



Flow of the Spirit Newsletter

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A Message from Robert

By Rev. Robert Test

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*Flow of the Spirit Church
is a Christ centered,
Independent Church.
We seek to accept each
other for who we are and
together continually
strive toward our
spiritual enlightenment.
We are here only to
express our true nature
which is LOVE*

In the current concerns about escalating gas prices, food prices, and the economic turmoil we see around us, it's time to take a look at the spiritual interpretation of the Bible. The great "open" secret to spiritual abundance is found in Matthew 6:31 "Therefore do not worry or say, What will we eat, or what will we drink, or with what will we be clothed?" ... Verse 33 "But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you". (Holy Bible from Ancient Manuscripts, Lamsa)

During the summer months we will be focusing on the ideas of abundance to be found in a "Spiritual Awareness of Life," what are the rules, what are the practical steps in demonstrating a truly prosperous environment for myself and my family?

These promises of Jesus are often overlooked or taken lightly by today's world. I believe we must take everything Jesus said at face value (truth) and apply it to ourselves in order to live a harmonious life during our stay here on planet earth.

Come study with us as we begin unraveling the "open" secrets to leading a happy, harmonious, peaceful and abundant life in Spirit.

Robert

Events at Flow of the Spirit

Weekly:

Sundays, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. A *New Earth* Study Group in the Dome Chapel, Van Alstyne. Rev. Madelyn Test is facilitating a study group into the book recommended by Oprah Winfrey - *A New Earth* by Eckhart Tolle. This book expands on numerous ideas to help us transcend our ego based state of consciousness and experience personal happiness and joy.

Wednesdays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the Dome Chapel, Van Alstyne: *A Course in Miracles* Study Group, facilitated by Judy Sumrell, a facilitator who has *over 20 years experience with this spiritual classic*. *A Course in Miracles* is a year-long curriculum that is targeted at removing the blocks to awareness of Love's presence, which is the natural inheritance as a child of God. It is a series of daily lessons that is designed to return the individual to a spiritual awareness of God's presence in all things. You can enter and/or leave the class at anytime in the year.

Wednesdays, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Dr. Ingalls' house in Dallas: Rev. Ingalls has been holding this Wednesday night Joel Goldsmith Study Group for more than 25 years at his home near North Park Mall in Dallas, Texas. Literally hundreds of people have experienced enhanced spiritual awareness through this study group as well as other phases of Rev. Ingalls' ministry. The group meets from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and studies from different Goldsmith books and letters throughout the year. Call Rev. Ingalls at (214) 361-2215 for more information and/or directions.

Summer at Flow of the Spirit Church



Our beautiful summer at Flow of the Spirit is due to all the hard work by Don and Judy Sumrell. They have pulled weeds, mulched, planted, watered and continually shown up to help keep things in shape. THANK YOU both!

JULY 2008

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July, 2008

Saturday, July 12: Movie Night and Potluck. Movie to be announced. Our potluck begins at 5:30 p.m. The movie begins at 7:00 p.m. Come join us for another joyful evening.

Saturday, July 19: 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A workshop will be held by Rev. Robert Test and Tina Calabrese entitled "The Dynamic Laws of Spiritual Wealth." Bring a snack to share. Love offering basis.

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you. A promise from Jesus, that means all things."

We will be exploring these ideas in the workshop and also on Sunday mornings.

August, 2008

Saturday, August 16: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A workshop will be held by Rev. Paul Ingalls entitled "Metaphysical Interpretation of the Bible." Bring a snack to share. Love offering basis.

Interpretation of the Old Testament based on ancient texts and ideas brings some interesting ideas into today's modern world. Come study with Rev. Paul Ingalls as he decodes some of these ideas in this class. Many of the stories are about us as individuals and give us directions in how to live life. Paul has studied these ideas for years. Join us as we look forward to a better understanding of ourselves.

Sunday, August 31: Rev. Paul Ingalls, Flow of the Spirit's Associate Minister, will be conducting the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

September, 2008

Saturday, September 6: Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m. Movie Night and Potluck. Movie to be announced. Our potluck begins at 5:30 p.m. The movie begins at 7:00 p.m. Come join us for another joyful evening.

Saturday, September 20: 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A workshop will be held by Rev. Madelyn Test entitled "Letting Go of Past Beliefs RIGHT NOW." Bring a snack to share. Love offering basis.

Letting go of the anger, resentment, jealousy and misaligned decisions of the past can help us to move forward in the present day with an outlook of joy, peace and happiness. This class is designed to bring about immediate change in someone's life, if they choose. Sometimes we enjoy holding on. Come join us if you are willing to let go and let God!

Spirit – Closer than Breathing

by Dr. Margaret Sharp (one of our founding members)

All the glorious ideas of Spirit reside within our consciousness just waiting to be expressed. Not by might nor power, and certainly not by thought, can Spirit be known. Only by the daily practice of turning within, looking away from the appearances of have and have not, and contemplating some truth, do we gradually become aware of this infinite, invisible, and loving principle operating not only within us, but as us and through us. It reveals that nothing is impossible for those who look within.

Yes, there is an infinite, invisible principle operating throughout the entire universe. This principle is the law of harmony and order. It is the law unto every individual. It is the life of every individual.

(Read the complete article at www.flowofthespiritchurch.com)

The Last Word

By Rev. Madelyn Test

If you haven't yet read Eckhart Tolle's book "A New Earth" and really want some more happiness or joy in your life, I suggest you pick one up right away. He talks about "the freedom and joy of a life lived "in the now." His message is that of transcending our ego-based state of consciousness which is not only essential to personal happiness, but also the key to ending conflict and suffering throughout the world. Tolle describes how our attachment to the ego creates the dysfunction that leads to anger, jealousy, and unhappiness, and then he shows us how to awaken to a new state of consciousness and follow the path to a truly fulfilling existence.

In my opinion, it is not an easy read; in fact it is not an easy do, however, those of us who really want to lead a more fulfilling life seem to keep taking the steps inward and onward. In making the effort of onward, even though at times, the steps seem to get stuck in quick sand, with the help of those around us, we can get pulled out one more time and see how many steps we can take until, oops, once again etc, etc. etc.

If you have ever had a taste of joy and peace, you will realize that the work involved can be well worth the effort.

May the rich blessings of an abundance of joy and peace make way into your life right now today!!!

Madelyn

Thank you for your wonderful support of Flow of the Spirit Church. Your prayers and contributions are greatly appreciated. The church is flourishing and growing and we give thanks for the evidence of Spirit in our lives.

A special THANK YOU to Zelma Enloe, who created, sewed, and draped the Dome Chapel for Paul Ingalls' ordination and celebration. It was beautifully done!
