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NEWSLETTER

DIVINE SCIENCE CHURCH
OF THE HEALING CHRIST
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LESSON TOPICS FOR MAY

May 4 ON DEATH AND DYING

Rev. Maria Borrero

In the bible it says, "For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live." Life is everlasting what must die is the human consciousness, so that we may know God and our true self.

May 11 OUR FATHER IS OUR MOTHER

Rev. Donna Gatewood

The Ten Commandments as given to us by Moses tells us to "Honor thy father and thy mother..." There is more to this commandment than merely respecting our parents.

May 18 GOD IN ACTION

Rev. Pat Beach

It is written that, "There is only God and God in Action." How does this activity express itself? How do we recognize and then experience God's activity in our lives?

May 25 IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Rev. Janet Friedline

It is so easy to blame others when things don't work out the way we hoped they

would. Let us be mindful of our intent and actions, for Truth reveals that we are responsible for our experience

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

Rev. Pat Beach

Even as a twelve year old child, Jesus knew that he was here to be about His Father's business. His Father's business is the perfect expression of Divine Law.

Jesus went about this with all of his heart, mind and soul. In constant union and communion with God, Jesus became the transparency through which God revealed Himself. In prayer without ceasing, in meditating day and night, Jesus received the blessings of His Father. "Son thou art ever with me and all that I have is thine."

Our Master teacher gave us all the instruction to enter into quietness to pray to the Omnipresent God. In the surrender of any sense of "me, myself or a personal identity" the pure nature of God is made known. This is the way, the truth and the life that God makes available. In this realization, whatever God is, I am. My Father and I, I and My Father are One.

God of all -- may everything that has breath express and praise your Holy Name forever. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! There is so much going on around our Church these days. You may have noticed some subtle changes in the music during our recent services; the Board of Trustees has taken on the task of managing the music and you will begin seeing new soloists as we audition and expand our cadre of singers and musicians. We look forward to some new and exciting changes to freshen things up a bit. Of course, we have some big shoes to fill as Shirley Taylor-Moore did a wonderful job serving as our music director for many years. We thank you Shirley for your many years of generous service.

You should have received your Board of Trustees ballot by now; please be sure to cast your vote before May 18th. You may return your ballot by mail or hand carry it to Church and place it in the ballot box on the table in the library. If you are a member of the church and have not received a ballot, please contact Margaret in the Church office to get a copy. Remember, you must be a Church member to vote.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 18th immediately following the service. There will be a Board-sponsored reception with delicious fare while we review the highlights of the past Church year. All are welcome!

I look forward to seeing you there.

Blessings,
Élan Darlington

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Profit and Loss Statement for the first quarter of the fiscal year is presented below. After all expenses our bottom line shows a net income of \$2,861.62 for the quarter.

Divine Science Church Profit and Loss January through March 2008

Income	
Unrestricted Contributions	24,031.70
Other Contributions	110.00
Total Contributions	24,141.70
Flowers	245.00
Gatewood Ordination Gifts	75.00
Gifts Sunday School	25.00
Reimbursed Expenses	33.98
Special Flowers	426.00
Special Music Contribution	500.00
Sunday School Brunch	251.00
Total Income	25,697.68
Expenses	
Contract Labor	7,400.00
Copier Rental/Maintenance	307.74
Custodial Supplies	233.32
Custodial Contract	2,250.00
Federation Dues & Donation	300.00
Fire and Security Alarm	66.00
Flowers Expense (Sundays)	480.00
Furnace Expense	1,136.80
Kitchen Supplies/Coffee Hour	138.52
Misc. Ops (Pest Control, etc)	239.94
Miscellaneous	33.98
Outreach	2,085.13
Postage and Delivery	540.00
Printing and Reproduction	464.74
Rent	300.00
Sanctuary Supplies	55.95
Special Flowers	465.00
Special Music Expenses	1,425.00
Sunday School Brunch Expenses	95.43
Telephone	885.33
Travel & Ent.	
Travel	533.00
Total Travel & Ent.	533.00
Utilities	
Gas and Electric	3,369.05
Water	31.13
Total Utilities	3,400.18
Total Expenses	22,836.06
Net Income	2,861.62

At the end of March, our bank statement for the General Fund shows a balance of \$69,440.71.

As a result of the downturn in the stock market our investments in the American Funds show a loss for the first time. The General Fund investment account went from \$258,889.47 to \$240,093.35—a net loss of \$20,013.26. The Retirement Fund investment account went from \$189,844.56 to \$175,358.22—a net loss of \$15,077.98.

Through your generous and loving support our church continues to be very good financial shape.

Blessings,

Donna Gatewood,
Treasurer, Board of Trustees

KIDS' KORNER

Sunday, April 13, was a very sweet day at our little church. The Sunday school sponsored its first bake sale. This is the first bake sale the church has had in years and years. It was a sweet success! Our little bakers were covered in flour, sugar, and chocolate but that did not deter them. We baked mile high apple pies, quiches, cheesecake, a variety of brownies; six different kinds of cookies, muffins, and sour cream poppy seed loaf cakes—we sold every delicious morsel. The sale of all these treats raised \$322.00. The children were delighted to donate the full amount to the church's general fund.

The children and the Sunday school teaching staff thank you for all your awesome support of all of our activities. You continue to make the Sunday brunches a great success and that carried over to bake sale. Thank you so much.

Sunday, April 20, was another big day for the Sunday school children. We performed

one of our annual days of service by doing our Spring gardening. Our little band of budding gardeners picked up sticks and leaves left from the fall, planted a variety of new perennials along the walkway at the 35th Street entrance. We laid new mulch, fertilized and watered. We think it looks great and we hope the beautiful colors will put a bit of spring in your step as you enter the church.

During the merry month of May we will continue with the Sunday school program as follows:

May 4 - Toddlers with Ms Courtney
 - School Age with Ms Elan
 Divine Science Lessons
 - Tweens & Teens with
 Rev. Donna - Basic
 Principle

May 11 - Toddlers with Ms Courtney
 - School Age with Ms Elan
 Divine Science Lessons
 - Tweens & Teens in the
 Sanctuary

May 18 - Toddlers with Ms Courtney
 - School Age with Ms Stacey
 Living Divine Science
 at School
 - Tweens & Teens with
 Rev. Donna - Basic
 Principle

May 25 - Toddlers with Ms Courtney
 - School Age with Ms Shirley
 Divine Science Bible Study
 - Tweens & Teens with
 Rev. Donna – Basic
 Principle

There is no Cooking with Spirit Brunch this month; our Church Annual Meeting and reception will be taking its place on Sunday, May 18. However, the Sunday school children and staff wish to help you celebrate the first official weekend of the “summer”

season. So here's the scoop... You're all invited to join us for our first ever Ice Cream Social immediately following the service on Sunday, May 25. It's our treat and our special way of letting you know how much we appreciate your support.

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

PLAN AHEAD:
DIVINE SCIENCE FEDERATION
INTERNATIONAL Conference
August 11-15, 2008 in Kansas City, MO
www.quarteragehotel.com
www.divinesciencefederation.com

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

On April 6, Ramona Harper beautifully shared her understanding of the beatitude "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8) which she said promises that God's Good will be upon us if we are pure in heart. She explained that to be "pure" from a spiritual perspective means that we recognize God as the only Cause and the only Power in existence. We fail to see God because we are seeing out of impure eyes – eyes that do not recognize that God is All. If we are "pure in heart," we will be completely free from all anxiety, resentment, selfishness, and any other negative thought or emotion.

Ramona spoke about her practice of purifying her heart with an hourly "traffic control" by turning her mind to some spiritual thought every hour on the hour. She reminded us to practice the Presence of God through prayer and meditation.

We are grateful to Ramona for sharing with us and to Mayamerica Cortez for providing refreshments. We hope to see you on May 4, when Karla Rodas will share her understanding of "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Sons of God" (Matthew 5:9).

On behalf of the Alumni Association, we encircle Sylvia Anderson, our Alumni Secretary, with Love and Peace as her Beloved sister Teddy made her transition. The Tuesday Night Prayer and Study Group was blessed on numerous occasions with Teddy's presence. We are all grateful for Teddy's beautiful smile, vibrant spirit, and the love and joy she brought us. Thank you, Father, for allowing her to share her Blessings with us.

Peace,
Jacqueline Scotland, President
Alumni Association

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4, Sunday, 12:15 Alumni Presentation with Karla Rodas on Matthew 5:9.

May 18, Sunday, 12:15, Annual Church Meeting and Reception.

May 25, Sunday, 12:15, Ice Cream Social – All Are Welcome!

Ongoing Study Groups and Class:

Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays – 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays - 10:30 a.m.

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