and

beverages will be served as will a tasty Valentine Cake. See you all there.



ITEM 3: PLEASE ARRIVE AT CHURCH ON TIME AND PLEASE JOIN EVERYONE IN THE SANCTUARY. I cannot help to notice the number of people who are late for our Sunday service every week. Please arrive at Church on time to have a seat in the Sanctuary when the service begins at 11:00 AM. One Sunday in January, we had 10 people sitting in the Library instead of the Sanctuary. The Lessons are given in the Sanctuary and your timely arrival and presence there will be very much appreciated. Thanks Folks!

ITEM 4: NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Regular Board Meeting for Board Year 2012-2013 will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2013.

Love and blessings....

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BOOKSTORE UPDATE

Have you noticed that we have made some progress on upgrading the appearance of the library and making it feel more homey and comfortable? We cleaned up the areas behind the check-out counter, moved a bit of furniture around to enhance the study atmosphere, fixed the broken desk drawer, purchased two new table lamps and several storage bins. In addition, we set up a filing

system and organized and filed all of the bookstore documents that have been languishing unattended in the drawers and on the desk for years.



We have made new labels bearing the authors' names to replace the old ones on the spines of the books for easier reading and restacking, old battered books will be removed and a new inventory will be prepared.

After all the work is completed and the lending library is open again, we will be offering memberships to church family members, Alumni Association members and those individuals who are actively taking the Divine Science classes.

Forms to apply for a library card and a new library card have been designed and printed and hopefully will be available for purchase at the beginning of February. The cost to belong to the rental library will be \$10 per year. The fees collected will be used to replace damaged books and to introduce new titles.

Recently, telephone calls and follow-up letters were sent to several individuals whose signatures are shown on book sign out cards requesting the return of books that may be hiding on their library shelves. Several of those contacted have graciously returned the books. Others have reimbursed the bookstore for books that cannot be found. To all of you who have returned your borrowed books or sent in payment for those that could not be located, we are sincerely grateful and we thank you very much.

For those of you who have received calls and the follow-up letter, we look forward to hearing from you soon. If we don't hear from you, you will be receiving an invoice in the mail for the cost of replacing the books.

Additional changes are planned in the near future which we are sure will make the library a place in which you will want to spend time reading and studying.

Blessings,
Rev. Donna Gatewood

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

This is the first of a new feature article from the bookstore. Each month we will have an article that features an author. The article will introduce you to an author you may or may not know and will showcase some of their works. Some of the writings will be highlighted and will be available for purchase in the bookstore; and a list of other available titles may be given that can be specially ordered for you. This month we are featuring Vernon Howard.

“ ‘How would you feel if the troubles and tensions in life were suddenly lifted from your shoulders? With persistent pursuit of truthful principles, that delightful feeling can be yours.’ This is a summary of the exciting message Vernon Howard has given over the years in his books and lectures... Vernon Howard broke through to another world. He saw through the illusion of suffering and fear and loneliness. From 1965 until his death in 1992 he wrote books and conducted classes which reflect a degree of skill and understanding that may be unsurpassed in modern history. Today millions of readers worldwide enjoy his exceptionally clear and inspiring presentation of the great truths of the ages. In addition to his books, tape recordings of his many class talks are

available.” (From "The Mystic Path to Cosmic Power.")

Available in the bookstore for purchase are three of his books: *There is a Way Out*; *Cosmic Command*; and *The Mystic Path to Cosmic Power*.

Other books by Mr. Howard include: *Inspire Yourself*, *Esoteric Mind Power*, *A Treasury of Trueness*, *Pathways to Perfect Living*, *Your Power of Natural Knowing*, *1500 Ways to Escape the Human Jungle*, *Esoteric Encyclopedia of Eternal Knowledge* and many more.

If you have an interest in any of these titles or the ‘many more’ we would be happy to place a special order for you. If you are interested in any special orders, please contact Donna Gatewood.

SUNDAY FLOWERS



The 2013 Flower Calendar has been posted on the bulletin board located outside the Bookstore/Library. If you would like to contribute flowers for Sunday service, there are still dates open to sign up and contribute. The cost per Sunday is \$25.00 and the donation is tax deductible. The flowers are yours to take following the Sunday service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 3, Sunday, 12:15 Alumni Association Presentation.

Feb 10, Sunday, 12:15 Board-sponsored Valentine Day Reception honoring a

secret valentine, followed by Board Meeting.

Ongoing Prayer/Study Groups and Class:

Tuesdays – 6:30 pm

Wednesdays Meditation – 12:00 noon

(The Wednesday Bible Class is on break until mid-March 2013.)

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TRAFFIC ISSUES

February 10, 12-5 pm, Chinese New Year Parade and Festival, on H Street, NW between 6th and 8th Sts.

