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LESSON TOPICS FOR MARCH

Mar 4 NOW I SEE
Rev. Janet Friedline

We struggle to perceive and discern. Clarity comes, and we say "ah, now I see." Truth reveals beyond human comprehension. Be still and know is the way.

Mar 11 RESTING IN ONENESS
Rev. Janet Friedline

Mankind longs for solitude, to be free of thought and activity. The invitation is "come unto me, and I will give you rest." This is the call of inner being; let us go there and be at peace.

**Mar 18 FREELY SOW
AND FREELY REAP**
Rev. Donna Gatewood

Sometimes it seems as if we put more into life than we get out of it. Life just doesn't seem fair. Come see why this is and how to change it.

Mar 25 Contrasting Kings
Palm Sunday
Rev. Donna Gatewood

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem may or may not have been planned to take place on the same day as Pilate's procession through the

Western gate of the city. Whether planned or not, the two processions provided a contrast that was unmistakable.

PRACTICING THE PRESENCE

Rev. Pat Beach

We hear this phrase but don't always appreciate its full depth of meaning. We see that the Presence refers to God and the practice is for us to be aware of His Presence. Our practice can start as reading, study or even in discussions about God. The best of these activities will teach us to turn within where we meet God for ourselves. There we realize that we are meant to know Him directly rather than only knowing about Him.

We truly come to know God aright when we understand that He is *always* there. Any sense of being apart is because we are distracted by our own "imperfect thoughts and vain opinions" based on a false belief of separation. And so the practice turns to directing our attention entirely to that which is Real and Eternal. The practice is now for us to be fully present to the Truth, the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth.

As the practice continues it includes giving acknowledgment, recognition, and thanks as prayer, contemplation and meditation. Paul referred to this as to "pray without ceasing."

Ultimately, it is revealed that there is but One Presence that fills all heaven and earth.

Thank you forever Father for the realization of Your Indwelling, Infinite, Eternal Presence as All that is. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Item #1 Valentine Honoree and Reception On Sunday, February 11, we celebrated our annual Valentine reception sponsored by the Board of Trustees. This year's honoree was Connie Greco, who so loyally mans the library every Sunday to welcome late comers and others who visit during the service. For many years Connie also could be found in the kitchen with former member, Sharron Schirm as they both prepared meals for numerous occasions. The attendance for this event was optimum and everyone enjoyed the repass provided by the Board.

Item #2 Welcome New Member We were very pleased to welcome Starlene Joyner Burns as new member into our church family on Sunday, February 18. Starlene is currently enrolled in the Basic Principles class. We welcome her on her journey in the study of truth.

Item #3 May Elections Before we know it, spring will have arrived and the time for elections for the Board of Trustees will be upon us. This year, because one of the members of the Board is unable to remain in their position, we are looking to appoint a replacement for that position. In addition, two members will have fulfilled their term; they are eligible to run again per the By-Laws, should they wish to do so. We are also looking for any other individuals who would like to be considered for Board membership. The pre-requisites are that (1) you must be a member of the church in good standing and (2) you must have at least completed the Basic Principles class,

according to the By-Laws of the Board. In recent years, through a congregational meeting, it was voted to reduce the Board from 9 to 7 members, and our goal is to keep that number in place. This is reflected in the By-Laws as Amended in 2014.

What does Board service mean? The Board of Trustees is responsible primarily for carrying out the business of the church insofar as its weekly operations is concerned. This includes making payments from and following church accounts in reference to large repairs or maintenance, establishing an operational budget for staff operations, and, keeping track of church funds. There are a few Board sponsored events during the year and, of course, monthly meetings. If you feel that you have something to offer and are interested in running, please let us know. If you are tapped by our search committee, please give it serious consideration.

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

Item #4 We invite everyone to attend our annual **Palm Sunday Brunch**. On Sunday, March 25, we invite you to bring your friends, neighbors and family as we enter the Easter season with a brunch offering eggs in casserole, sausage, biscuits, fruit salad, cheeses, virgin mimosas and other delectable treats. This is a spring fund raiser sponsored by the Board and we'd like to pack the house! The basic cost is still only \$10.00 per person. All proceeds go to the church General Fund. We look forward to seeing you there!

Shirley Taylor Moore, President
Board of Trustees

WELCOME

We would like to extend a special welcome to our newest member, **Starlene Joyner Burns**, of Bowie, MD.

SPRING CLASSES

Starting on Sunday, April 8 at 9 am:

Meditation

Rev. Donna Gatewood, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, April 8, 2018, 9:00 am

Prerequisite: Basic Principle of Divine Science

The Meditation class is approached in a well-defined, scientific manner and clearly establishes the difference between the cosmic and spiritual levels of awareness. The transcending spiritual meditation process and its practical application to every-day living are emphasized in every session.

Higher Training and Consecration

Rev. Janet Friedline, *Instructor*

Date: Sunday, April 8, 2018, 9:00 am

Prerequisite: The other 5 classes.

This class stresses the transformation of consciousness from a sense-awareness of life to a Christ-awareness of life. It gently presents to the individual student an opportunity to establish a spiritual basis from which to think and live.

Sign-up Sheets have been placed on the table in the library. The classes run for 10 weeks; the cost is \$65; people who have previously completed the class may audit and the cost is \$35.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

On February 4, 2018, the Alumni Association welcomed Jacqueline Scotland, and Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr., the two new

Divine Science Practitioners here at our church. They spoke in a forum called "Ask the Practitioner," in which they held a question and answer discussion that invited the audience to ask them questions. The audience asked many questions including: what is a Practitioner, what do you believe in, what does Christ Consciousness mean, how do you practice the presence, the silence, the stillness, are you available for counseling.

Both Practitioners thoughtfully answered a series of probing questions from the audience, while suggesting and emphasizing the need to surrender to the Father.

Thank you to Sylvia Anderson for a wonderful feast which included chicken wings and drummets and got us in the mood for the Super Bowl later that day.

Please join us March 4th for a special presentation by Charmaine Hawkins.

FEATURED BOOK

This month's featured book is "The Easter Letters" by Joel Goldsmith, a new book which the bookstore has just obtained.

"As Joel Goldsmith's teaching and healing ministry took him to the far corners of the world, he sent a Monthly Letter to his students. *The Easter Letters* comprises ten of these letters, each of which beautifully commemorates the mystery and majesty of Easter. Whereas Christmas brings the promise of peace on earth to all, *within all*, Easter reveals the achievement of full Christhood by the Master and reveals the way by which we can attain immortality.

...the book brings into sharp focus the life of the Master Jesus, and provides powerful instruction and revelation about the living Easter experience that happens day by day in the life of every truth-seeker.

The Easter Letters guides and inspires. It invites readers to consciously experience and embrace the ever-expanding life of birth, death (dying to concepts), and resurrection welling up within every living moment. It is a true celebration of Easter, and offers an inspiring set of contemplations and reflections for the Lenten season.”

(Quote taken from the Acropolis Books website.)

FLOWERS

Thank you for signing up for flowers to decorate our sanctuary -- there are 3 dates available in April! The flowers cost \$25 and you may take them with you after the service. If you will not be here on your Sunday, you may give us special directions about what you want done with them or we will free-affle them at the coffee hour after the service.

EASTER LILIES

A sign-up sheet has been placed on the table in the library where you may indicate how many lovely Easter lilies you would like to purchase to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter. The cost is \$15. You may take them home after the Easter service on April 1 and plant them, admire them or give them as gifts!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 4, Sunday, 12:15 pm, Alumni Association with Charmaine Hawkins.

Mar 11, Sunday, Daylight Saving Time begins. 12:15 pm Board of Trustees Meeting.

Mar 25, Sunday, Palm Sunday Service, followed by \$10 brunch fundraiser.

Ongoing Prayer/Study Group:

Tuesdays – 6:30 pm

OFFICE COVERAGE:

Tuesdays - Rev. Janet Friedline

Wednesdays - Rev. Donna Gatewood

Thursdays - Practitioner Wayne Gatewood

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TRAFFIC ISSUES

Sun, March 4, 7:30 am, St. Patrick's Day 5 and 10-K. Starts/Finishes at 15th and Constitution, SW, near the Washington Monument. Goes around Tidal Basin.

March 11, Noon to 3:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Day parade along Constitution Avenue - 7th to 17th Streets NW.

Sun, March 18, 8:30 am, near Freedom Plaza, 1201 Pennsylvania Ave. Scope it Out 5K Run/Walk for Colon Cancer Awareness. Starts and ends at Freedom Plaza. Goes up Pennsylvania Avenue to the U.S. Capitol.

