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

### LESSON TOPICS FOR MARCH

**March 4 PROVE ME NOW**  
*Rev. Janet Friedline*

Truth reveals that Christ dwells in us, but do we actually believe this? Let us be mindful of our actions, so that we may bear witness to what it is we say we know.

**March 11 BE A LIGHT  
UNTO THE WORLD**  
*Rev. Miriam Comer-Johnson*

Light is the cornerstone of spiritual living. We are here to be a "light unto the world". As we are that light, we experience the peace that surpasses human understanding.

**March 18 OUR TRUE PURPOSE**  
*Ms. Pamela Johnson, Practitioner*

We are not here to toil, to obtain degrees or material success such as money and property. Our true purpose here on this earth is to show forth the glory of GOD.

**March 25 JUST FOR THE MOMENT**  
*Rev. Janet Friedline*

In the midst of daily living, it is sometimes difficult to stay true to a spiritual way of Life. Let us savor the moment. Just for this

moment it is possible to turn and be in his presence.

### PEACE BE UNTO YOU

Moses experienced glimpses of his true heritage. He found his work in showing others this higher realm of Life. *"It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up [in understanding], refused to be treated as the son of Pharaoh's daughter [mankind]."* Moses taught that by turning to God's kingdom within, His governance prevails.

*"Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord. The Lord shall fight for you and ye shall hold your peace."* In essence, he was saying the Law shall provide for you when you know that God is Present.

Jesus knew his true heritage more consistently because he dedicated himself to living in this awareness. He taught not only by word but by example. He was conscious of God's Presence and let God's perfect expression be revealed from within Him. *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me."*

Before his trial and crucifixion, Jesus told his disciples, *"My peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."* The words of the Resurrected

Christ were first about Peace. *“And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?” “Peace be unto you.”*

Entering into the kingdom within, closing the door and taking no thought for the things of the world, the peaceable kingdom is revealed. As we abide in this realm, problems are not solved, rather they are dissolved. *“Prove me now, saith the Lord.”*

May the love of God, the consciousness of the Son, and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with us all now and forever – for so it is. Amen.

### **PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

#### **ITEM 1: CHURCH BOARD**

**ELECTIONS:** It is hard to believe, but another Board Year will be coming to an end in May 2007. To this end, we are seeking volunteers who would like to run for a Board seat. To be a Board Member you must have completed the Basic Principle Course and be a member of the Church. If you are interested in getting your name on the ballot, please let me or any other Board member know and please prepare a one-paragraph Bio of yourself, indicating how long you have been with the Church and any and all Church volunteer efforts you have been involved in.

In our Board Meeting of February 11, 2007, Donna Gatewood was selected to complete the entire remaining term of Judyette Baker. This means that Donna will remain on the Board until May 2008.

We will have three vacant positions to fill for the upcoming 2007-2008 Board. Both Pamela Johnson’s and Stacey St. Holder’s terms are ending, and we have to fill the vacancy left by the departure of Ida Hayes.

All three positions to be filled are three year positions. Both Pam and Stacey have elected to run for a second three-year term.

Results of the election will be announced at our Annual Meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEM 2: MS. SHIRLEY TAYLOR-MOORE, SECRET VALENTINE:** At our Valentines’ Day Reception held following the Lesson given by Dr. Salazar on February 11, 2007, we announced that our 2007, Secret Valentine was none other than Shirley Taylor-Moore. Over many years, Shirley has been a constant positive presence within our Church community, having served as Board Member, Board Secretary, and as a volunteer in support of numerous Church events. It is because of Shirley’s leadership as our Church Music Director that we are continually blessed with wonderful music and song in support of our regular Sunday activities and our special Church services. Shirley has planned and managed previous Church Music Galas. We love you Shirley. Happy Valentines’ Day from everyone at the Church, and thank you for your many demonstrations of love through your volunteer efforts.

**About the Valentines’ Day Reception:** I want to thank our Board members for their support of this function. The Reception was a great success. I want to especially thank Rev. Janet Friedline and Donna Gatewood for coming in on Saturday and preparing sandwiches, setting up tables, placing decorations, and ensuring that all was ready to go for Sunday. Thanks too, to you Church members that stayed behind to clean up after the event.

**ITEM 3: MAY 4, 2007, MUSIC GALA & FUNDRAISER IN MEMORY OF NORMAN BOTT:** Please plan on attending. See separate write up.

**ITEM 4: CHURCH FACILITIES/WEBSITE:**

**Website:** Please visit our website at [www.divinescience.org](http://www.divinescience.org) to see the new look and functionality of our Church website. You can now read and/or download our Church Newsletters from the site.

**Painting of Walls:** The wall in the rear of the Sanctuary, the walls in the Max Ballard rear classroom and the ceiling in the Library are scheduled for scraping and painting.

**Radiator and Pipe:** The heat pipe running through the Harold Ganss classroom and the radiator in the Library which were leaking have been repaired.

**ITEM 5: KUDOS TO ELAN DARLINGTON AND CHRIS MCFADDEN:**

Last year, Elan and Chris volunteered to manage the Church Lending Library and Book Department after Norman made his transition. To date, they have started taping Sunday lessons on CDs, and have effectively and efficiently maintained the Book Store stocking levels while ordering new books of interest to our Church members. Of particular note, Elan and Chris took the time to create a database listing of all of the books in our Lending Library. Job well done Elan and Chris! Thank you both for your initiative and for your loving demonstrations.

**ITEM 6: NEXT BOARD MEETING/SUNDAY BRUNCH:**

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 11, 2007. Please join us after the Lesson for Brunch with Morris and the Sunday School Children. What a treat this is. Our kids get to learn kitchen and cooking etiquette and we get to have a great meal. Cost is \$5.00 or whatever you can afford, first-time visitors to the Church eat

for free. Let's gather and share with one another and greet our Church visitors.

Love and blessings....

Wayne Gatewood  
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**KIDS' KORNER**

On the first Sunday of the month, March 4, the Sunday school will have an art class with Karlisima. Children will discuss an activity or attribute of God and sketch what that means to them. They will then use acrylic paints to transfer their sketches from sketch pad to canvas.

Cooking with Spirit will resume on Sunday, March 11 and a delicious brunch will be served immediately following the Sunday lesson. See the *Invitation to Sunday Brunch* to see what the children will be preparing for you.

Also on March 11, the Sunday school will host two visitors-- Mr. Peter Miller and Mr. William Freeman. Mr. Peter and Mr. William are from the newest Divine Science church in Vermont. They are coming to see what our Sunday school is doing. We look forward to having them and we welcome their visit.

Look for the book club with Ms Elan to meet on Sunday, March 18.

With February gone we can't wait to say goodbye to Winter and we look forward to the coming of Spring! With the arrival of spring we think of new growth on the trees and jonquils and tulips blooming through out the city--that means it is time to spruce up the church grounds. Sunday, March 25,

has been designated as a day of service for the Sunday school. We will use this day to bring new life to the flower beds by planting and mulching. Children, please wear old clothes and washable boots or shoes--we are bound to get messy.

Here is a quick recap of the March calendar:

March 4, 2007 Love of Art with Karlisima  
March 11, 2007 Cooking with Spirit and  
Mr. Morris  
March 18, 2007 Book Club with Ms Elan  
March 25, 2007 Day of Service—  
Wear old clothes and boots

We were delighted to have Aisha Cuffey join us in Sunday school recently. It seems like just over night Aisha has grown into a lovely young woman--I didn't recognize her on first glance-but then that beautiful smile lit up her face and we all knew who she was. We hope to see Aisha more often. We miss her gentle kindness and her contributions to the group.

Love and Blessings,

Donna Gatewood,  
Director, Youth Ministry and Sunday School

### *Invitation to Sunday Brunch*

*The Sunday school children  
Under the direction of  
Chef, Morris L. Dean  
Cordially invite you  
To join them for Sunday Brunch  
On  
Sunday, March 11, 2007  
In the  
Grace Faus Fellowship Hall*

### *Menu*

*Scrambled Eggs  
Chicken Sausage  
Stove Top Apple Sauce  
Onion & Cheese Biscuits*

*Juice, Coffee , Tea*

*Minimum Love offering of \$5.00  
is requested; offer what you can.  
The sky is the limit--all offerings  
go to the church General Fund.  
Thanks a million for your  
support!*

### **A Toast of the Town** *From Baroque to Blues*

The Board of Trustees of the Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ are pleased to present a Musical Gala--**A Toast of the Town--*From Baroque to Blues***--in loving memory of Norman L. Bott.

Norman was a great lover of the arts and he enjoyed all types of music--everything from opera to Broadway to blues and so it is fitting that we honor Norman's memory with this musical tribute featuring the Ruby Hayes Blues Band along with the talented artists who lend their beautiful voices to our lessons each and every Sunday.

The Gala will be held on Norman's birthday, Friday, May 4, 2007, 7:30 in the evening, in the church sanctuary. Immediately following the Gala there will be a "Meet the Artists" reception in the Grace Faus Fellowship Hall.

Ticket prices are \$30 for adults, \$25 for senior citizens 65 and older, and \$20 for children 12 years old and under.

A Journal/Program paying tribute to Norman and highlighting the artists will be available to all ticket holders. Advertising space in this program will be sold to those who wish to pay tribute to Norman, advertise their business, send a message to a friend or loved one or to congratulate the artists. Fees for placing an ad in the program are: Full page \$125; Half page \$75; Quarter page \$50. If you wish to be listed as a Patron, the fee is \$25. All proceeds from the sale of tickets and program advertising will go to the church's general fund.

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 4. You won't want to miss this evening of beautiful voices singing beautiful music in tribute to a beautiful soul.

The big kick off for the Gala will be at our Brunch on Sunday, March 11. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help on one of the committees please call Donna Gatewood at 703-641-9141.

Love and Blessings,

Donna Gatewood  
Gala Committee Chair

### **BOOKSTORE**

There are a lot of exciting things happening in the Bookstore these days. We have finally caught up with the latest technology and are now recording all new lessons on CD. We will no longer make cassette tapes. Each lesson is available for purchase for \$5. (Please note: each CD will contain **one** lesson unless you indicate that you want two). The sign up sheet for lessons is located in the library; sign up by Thursday

of each week to receive your CD the following Sunday—completed CD's may be picked up in the bookstore from the counter to the right of the cash register.

Mail-order subscriptions for weekly lessons are again available. The CDs are \$5 each and will contain 2 lessons. You may sign up for this service by e-mailing or calling the church or speaking with one of the bookstore managers.

We are also planning to copy all of Dr. Salazar's past lessons onto CD as well! We are going through the old tapes and creating an inventory of all his lessons; we will post this list on the Church's website where you can order copies of the lessons on CD. Each CD will hold 2 lessons. There are a lot of tapes to go through and record, so please be patient with us while we work as quickly as we can to make this service available to you. As soon as we purchase the equipment to make CDs from tapes, we will fill the orders which have already been placed for the 5 sets of tapes currently listed on our website.

We have created a listing of all the books available in the lending library. The list is alphabetical by author and is available at the desk in the bookstore for anyone to peruse.

We have ordered and received several new books; they are on display and available for purchase on the table behind the cash register. Check them out and if you have any suggestions for new books that you would like to see for sale in the bookstore please share them with us.

It is our pleasure to manage the bookstore/library and taping functions for the Church. If you have any questions or suggestions please let us know.

Blessings, Élan and Chris

**Whether Weather?**

**In case of inclement weather, you may call the church at (202) 333-7630 or listen to WTOP Newsradio 103.5 FM or 820 AM or check WTOPNEWS.com to find out if the church is open.**

**Office/Bookstore Hours:**

**Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday  
10 am to 3 pm**

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

On Sunday, February 4, Alumni Member Charmaine Hawkins discussed the fourth Act of the Christ, Temptation. Charmaine eloquently outlined the spiritual meaning of Jesus’s temptation in the desert and shared her personal understanding and experiences with temptation – those instances in our spiritual development when we are tempted by personal sense to use our spiritual understanding and power for personal pride and gain, rather than the expression of our highest ideals. The Alumni series on the Seven Acts of the Christ will continue on March 4 immediately following the service, with a presentation on the “Crucifixion” by Matambira Mate. All are welcome.

Sylvia Anderson  
Alumni Secretary

**EASTER LILIES**

Each year, we decorate the Sanctuary with Lilies for our Easter Service. If you are interested in contributing a plant(s), please indicate how many you would like to purchase on the sign up sheet in the Library or you may call the office. After the Easter Service, you may take your plant(s) home with you to enjoy. Thank you.

Lisa Kennedy, Chair  
Sanctuary Committee

**e-NEWSLETTER**

If you were sent this newsletter by the US Postal Service, and would prefer to receive it by e-mail, please call or e-mail the office with your e-mail address or fill in a request form.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Mar. 4, Sunday, 12:15, Alumni Presentation on “Crucifixion” with Matambira Mate.**

***Mar. 11 is the first day of Daylight Saving Time. Please remember to set your clocks an hour ahead on Saturday night.***

**Mar. 11, Sunday, immediately following the service, the Sunday School, under the direction of Mr. Morris L. Dean, will host our Sunday Brunch. After this the Board of Trustees will meet.**

**Ongoing Prayer and Study groups:  
Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m.  
Thursdays - 10:30 a.m.**

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