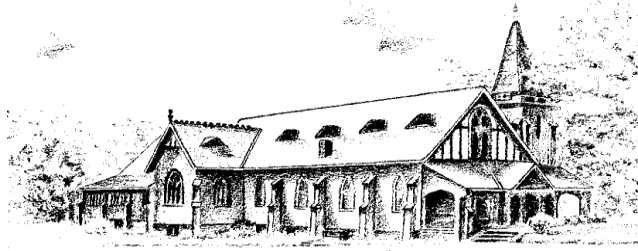


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LESSON TOPICS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept 1 SPEAK YE UNTO THE ROCK

Dr. Al G. Salazar, Minister Emeritus

Ever so slowly we are discovering that God neither punishes nor withholds. Our lives are merely the result of our thinking. Let us learn that as we begin to re-focus our thinking, we begin to renew our lives.

Sept 8 DIVINE PROTECTION

Rev. Donna Gatewood

The “secret place of the most High” is the constant awareness of the presence of God in us and with us. If we dwell in “the secret place of the most High,” no fear or evil can come near our door.

Sept 15 THE NATURE OF GOD

Rev. Maria Borrero

Let us understand that God’s nature is eternal, the same today as it was in the beginning. God is love, peace, understanding, abundance, joy and harmony. This is our nature also; we just do not have present awareness. In turning to God on a consistent basis, he reveals his nature and ours.

Sept 22 WHEN WE GATHER TOGETHER

Rev. Janet Friedline

We have been told there is a power in numbers. For this reason, we come together to study and to learn. When we come together in his name, we are taught of God, and then we “know that we know.”

Sept 29 WHERE ART THOU?

Rev. Dr. Miriam Comer Johnson

In the process of living we discover many nooks and crannies in which we hide or justify ourselves. Yet, in order to attain peace and understanding we must give up our hiding places, and answer in Principle and in Truth.

THE BLESSING OF TITHING

Rev. Maria Borrero

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” Mal. 3:10

Tithing is an expression of support for the spiritual teaching that shows us the way to God’s truth. It is a practice that is mentioned both in the old testament and the

new testament. Tithe actually means tenth. There are still farmers who take a tenth of their crops and give it back to the land. They believe that it helps in growing bountifully what they plant.

When we give from the heart, freely without strings attached or expectation of recognition, we are in line with the law of giving and receiving. Tithing is based on the principles of giving and receiving. The law applies not just to supply but also to life in general. What we give, returns to us. Tithing is not an obligation; it is a voluntary decision that flows from the heart.

When we give kindness, compassion, love, and most especially of ourselves, it comes back just as we need it. God is the one principle that fills all, for he is all in all. God is the Infinite Presence that goes before us revealing his love, grace and blessings.

The practice of tithing is an expression of showing forth our faith and trust in God. All comes from God to us. When we tithe we give back to God; we express our abundance. It is a loving act as it provides a foundation for the spiritual teaching we receive and provides for others who seek to know God and their true self.

Luke 6:38, "give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down...and running over...for with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Church family! Hope everyone has enjoyed a fun, safe, and relaxing Summer 2013.

ITEM 1: CHANGES TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Over the summer, both Barbara Brennan and Evelyn Bonhomme

resigned from the Board of Trustees. On July 30, 2013, the Vice President of the Board, Sylvia Anderson, called for a Special Session of the Board in order to fill the President's position vacated by Barbara Brennan. At that Meeting the resignations of Barbara and Evelyn were unanimously accepted; yours truly was nominated as Board President, and I accepted after a unanimous vote for me to again assume the position. So folks, you are stuck with me for yet another Board Year! ☺

Church Board of Trustees for Board 2013-2014

President - Wayne Gatewood
Vice President – Sylvia Anderson
Secretary – Shirley Taylor-Moore
Treasurer – Brandi Coates
Member – Charmaine Hawkins
Member – Karolyn Elskoe

ITEM 2: SEPTEMBER 22, 2013 – BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH & CHILI DOG LUNCH. This day has been designated for all of our Members to bring a friend to Church. Of course you can bring a friend or a family member or whomever else you would like to bring. Many of you have mentioned that it would be nice for Church attendance to pick up, so here is an opportunity for each of you to live in the solution by inviting and bringing others to the Church with you.

Immediately following the Service of September 22, there will be a "Chili Dog" lunch where I will be cooking my world famous chili dogs! ☺ Food will be provided at a nominal fee with all monies going to the Church Building Fund. First-timers get free hot dogs. Hope to see you and your guest(s) there.



ITEM 3– CHURCH FACILITIES.

Major Basement Work/Repairs. During July the Church Basement was again flooded as a result of the heavy rainfall. Stanley Steamer was contacted and asked to take action to “dry-vac” the Church carpeting but told us that they would not take on the work because of water damage throughout the basement and the need for outside foundation work to stem future flooding

Subsequently, Polygon (www.polygongroup.us) was contacted and we contracted with them for cleanup and repairs in the basement that included replacement of drywall in the two classrooms, women’s bathroom, and the hallway, installation of vents in the new water resistant drywall to allow for air circulation, painting, use of EPA-approved cleaning agents to stem mold and mildew growth, cleaning of the carpets, roof repair, gutter cleaning and re-positioning, re-grading of the earth against the Church outside foundation on the 35th street side, digging of trenches and placement of run-off tubing to have water flow away from the Church foundation, and the hauling away of all damaged drywall and related trash and material. To prepare for the start of the Polygon work and to save money, Mr. Gary Robles and I worked at the Church over a number of days to tear apart old water-logged drywall, to empty out the Church supply area and discard old filing cabinets and other old items and broken equipment, to remove historical files from the cabinets and let them dry, and to dig up and remove the bushes along the Church foundation on the 35th street side. The roots of the bushes and other growth had actually worked their way through the lower portion of the foundation of the Church leaving major gaps that allowed for the water to enter the basement.

Website: Over the past couple of months we had major problems with the Church website, to include long term outages. Although the company that was hosting our site did so cost-free, we left that Company and our website is now hosted via Godaddy and kept current by a qualified webmaster at minimal costs.

New Church Sign. The Board has looked at a number of Church signs and we have selected one that is tasteful with reasonable cost. It will be ordered and put in place immediately upon its arrival.

Two New Filing Cabinets. To be purchased to maintain important historical files and other correspondence/records.

Ceiling Tiles. Have been replaced by our contractor, Chester Williams. Likewise, all electrical and lighting repairs have been made.

ITEM 4: NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 15, 2013, immediately following Service and Coffee with Clarence.

Love and blessings....

Wayne Gatewood
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REV. BARBARA ST. HOLDER’S TRANSITION

We were saddened by the passing of our dear Rev. Barbara St. Holder on July 14, 2013. Rev. St. Holder was a dynamic force in our church as well as in the community. She served as teacher, practitioner and Minister. She also led study groups on Thursday morning and Tuesday evening, represented our Church at the Divine Science Federation International, recorded Dial-A-Prayers on a weekly basis and managed the Sunday School for a few years.

Rev. St. Holder's funeral was held at our church on July 20, 2013. Rev. Janet Friedline presided with participation of Deacon Rodney Lewis of Trinity Episcopal Church and Archbishop Father Stallings of the Imani Temple. Rev. St. Holder's dear friend, Shirley Taylor Moore, sang "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" and "The Lord's Prayer," two of her favorites.

Reflections and remembrances by a few of the many family members and friends who filled the church testified to the length, breadth and depth of the impact Rev. St. Holder's love and faith had on all those she touched.

DIVINE SCIENCE CLASSES

Two of our fall classes start on **Sunday, September 8, 2013, at 9:00 am:**

Basic Principle of Divine Science with Rev. Janet Friedline, Instructor.

There is no prerequisite to this class. It is open to all.

The Basic Principle of Divine Science class is the foundation on which all the other classes are built. It is during this class that the student's faith in an ever-present Presence is awakened. Practical Instruction in the application of the teaching is given from the very beginning. This class is offered two times during the church year.

Bible Mystery and Bible Meaning – Old Testament with Rev. Dr. Miriam Comer Johnson, Instructor.

Prerequisite: Basic Principle of Divine Science, Spiritual Psychology and Meditation

This class examines the metaphysical interpretation of the Old Testament that when interpreted metaphysically reveals

hidden meanings through allegories, parables and symbolic language. Students discover that the Bible is the story of their own unfoldment and awakens in consciousness the divinity of their own nature.

Each class is 10 weeks long, tuition is \$65 and the auditing fee for those repeating the class is \$35. Each class is described in the special Education Issue 2013-2014. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the library.

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

The author of the month for September is **Rev. Dr. Grace Lightfoot Faus.**

As we begin our 2013-2014 school year and our series of six classes, it seems particularly appropriate to acknowledge with a great sense of gratitude Rev. Dr. Grace Faus who lovingly founded and served our beautiful Divine Science teaching through the first thirty-six years of its eighty-one years in Washington, DC (of which fifty-seven years have been at our current Georgetown location).

I had the privilege recently to have a delightful conversation with James Goure, Jr., Grace Faus's eldest grandson. James is currently carrying on the work of his parents Diana Lightfoot Patch (Grace's daughter) and James Goure at the UR Light Center in Black Mountain, NC. James told me he began coming to this church to hear his grandmother speak when he was six years old. He remembers the church and how wonderful Grace's lessons were. He has graciously agreed to share some of Grace's writing with us; works that we have lost over the years. He has kindly given us permission to reprint these beautiful pieces so long as we return the originals to him. In return for his generosity, we will be sending James copies of Grace's CDs so that he can listen to the sweet voice of his grandmother

once again, along with some photographs of the church.

We are pleased to provide you with some selections that have been out of print along with some that have gone unnoticed on our shelves.

We are offering the following booklets:

Divine Awareness (Meditations)
From Dust to Divinity *Stand Firm in the
Light *How Healing is Accomplished
The Joy of Life
The Power of God in the Soul of Man
The Spirit of Joy

“Eternal Truth in a Changing World” is a book Grace wrote after she retired from this church. We hope you find it to be filled with Truth and Light, the very essence of Grace, and that it will bring you a sense of peace, joy, and understanding,

In addition, we are making available copies of some of her lessons on CD as well as “Living Words and Melody.”

Selections are priced as marked.

If you have not yet read the biography of Rev. Dr. Faus, “Grace and Truth, The Story of Grace Faus Ordained Minister in the Nation’s Capital,” please pick up a **free** copy from the table in the library.

Rev. Donna Gatewood

BRING A FRIEND FOR CHILI DOGS
Sunday, September 22, 2013



Sunday, September 22, 2013 is our “Bring a Friend Sunday.” We will have a wonderful Sunday service at 11:00, followed

by Wayne’s famous **chili dogs** at a nominal cost in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. First-timers get free hot dogs!

All proceeds will go to the Building Fund to help pay for recent repairs in basement and around the outside of the building.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The theme for this year’s monthly Alumni Presentations is: “How I have experienced Divine Science in my life.” To make a presentation, one must be a member of the Alumni Association, having completed the 6 basic courses offered by the church.

The sign-up sheet to provide refreshments for the presentations has already been filled. There are still some dates available for graduates to speak. If you are a graduate and are asked to sign up to speak, please say “yes” if you can. We would love to hear from you.

The presentations will be given following the service on the first Sunday of the month from October to May (not in January).

SUNDAY FLOWERS

Thanks to all who contribute flowers to decorate and beautify the church sanctuary. Our 2013 calendar has been filled; next month we will post the 2014 calendar.

DIAL-A-PRAYER
(202) 338-1240



This is a good time to remind people of the daily Dial-A-Prayer line which we have. Each day, Rev. Maria Borrero records a meditation on (202) 338-1240. It can be accessed 24/7 -- a wonderful source of inspiration, comfort and truth.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 1, Sunday, 11:00 am, Dr. Al G. Salazar's topic will be "Speak Ye Unto the Rock."

Sept 8, Sunday, 9:00 am, Divine Science Classes start: Basic Principle of Divine Science with Rev. Janet Friedline and Bible Mystery/Bible Meaning Old Testament with Rev. Dr. Miriam Comer Johnson.

Sept 12, Thursday, 7:00 pm, "An Evening with Joel Goldsmith" – "My Kingdom" and "This World."

Sept 15, Sunday, 12:15 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Sept 22, Sunday, 12:15 Bring a Friend Sunday plus Chili Hot Dogs after the service.

**Ongoing Prayer/Study Groups and Class:
Tuesdays – 6:30 pm
Wednesdays Meditation – 12:00 noon**

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TRAFFIC ISSUES

Sunday, Sept 8, Nation's Triathalon, Begins at 7 am: Run: National Mall/Hains Point; Bike: through Georgetown to Montgomery County; Swim: Potomac River near Memorial Bridge.

Sunday, Sept 8, Adams Morgan Day
Noon - 7:00 p.m., 18th St. NW, between Florida Ave. and Columbia Rd., NW. 'Arts on Belmont' opens 10:00 am.

Sunday, Sept 22, MS Challenge Walk, leaves Arlington, VA at 8 am, crosses Key Bridge, goes to Finish Line at the Capitol for a Celebration at 1:30.

Sunday, September 29, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Turkish Festival: Freedom Plaza, Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, between 12th and 14th Street.

DIVINE SCIENCE

STATEMENT OF BEING

God is all, both invisible and visible.

One Presence, One Mind, One Power is all.

This One that is ALL is Perfect Life, Perfect Love, and Perfect Substance.

Man is the individualized expression of God

And is ever one with this Perfect Life,

Perfect Love, and Perfect Substance.