

Woodland Chapel's



Joyful News



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First Church of Religious Science
Rev. Maur Horton, Executive Officer

My dear friends,

This is my first article as Executive officer of the Church. We are in a time of transition at our Chapel. I just want to share with you some thoughts on the magnificence of this transition and the joy that is coming into expression every time we meet, especially on Sunday mornings. I also want to give you a sense of what is happening as we move forward. You see it is my job now to hold sacred the consciousness of the church and do all I can to keep the church running smoothly as we move from one expression of joy to another.



First I must acknowledge how blessed we are with so many congregants who have stepped up to take leadership roles during our time of transition. At the risk of forgetting to mention someone, I do want to point out Practitioner Kathy Prather who is leading our prayer team, in charge of the library and overseeing our grounds Vicki Tournay has stepped in to be our officer Manager. She is moving ahead with organizing the office and calmly addressing each situation that arises. Dick and Connie Walker are magnificent. Let me say that Practitioner Connie is leading the kitchen and prep teams, answering questions and issues as they arise, all while helping with Practitioner of the Day activities: Meditation, Amen corner and being available after services for prayer work.

Dick Walker has stepped up as assistant to the Treasurer, sound technician and, of course, facilities manager. Robbie Porter has established a program for and coordinates our junior church. Lisa Guillen continues to work her communications magic with our web site and this Joyful News. Even though Rev Don and Phyllis Kerr are away on vacation, we are benefitting from their set up of the Kitchen and Prep teams and taking the time to acquire all the kitchen supplies needed during their planned absence.

So many of you are part of the teams that make our chapel run smoothly that to name all of you would be to lengthen this article beyond its intended limits. Whether it is writing articles for our newsletter, sweeping the walks, vacuuming the carpet, watering and tending to our flowers and plants, gardening, setting up hospitality, washing dishes, cleaning the kitchen, emptying the garbage or simply being with us on Sunday mornings, I can't express enough the pride, joy and thanks that are in my heart when I see each of you doing what you do so well. You are, each one, truly a beneficial presence.

Oh, lest we forget. You are all also generously supporting our chapel with your tithes and gifts. We are blessed indeed.

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Woodland Chapel Celebrates
Joy! In One Spirit, One Life, One World!

Woodland Chapel
The Church of Joy!

Ministry of Prayer

To contact any of the following people, leave a message at Woodland Chapel
(503) 362-4139

Reverend Don Kerr
Rev. George Powell, Emeritus
Reverend Maur Horton
Practitioner Connie Walker
Practitioner Kathy Prather

Applause

We have so much to be grateful for! This month our applause goes out to...

Woodland Chapel gives a special Thank You to everyone who helped with Rev. Mary's going away party. Candy Willmann for the Pina Colada cheesecake; Sue Rawson for the decorative vases and flowers on all the tables; Kathy Prather for printing pictures; Robbie Porter and Heather Terhune for the poster board display; Connie Walker for decorating, set up and clean up; Rev. Maur for the nice commemorative plaque; and anyone and everyone who helped us celebrate the day.

Woodland Chapel also applauds all those who are so faithfully completing their tasks as members of the hospitality and prep teams.



Sunday Meditation Schedule

Every Sunday morning at 10:30, Woodland Chapel presents a Meditation Service. Each facilitator will guide you into stillness of spiritual connection with their own unique method. We look forward to you joining us.

June 2
Connie Walker, RScP

June 9
Kathy Prather, RScP

June 16
Connie Walker, RScP

June 23
Rev. Maur Horton

June 30
Rev. Don Kerr



MUSIC



June 2
Kathleen Walter and
Matt Sazima

June 9
Kathleen Walter and
Doc Fleetwood

June 16
Kathleen Walter and
Christine Elder

June 23
Kathleen Walter and
Choir (Joyful Singers)

June 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nadine Heusser .. June 15
Chris Fisher .. June 29



Woodland Chapel sends birthday cards to our community members. If you would like to be remembered in this way, fill out the form on the Community Matters table.

SUNDAY SERMONS

June 2
Rev. Maur Horton
From Here to Eternity

June 9
Rev. Fran Lancaster
Abundance

June 16
Rev. Barbara Wuest
Father's Day

June 23
Rev. Don Kerr

June 30
Rev. Larry King
Freedom

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There is one more thing that you can do to help make our chapel's transition perfect: pray. The chief goal established by our board of trustees and our ministers and practitioners is for us to manifest the oneness that is the spiritual truth of our church. Almost all of us know how to pray in the Science of Mind way. We could say: God is One: One Life, One Love One Energy, complete and whole. God's life is my life now. I am a perfect expression of God's loving oneness, whole and complete. What I know for myself I know for Woodland Chapel. Woodland Chapel beautifully expresses the oneness, the love, the energy and the wholeness of God, as do I. This vision of oneness fills my soul with joy and gratitude now and always. These are my words of truth and I release them into the infinite Law of the Universe, knowing they are accomplished in ease and grace. All is done in perfect divine right action. So it is.

Each of us prays in our own way. So whatever words you use, I invite you to know in your heart your own wellbeing and the wellbeing of our church as we grow into an ever more perfect expression of the Divine.

Now let me share a few words about process. Our Board of Trustees met on May 19. We have already received many positive comments from congregation members about having guest speakers join Rev Don and me on Sunday mornings. The Board plans to continue this approach indefinitely. The board discussed the possibility of selecting a new minister by the holidays, say by November or December. After hearing from several congregants who sat in on the meeting, board members agreed there is no rush to establish a definite schedule for selecting a new minister at this time. The board plans to review this decision each month.

The board discussed holding a congregation meeting as part of our visioning process. No decision was made on this. The board decided that we should continue praying for oneness as the first step in our visioning process.

When the time is right, the Board will form a minister selection committee. We will let our congregation know when we do that. We will notify Religious Science Churches and let other organizations know our pulpit is open and invite candidates to apply. The selection committee will screen applicants. After candidates have given presentations at Sunday service, our church members will then vote and select our minister.

That's our plan. You are always welcome to contact me or another one of our board members to provide input on this plan or any other church matter. Our intent is simply to do what is best for our chapel. We love hearing from you.

Peace and Blessings always,

Rev Maur

Reverend Maur Horton
President of the Board and
Executive Officer of Woodland Chapel



Les is More

Forgiveness

Lester Petrie

You've heard all the platitudes about how "forgiveness is good for the soul", "forgiveness is honorable", "it makes everything right", etc... but not much about *why*.

Forgiveness, as a socio-religious act, is to establish a condition of freeing, releasing. To give is to relinquish claim to, sever possession of, to release, or set-free. It is not the same as share, or loan (which does not sever attachment). Once you relinquish something (anything) it is no longer bound to you, or you to it.

It is often said that God knows your motives, or intentions *before* you act. Let's put it this way; Your *right brain* desires, and is inclined, *before* your left brain decides to take action. It knows your motives, or intentions, *before* you act-it-out. (Think on that).

For the sake of this article, we'll now put some concepts and accompanying considerations in somewhat proper order. We usually consider forgiveness in terms of, and in relationship to another person. This is fine . . . a commendable perception, but more important to ones' advancement or evolvment, is to forgive oneself. Free *yourself*.

When one is in bondage, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually, or in any other way, it is most difficult to make any personal advancement. So why accept it? Why not set yourself free, and be on with what you're supposed to "be on" with? It's a left-brain choice that you're *free* to make.

Remember your bicameral brain (the left/right hemisphere of your brain) is where the function of mind takes place. The right side develops in an individual (microcosmically) before the left side, just as it did (macrocosmically) in *mankind*, in ancient times. The feeling, knowing, believing side is what we call the subconscious mind. It is the side that has memory, as well as the impulses, the wants and desires. The left side is where decisions are made, where thinking, evaluating, calculating and reasoning is done.

Take an example: We get an impulse to do something (maybe generated from an old memory of something that made us "feel good") which is all natural to our true make-up. That impulse is recognized (registers) in our left side brain, which figures out a way to fulfill that impulse, that desire, by directing the body to act or perform in a particular way.

All this is a true and natural way we are meant to function. Being thus, we should not be held in bondage for it, of course, considering that our action harms no-one.

Let's interject a Bible reference here; a teaching from the apostle Paul (the main author of the new testament). In Romans 14:22 he says: "Happy is the man who condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth". In other words, forgive yourself and don't feel guilty for what you (rightfully) do. If no harm befalls another, forgiveness is in order.

Remember: For (prior) give, release, set-free. Not post (after) give. Figure this out, also . . . the body is never guilty of anything . . . only the left brain, the conscious mind, the decision maker can be held responsible for conduct (positive or negative) because neither the body nor the right brain have a "choice mechanism". The right brain is *subjective*, subject to whatever is put into it. The body is only obedient (subject to what the left brain directs it to do).

So, always be discriminating (and discreet) as to what you allow your left brain to put into, and take from, your (helpless) right brain. ☹



From Here To Infinity

By Robert TenEyck



But Get Me To The Church On Time! Wow, that would make a great song lyric, but first let's get to the church on time. How did the old folks (Egyptians and Babylonians) in 3500 BC tell time? They used a sundial called an obelisk, and in 1500 BC they used a sundial called a shadow clock. The shadow-casting object is called a Gnomon and is often capable of being moved to complement the season. The Egyptian shadow clocks divided daytime into 10 parts with an additional four "twilight hours," two in the morning and two in the evening. Speaking of early time-keeping devices, we must include "stone circles" such as England's Stonehenge, believed to be capable of predicting seasonal events such as equinoxes and solstices. And, who could forget the water clocks (filling a bowl at a constant rate) and a "turn-over" hourglass. Our friend Plato (423 BC) even invented a water-based alarm clock.

One approach to "night time-keeping" was the candle clock. It would burn for four hours and have scribed marks representing a burn time of 20 minutes. A variation on this theme was the oil-lamp clocks. The calibrated reservoir of oil (usually whale) would drop in time and provide a rough measure of time. And we must not forget the incense clock, probably invented in India. It burned evenly and without a flame, resulting in greater accuracy. Amazingly enough, some had a moving weight that would drop onto a gong after a period of time. By 976 AD, water clocks were becoming so sophisticated that one, by the inventor Zhang Sixun, was 33 feet tall (not Zhang, the clock). It used mercury instead of water with an added feature of ringing a bell every fifteen minutes. Magellan (1522) had 18-hour glasses on each ship during his circumnavigation of the globe.

Mechanical clocks used gravity springs and electricity, but they did not appear in Europe until the fourteenth century. The first pendulum clock was a late bloomer, appearing in the 17th century, and the handiwork of a Dutch craftsman by the name of Christian Huygens. In 1582, Galileo studied the time-keeping qualities inherent in the swing of a pendulum but never built a model. The first professional clockmakers came from the guilds of locksmiths and jewelers.

In the 1700's, the British government offered an enormous prize to anyone who could design and build a clock accurate enough to determine a ship's longitude at sea, and the prize went to a Yorkshire carpenter by the name of John Harrison. This accurate timepiece is called a chronometer, and modern ones are tested for several days in multiple positions at three different temperatures, and then assigned a serial number. The wristwatch appeared in 1868 and was sold as lady's jewelry until a famous early aviator, Alberto Santos-Dumont, asked Louis Cartier to design him a custom-made wristwatch. Then, during the First World War, the demand exploded with pilots and artillery soldiers using them for precise timing of coordinated attacks.

Uh-oh! My wristwatch says it's time to leave for church, so I'll just briefly mention the quartz clock, invented in 1927. The Bureau of Standards used one until the 1960's, when it changed to atomic clocks. Finally, if you want to totally stop time, you can sit inside an astronomical "black hole," or – if you prefer – travel at the speed of light.

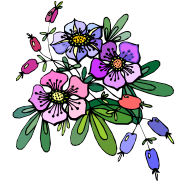
Albert says so.) 🌍



PRACTICING THE PRESENCE

Core Concept 10

By Kathy Prather



This article is the last in a series of the Ten Core Concepts used to teach Science of Mind Principles. Core Concept Ten concerns the mystical concept of the Cosmic Christ. In the material it states..."the Cosmic Christ is not that of a person, but of a principle..."

There is actually a convergence of several ideas in this concept. Chapter 22 in the Science of Mind textbook is called "Finding the Christ." Chapter 20 is titled "What the Mystics have Taught." These two ideas work together in this concept of the Cosmic Christ, I believe.

Jesus was not known as Jesus Christ, but as Jesus THE CHRIST.

On page 359 in the SOM textbook it states "As the human gives way to the Divine, in all people, they become the Christ." The Christed one becomes the Father. Jesus exemplified this principle of the human being becoming more of an example of the living God.

Mystics throughout the ages have come into contact with the Divine by way of Cosmic Consciousness. They have opened their mind to an experience of the cosmic awesomeness of God. Often, this experience will then leave them. They then try to describe these experiences, but there are no words to describe what they have experienced. It seems to encompass a great deal of love, compassion, peace and the lack of any sense of time. They then try to live forward in remembrance of that experience. The Cosmic Christ I may venture to say may be an emotional knowing of embodying the Christ nature.

As I wrap up this series I reflect on all the insights I have received as I have written it. I have grown. I hope that this series has given you some new insights, too. 🌍

A Sendoff for Rev. Mary Midkiff

Rev. Mary Midkiff's last Sunday as the minister of Woodland Chapel was Apr. 28, 2013. After preaching her sermon and finishing the service everyone went down to the Fireside Room for a farewell party and potluck. Rev. Mary invited her sister and one brother to be there as well as her two children, Julie and Luke. Julie and Luke were practically raised at Woodland Chapel and are now young adults making their own way in the world.

There were vases of flowers on each table with a small dessert table in the middle of the room. There were many hugs and good wishes for Rev. Mary. The Chapel gave her a gift card from a department store and a potted planter for her deck. There was also a nice commemorative plaque made for her. Many people also gave her individual cards and gifts. Everyone wished her the best in her new experiences in life and thanked her for her thirteen years of service at Woodland Chapel. Her sermons, classes and counseling have helped heal many souls. Good-bye Rev. Mary! 🌍

Our Vision

Woodland Chapel Celebrates
Joy! In One Spirit, One Life, One World!



Our Mission

Woodland Chapel promotes Spirit-centered living by teaching principles that heal the mind and body, expand prosperity, and nurture relationships in an inclusive, joyous community.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

10:30am Meditation – led by a Practitioner – Sanctuary
11:00am Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:00am Junior Church – Classrooms

Junior Church

All children are always welcome in our Junior Church! For the month of June, the theme will continue to be "Peace Around the World" with a number of fun games and projects to do around that topic that will introduce elements of geography, world religions, and cultures in a fun way. Robbie Porter and Heather Terhune, welcome you!



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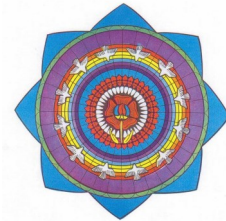
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Wills and Bequests

Deciding where you want your property to go after your transition is simply a prudent course of action. Among the choices you can make is the choice to help the church by making sure that some portion of your property goes to Woodland Chapel.

Through their wills and estate plans, friends and members of Woodland Chapel have given the church bequests of money, land, and other property. Some of the gifts have been small, some large, and all were appreciated and helpful to the church. It is relatively easy to help Woodland Chapel in this way. The simplest way is to name Woodland Chapel as a beneficiary in a will. If you prefer, you can make a gift right now as part of your estate planning. You will want to consult an attorney to plan these gifts.

Spiritual Mind Treatment

For
June 2013

Prayer for Woodland Chapel

God is One: One Life, One Love, One Energy, complete and whole. I am one with all that God is. I know that Woodland Chapel beautifully expresses the oneness, the love, the energy, the wholeness of God.

Anything which is unlike this Truth dissolves back into its native nothingness. This vision of oneness fills my soul with joy and gratitude now and always. I release these words into the infinite Law of the universe knowing that they are accomplished in perfect divine right action. And so it is.



Let all that you do be done with love.
1 Corinthians 16:14

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