



The InnerFaith Light

A New Thought Community

Dr. Sharron Stroud Founder

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Thanksgiving Reflection



*And God is able to make all grace
Abound toward you; that ye, always having
All sufficiency in all things, may abound to
Every Good Work.
II Corinthians 9:8*

Beloved Spiritual Partners,

We are told in the Holy Scriptures "In everything give thanks". We do this by blessing every experience that comes into our lives. We do this in sickness and in health, in plenty and in the appearance of scarcity, in spiritual knowing and moments of uncertainty. We do this as we arise in the morning and the last moment before falling asleep. As we spiritualize our experience a higher vibratory frequency is realized and we are irresistibly drawn to the next level of knowledge and wisdom.

An Eastern Monarch long ago had twin sons. There was some confusion as to, which was born first and as a consequence the king had to find an equitable way in which one could be designated the crown prince. All that knew the young men thought them to be of equal intelligence, wisdom, personal charm and physical strength, so there was no obvious way to determine which had the more kingly talent.

However, the king thought he observed a very subtle difference between the two, so to be absolutely fair, he decided to put them to a test. Calling them into his council chamber one day, he said, "My sons, the



day will come when one of you must succeed me as king. The burdens of sovereignty are very heavy. To find out which of you is better able to bear them cheerfully, I Am sending you together to a far corner of the kingdom. There one of my advisors will place equal burdens upon your shoulders. My crown will go to the one who returns bearing the burden as it should be borne."

In a spirit of friendly competition, the brothers set out together. Soon they overtook an aged woman struggling under a burden far too heavy for her frail body. One of the youths suggested that they stop and help her. The other protested, "We have a burden of our own to be about-let us be on our way!" The objector hurried on while the other stayed behind to give aid to the woman. Along the way from day to day, he found others who needed help. A blind man took him miles out of his way; a lame man slowed him to a cripple's walk, and an ailing child slowed him even more as he carried him some distance.

Eventually he did reach his father's advisor in the far corner of the kingdom, where he secured his own burden. It was so heavy he could hardly lift it; however, he started home with it securely upon his shoulders.

When he arrived at the palace gate he

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found his brother waiting with a dismayed expression, saying, "I don't understand. I told father the burden was far too heavy to carry. How did you ever do it?" The future king replied thoughtfully, "I suppose each time I stopped to help others carry their burdens, I developed the strength to carry my own."

How? Simply because the love of humanity expressing so strongly through the one twin demanded that he lift up the weak and needy, and in so doing he gained the strength to carry his own burden.

This story contains a great lesson for each of us. It demonstrates how through love, we can attain the Kingdom, Little by Little, Step by Step, Discipline by Discipline, we Rise to meet the demands of The Moment.

A verse written long ago perfectly expresses this truth:

For who upon the hearth can start a fire, and never warm the stone?

Or who can cheer another's heart, and not his own?

I stilled a hungry infant's cry; with kindness filled a stranger's cup,

And lifting others, found – that I too, was lifted up!

It has been said, "God's chosen one is the one who chooses God." I want you to know that God Chose you! Thank you for being a part of Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide, a Divine Idea in the Mind of God whose time is come!

I look forward to seeing you at our Over the Rainbow 6th Anniversary Celebration at the Spa Hotel Banquet Room immediately following the service. It will be a milestone event because we are a Magnificent Mix at 6! It is an honor to serve you!

With Love and Gratitude,
Dr. Sharron Stroud, Founder

PRAYER MONTH IN NOVEMBER

CAN YOU IMAGINE...1,000 Churches nationwide, praying together for an entire month? A prayer that does not ask God to change the world; a prayer that does not ask God for anything!

Instead, a prayer spoken by the entire New Thought community nationwide—church ministers, leaders, practitioners and congregants alike—that we be open to receive all of life's riches.

Knowing that we are all praying the same prayer, through the same One Mind, during the same month is an exciting idea. If "two or more are gathered in my name," can you imagine what will happen when all of our brother and sister churches unite in like-minded prayer? It will be a dynamic experience; it will build a momentum of possibility within and between individuals and spiritual communities; it will allow the New Thought community, always at the forefront of progressive thinking, to take the lead in being the vessels for positive change on earth.

OPENING TO RECEIVE ALL OF LIFE'S RICHES is a powerful prayer. Praying it together is a powerful idea. And naturally the New Thought community of churches would lead the way in opening the channels that we are wider to receive all that God wishes to unfold here on earth.

We are strong when we stand together, so can you imagine what might happen when we pray together?

Innerfaith Family Thanksgiving

Beloved Spiritual Family, I Am hosting Thanksgiving Day at my home for anyone who would like to join their Innerfaith Family. It will be a "Pot-Luck". Since I Am a vegetarian someone will bring a turkey and you can bring all the Trimmings if you feel so inclined! This is the One time during the year that I lift the Vegetarian Only Decree!! There will be Hot Cider and nonalcoholic beverages served By the Hostess!

Time: 4-6 PM

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PRAYER POWER

Consider the words we hear so often at Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide.

Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide is a Divine Idea in the Mind of GOD whose time has come.

There is an inherent power in those words but only when they are understood knowing that the words are true. The idea IS a realized fact in the overall scheme of Creation, not only in the mind of God but also in our mind, which IS the mind of God.

Those of us who have experienced Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide know how empowering and reaffirming of life and health and prosperity it really is for us. But because we have something so easily accessible, so freely and willingly given and shared, we receive it as our right and might have the tendency to become complacent. We might have begun to take for granted the fact that Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide feeds our hungry spirit with hope, and truth. Because we feel so good from our Innerfaith experience, we might forget that receiving is the other half of giving.

Kabbalah, the foundation of ancient Hebrew wisdom, says that the greatest human drive is the desire to receive for ourselves alone. It further says that to the extent that we are connected to this desire, we are disconnected from the essence of the Creator. That is why humans never seem to be able to receive enough. Kabbalah tells us that by transforming the desire to receive for ourselves alone into a desire to receive for the purpose of sharing what we receive, we reconnect with the essence of the Creator that lives within each of us.

Kabbalah further tells us that Creation began because the Creator felt the Divine Desire to share Itself with something, and



out of this Divine Desire came everything that ever was or ever will be including you and I. That is so profound. Think of it.

The reason God created all things was to share Itself with us.

Somewhere along the way, in our collective conscious state we have lost sight of that fact. We strive to receive but what we receive never seems to be enough. On the other hand, in our collective unconsciousness we know that we are striving to receive, BUT that only by sharing what we receive can we be fulfilled and achieve unity with the Creator.

Understanding this, when we say “Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide is a Divine Idea in the Mind of God whose time has come,” we are saying that we know what we are receiving is from God and of God. And our responsibility is to give back to God to the extent that we receive.

Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide has recently created a group of seven people who are meeting on a regular basis to help fully realize the Divine Idea in the Mind of God that is Innerfaith. The goal of this “Vision Keeping” group is to expand Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide, spiritually as well as physically; to reach as many people as possible and to build a spiritual center dedicated to spiritual connection where all are welcome. To that end an affirmation has been created which is one way for all of us who are receiving to give back to the Creator what has been given. This affirmation, said three times a day, morning, noon and night, at the same times each day, will create a focused energy. The power created by this energy will provide the necessary means to realize the vision, the dream of Innerfaith Ministries

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Prayer Power continued:

Worldwide, and make it a physical reality.

The affirmation is:

Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide is open to receive all of life's abundance realizing that this is a Divine Idea in the mind of GOD whose time has come.

This affirmation, repeated in this "on purpose way," is a perfect example of trained thought used as prayer, for we know that where thoughts go energy flows.

When we give back to God that which we have received, whether it be our talents, energy, sacred service, or generous financial support, we are fulfilling the purpose for which the Creator created us.

We are sharing ourselves with the Creator as the Creator shared Itself with us when beginning the process.

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Aligning spirit with consciousness

Angel in the Postal Service

This is one of the kindest things I've ever experienced. I have no way to know who sent it, but there is a kind soul working in the dead letter office of the US postal service.

Our 14 year old dog, Abbey, died last month. The day after she died, my 4 year old daughter Meredith was crying and talking about how much she missed Abbey. She asked if we could write a letter to God so that when Abbey got to heaven, God would recognize her. I told her that I thought we could so she dictated these words:

Dear God,

Will you please take care of my dog? She died yesterday and is with you in heaven. I miss her very much. I am happy that you let me have her as my dog even though she got sick. I hope you will play with her. She likes to play with balls and to swim. I am sending a picture of her so when you see her you will know that she is my dog. I really miss her.

Love, Meredith.

We put the letter in an envelope with a picture of Abbey and Meredith and addressed it to God/Heaven. We put our return address on it. Then Meredith pasted several stamps on the front of the envelope because she said it would take lots of stamps to get the letter all the way to heaven. That afternoon she dropped it into the letter box at the post office. A few days later, she asked if God had gotten the letter yet. I told her that I thought He had.

Yesterday, there was a package wrapped in gold paper on our front porch addressed, 'To Meredith' in an unfamiliar hand.

Meredith opened it. Inside was a book by Mr. Rogers called, 'When a Pet Dies.' Taped to the inside front cover was the letter we had written to God in its opened envelope. On the opposite page was the picture of Abbey & Meredith and this note:

Dear Meredith,

Abbey arrived safely in heaven. Having the picture was a big help. I recognized Abbey right away. Abbey isn't sick anymore. Her spirit is here with me just like it stays in your heart. Abbey loved being your dog. Since we don't need our bodies in heaven, I don't have any pockets to keep your picture in, so I am sending it back to you in this little book for you to keep and have something to remember Abbey by.

Thank you for the beautiful letter and thank your mother for helping you write it and sending it to me. What a wonderful mother you have. I picked her especially for you. I send my blessings every day and remember that I love you very much.

By the way, I am wherever there is love.

Love, God

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7th – Ardice Farrow – Creating Heaven on Earth

Join in a dynamic, conscious exploration of what stops and limits us and how we sabotage and suppress ourselves. Discover tools, insights and unique ways to transform challenging circumstances and situations from ones of fear, anxiety and obligation to moments of joy, freedom and fulfillment. Release the need to fix yourself or make your self worthy of heaven and get busy creating heaven on earth. Ardice spent decades as a creative executive for major entertainment companies and educational institutions training herself to tap into source energy and inner vision as the foundation for her award winning work.

14 – Lawrence Hall Dawson – Communion With God Mind Process

Lawrence Hall Dawson graduated from his profession as an educator and presently devotes time to writing through Communion with God Mind and to the sharing of that writing. His dedication to Seeking Spiritual Growth began in 1972, but it was not until 1985 when he introduced his “Self-Test/Self-Quest Communicative Arts’ Program” at the Fourth European Reading Conference in Dublin, Ireland that he began to share the beginnings of his own ‘Transformational Enlightenment’ with an international audience. Join us to hear Lawrence share his own personal transformational journey and his Communion with God Mind process.

21 – Thanksgiving Eve Service - Dr. Sharron Stroud - The Ancient Secret of Blessing

Join your Spiritual Community and bring in the Spirit of Thanksgiving with a wonderful message

by Dr. Sharron Stroud, Beautiful music by Jan Hasman, and Thanksgiving Goodies! This is Dr. Sharron’s favorite Service. In all things give thanks!

28 – Lynn Scheurell – Using Ancient Energies to Find Your Right Path

What is my purpose? What am I supposed to be doing? How do I know I’m doing it right??? If you are asking yourself these questions, there is a way to get clear answers. We have the ability to harness the experience of ancient energies to help us understand our right path. There are five key energies that have been available to humankind throughout time, and are available to us now - if only we know how to slow down to hear and understand them. Lynn Scheurell, the Creative Catalyst (www.mycreativecatalyst.com), has been working with these energies with her clients for nearly a decade to make positive choices based on who they are to create more of what they want in their lives.

December

5th – Marcel Masoud Bassirian – Rumi and the World

UNESCO has designated 2007 as the year of Rumi. Marcel, who has been doing presentation on Rumi for many years in Palm Springs and Nationwide, will discuss Rumi and the world.

12 – Joseph Sheehan – The Magi, Star in The East and The Birth of Christ

Joseph will discuss this topic from an astrologer’s point of view and share his wonderful wealth of information and experience with us. He holds a masters degree in Holistic Health from J.F.K University in California. He also studied Western Spirituality at St. Mary’s University in Texas along with Eastern Spirituality at Vidyajoti Institute in New Delhi. His inner quest led to his study of astrology which he realized provided a profound tool for gaining insight into the Soul’s evolutionary journey.

19 – Frederic Delarue – Christmas Concert With The Angels

Experience Christmas with the Angels through the medium of original scores of our local award-winning composer Frederic Delarue.

26 – There will be No Wednesday Nite Live Service in Honor of the Christmas Holidays.

“GIVING-THANKS”

When I was a kid, I loved Thanksgiving. It was an opportunity to get together with my extended family, eat lots of yummy, fattening food and spend quality time with my cousins- whom I adored. Perhaps more relevant was the fact that the most important holiday - Christmas - was just around the corner.



As I matured, I realized that this concept of Thanksgiving was a bit limited and probably not exactly what the holiday was initially intended to be. Hundreds of years ago, the Pilgrims decided to have a thanksgiving feast to celebrate their good fortune; they gathered together to honor and show gratitude to Mother Earth/Universe/God/Spirit or whatever they chose to call the Divine. Many years later, Thanksgiving has become a day to come together to reflect on all that we have, and more importantly, all that we are. A time to be truly thankful for everything in life!

I remember the cold, dreary day I “got” the true meaning of this special holiday. I awoke on a Sunday morning in mid-November with the realization that I was going to be alone for Thanksgiving. I began feeling lonely and sorry for myself, as I knew I wouldn’t be spending the holiday with my family since my trip home for Christmas was only a few weeks away. Fortunately, I had read enough self-help books to know that when feeling this way, the worse thing to do is sit and wallow in self-pity. I immediately got up and headed to one of the places that always got me energized and re-connected to Spirit- church!

I arrived at my New Thought spiritual service to magically find the sermon was titled “Thanksgiving; Giving-Thanks”. I sat and listened to the Minister eloquently talk about her idea of its true meaning and was given the opportunity to expand and

deepen the limited concept I had of Thanksgiving. It was suggested I take inventory of the abundance in my life and focus on its beauty - then be thankful for all that I have and all that I am. Thanksgiving should be about “giving thanks”- this made complete sense to me. I left that service invigorated, inspired and profoundly grateful.

As I walked home, I found myself in a place of deep gratitude for all of the things I had in my life; my good health, my wonderful community of friends, my loving and accepting family, a job I enjoyed that allowed me comfort and stability, and for my loving spiritual community of like-minded beings.

I also began the important task of expressing thanks for all that I was; a loving, compassionate, generous, kind person who worked tirelessly to become a healthier, happier person- which spilled over into the lives of everyone I touched. At that moment, I realized how blessed I truly was.

When I arrived back to my apartment, I was in the exact opposite mood that I was in when I left it. I was full of gratitude, joy and love. Imagine my surprise when I retrieved my phone messages, to find that one of my best friends heard I did not have plans for Thanksgiving and invited me to spend it with him and his family. I was speechless. Just two hours earlier I felt lonely - this phone call reminded me I was not alone! I accepted his invitation with excitement and gratitude. I have since spent every Thanksgiving with various friends and their families- whom I call my chosen families.

Thanksgiving is now one of my favorite holidays! It is a day that I consciously give thanks. It is about friendship, family and fullness. I have created my own sacred traditions around this day; I call my family, both biological and chosen, and express my

Giving-Thanks Continued...

love. I mail cards, showing my gratitude for their presence in my life. I send flowers to those beloved people who have supported and encouraged me through thick and thin. These acts bring me great joy!

Thanksgiving truly is a wonderful opportunity to come together and reflect on all that we have, and more importantly, all that we are. For me, giving-thanks for everything in life is the true meaning of Thanksgiving!

It is said that if you were to say only one prayer in your lifetime, "thank you" would be the most powerful. This Thanksgiving, I will be giving-thanks for the many beautiful gifts in my life. May we ask for guidance in remembering to live each day with such gratitude! Thanksgiving- a time to say thank you!

- Trent Blanchard



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Happy Anniversary to The Santa Clarita Center for Spiritual Living!

Thirty Two years ago today, October 12th, 1975, I Founded this United Church of Religious Science. We share the same Anniversary! It was my first ministry and a momentous day in my 30 year old life! Every October the 12th I celebrate this Day with a special prayer of Thanksgiving for the beautiful experience I was given in serving the Santa Clarita Community.

On the 25th Anniversary of the Santa Clarita Church the late Dr. Bill (then minister) invited me to speak at your Anniversary Celebration and 200 people he had never met or seen before showed up!

It was a great occasion! Perhaps on the 35th you will invite me back!

I bless you for keeping The Work going and giving your time, energy, money and resources to expand this ministry.

I know you have experienced many ministers and transitions. However, the 3 years that I served set the foundation and you are carrying the torch!

When I was called to the San Diego Church of Religious Science in November of 1978, I left the Santa Clarita Church with 300 people coming every week and \$25,000.00 in the Neil Stroud Memorial Building Fund.

I Bless you in your work and know that The Santa Clarita Center for Spiritual Living is a Divine idea in the Mind of God whose time has come! You are totally New at 32!

If you are ever in Palm Springs do come and see us at the Camelot Theater at 10:00 am every Sunday Morning. Our InnerFaith Community will welcome you with open arms! They are the most amazing group of souls I have ever had the honor and privilege to serve!

Namast'e and Love,

Dr. Sharron Stroud, Co-Founder

In Perfect Alignment

By Dr. Terre York

As our dear minister tells us every week, there are many paths to the top of the mountain. This truth about the pursuit of spiritual balance also applies to our pursuit of health.

The practice of chiropractic is but one of the ways to ease the body into releasing nerve interferences that block the flow of healing energies. Shiatsu, Massage therapy, Reiki, Aromatherapy and Essential Oils, Energy healing, Cranial therapy, Laser therapy are just a few of the other ways we can achieve alignment of spirit-mind- body.

This balance of spirit-mind-body is the conduit of our connectedness with our own God power. When any of this trinity is out of balance, we are out of balance, and it manifests in some sort of “ill” or dis-ease.

In my twenty-five years of practice I can't tell you how many times I've been asked “will getting adjusted cure this?” The chiropractic adjustment doesn't offer a cure for anything, and as the doctor, I do not cure



anything. What the adjustment does do is remove nerve interference which compromises your body's ability to be well, and so doing reconnects your spine with the healing force within.

As a student of the Science of Mind Mastery courses, I am expanding in my understanding and trust of my connection to the force within and bless each opportunity to facilitate the patient's reconnection with their innate healing power. There is power in the touch. We all have it. Just as a trained mind is more effective in facilitating the connectedness to our Oneness, a trained hand is more effective in facilitating the release of blockages to our Perfect Alignment.

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Commitment

Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness. Concerning all acts of initiative (and creation) there is one elementary truth the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: that the moment one definitely commits oneself, then Providence moves too.

All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issue from the decision, raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance, which no man could have dreamed would have come his way.

Whatever you can do or dream you can begin it. Boldness has genius, magic and power in it.

Begin it now.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
1749-1832



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One Spine at a Time"*

Internal peace is an essential first step to achieving peace in the world. How do you cultivate it? It's very simple. In the first place by realizing clearly that all mankind is one, that human beings in every country are members of one and the same family.

-His Holiness the Dalai Lama

THANKSGIVING OFFERING:

Growing a spiritual community requires financial resources to share the messages of Spirit. Take this opportunity to go within and see how you are being guided to participate in this way. Ernest Holmes stated that: “We do not give to make God feel better. We give to deepen, broaden, and expand the life of the giver!”

HOW TO INSURE YOUR PROSPERITY

FROM CATHERINE PONDER’S, THE DYNAMIC LAWS OF PROSPERITY

In the Land of Hebron, Abraham sealed or protected his prosperity by doing something the ancient people often did when their prayers had been answered: He built an altar to God.

When the Hebrews built altars and gave sacrifices, these acts carried financial significance. It meant that they made financial offerings to God.

They often built altars and gave “faith offerings” before their prayers were answered. They often built altars and gave “thank offerings” in appreciation after their prayers had been answered. They felt that giving before a prayer was answered opened the way to receive that answer. They felt that the act of giving after answered prayer helped seal or protect the result and make it permanent.

Abraham’s giving at this point indicated his thanks that the good he was picturing had and would come in ever increasing degrees. His gift was both a “faith offering” and a “thank offering.”

This age-old prosperity technique still works for those who use it. A woman of wealth said, “When anything negative happens to me, I know it is an indication that I haven’t been giving enough. I always get busy and give either a ‘faith offering’ or a ‘thank offering’ to insure my wealth. This method has always prospered and protected me.”

Three Levels of Giving:

1. *Gesture Giving - Does not make a difference*
2. *Token Giving - Nice, but does not make a difference*
3. *Contribution- Empowers the giver to create a space to receive at the level of the gift.*

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FOUR LESSONS FROM GEESE

Next fall when you see geese heading south for the winter, flying along in V formation, you might be interested in knowing what science has discovered about why they fly that way. It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. People who share a common direction and a sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier, because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed in the same direction that we are going in. When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. It pays to take turns doing hard jobs -with people at church or with geese flying south. The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. Make sure your honking from behind is for encouragement, not for something else.

Finally, when a goose gets sick, or is wounded or is shot and falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow him down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is either able to fly, or until he is dead, and then they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their original group.

The question to ask is:

“Do I have as much sense as a goose?”


In all the years that I have been sending this out to our Spiritual Community and to the Volunteers who make up the Life of the Church the answer is always a resounding “Yes!”



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YOUR GREATEST GIFT

By Lee J Friend

Here it is already November with Thanksgiving only weeks away and Christmas soon thereafter. Usually with the holidays comes a lot of self imposed stress. From buying just the right gifts to preparing meals that Martha Stewart would be envious, the months ahead are a busy time. While certainly these customs have become anticipated traditions each year, it is important to keep in mind that these are to be joyous celebrations, and to allow them to be overwhelming and stressful is to do a disservice to yourself and your loved ones.

This time of year is a time for love and sharing. For those of us in our way of life this time of year proves to be yet an extension of the joy that we experience on a daily basis. The gratitude we feel toward God and the blessings that we receive week in and week out, is framed in these two months by the joy that others not in our way of life may not feel year round.

We are all so blessed to be able to live in such a vibrant and spiritual community. Through our Inner-faith family we have come to know and discover the abundance of love and humanity that surrounds us. It is something that I am personally grateful for each day of my life. So while Thanksgiving is an opportunity to give thanks, and Christmas is a way to show our love in a material way, through gifts, I feel no need to let the holidays stress me. I know that I share my love and gifts with those in my life twelve months of the year, just as many of you do.

Recently I had written in my Talk Magazine column that I would like to hear from my readers what it



is that makes them proud. I received some of the most wonderful responses and heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to reflect and share with others what made them proud. It occurred to me that the reason that I received such a great response is because too often people don't take time out to realize the blessings that they have been afforded.

Dr. Sharron has stated "You have to name it to claim it", and in many ways that applies to what we are thankful for as well. If we don't take the time to recognize how blessed we are, our talents, our loves and passions, we don't acknowledge our good fortune. By stating everyday all that we have and our gratitude for it, it keeps the energy in movement, thus inviting even more prosperity.

So this holiday season I invite you to do what I and many others do on a daily basis. Share yourself with others. Be willing to really be who you are, to share your talents and your blessings, because that is the best gift that you can give. The love that you generate will radiate and come back to you in expected and unexpected ways. By sharing yourself with the people you love and the community, you will have even more to be thankful for.

There are so many wonderful ways to celebrate this holiday season and it is important to not to forget to celebrate yourself. Sure you want to show your loved ones how much you care about them. That's a great thing. Donating of time and money is also a great way to share with those in need. But it's also important to remind yourself of just how special you are. You are the true gift that keeps on giving, and that in itself is something to be thankful for.

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REVEREND TRENT MAKES THE "A" LIST IN THE DESERT SUN!

Our own Reverend Trent Blanchard has been featured in the "Desert Magazine" November 2007 issue as one of "The A List- Emerging Movers and Shakers in the Valley." Congratulations!!!

Anniversary Celebration

A Magnificent Mix at Six!

6th Anniversary

Over The Rainbow Celebration

Honoring

*Dr. Sharron Stroud
& the Innerfaith Community*

November 11, 2007

Immediately following the Sunday Celebration Service

*At the Spa Resort Hotel
Banquet Room*

*100 Indian Canyon Drive
Palm Springs*

\$50.00 Donation

For Grande Luncheon Faire And Glorious Entertainment!

THANKSGIVING: WELL IN THE DESERT

As in tradition, The Well in the Desert will be preparing and serving Thanksgiving dinners for various members of the community. This is a great way to share our love and compassion during this wonderful time of the year. On Wednesday meal preparation will occur, and the meal will be served on Thanksgiving. For specific information about this event please contact our very own Lloyd Brushett. Or call the Well In The Desert at 327-8577

UNEXPECTED INCOME PROGRAM

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

The foundation of our philosophy stands upon the belief in a Higher Power (God) in the universe seeking fuller expression in our lives ... "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." As we are more fully expressed, so is God.

Through a conscious and deliberate approach to this Higher Power (Affirmative Prayer) we become more aware of It's presence within ourselves and unlock our own potential for abundance. A receptive mind is all that's required for successful demonstration.

Below is a Prayer for Unexpected Income. Begin and end your day with it and you set the law in motion for your increased good. Our Ministry of Prayer will also work daily with you. Together we will make wonderful demonstrations of our faith! All you have to do to be included in our program is to complete an Unexpected Income form.

DAILY TREATMENT FOR UNEXPECTED INCOME

I now choose to experience the receipt of money from unexpected sources. I know there is One Life...that Life is God and that Life is my life now...

There is only One Mined, that Mind is God and that Mind is my mind now. This One Mind, being of all Intelligence, operates in accordance with Divine Principles and laws and operates through me.

I know that there is a Law of Mind that states "What the mind can conceive and believe, the Law of Mind can achieve".

The Mind has no limits.... It is infinite; therefore, it is possible to think and imagine the possibility from unexpected places. As a seed grows and multiplies, my awareness expands to include greater prosperity.

I recognize this. I realize I am the only one thinker in my world and I choose to claim my inheritance as being created out of the Infinite Source of all that is.

I know that this money exists and there is the Law of Mind that will provide me with it in wonderful and surprising ways.

I now use my imagination to mentally experience the joy of receiving unexpected money.

I am thankful for the new found ability to lift my consciousness into loving union with the Source of all.

I now release my choice to Omnipotent Divine Mind for fulfillment. Thank you God for it being your great and wonderful pleasure to provide me always with expected and unexpected income. I am blessed. And so it is.

TO PARTICIPATE

To participate, pick up an Unexpected Income Brochure at our Wednesday or Sunday Service, complete the card in the brochure, and put it in the offering plate or the prayer request box. As you read the Daily Prayer Treatment every day, the InnerFaith Ministry of Prayer will do prayer treatment for you as well for 30 days. Your commitment is to tithe 10% of whatever unexpected income that you receive during this period. It's a Win-Win for everyone with nothing to lose and everything to gain!



Celebrate With Us

November Theme:
The Blessing of Divine Grace

November Affirmation:
I Am open to receive all of life's riches!
And so it is.

- 4 - Our Daily Life is our Temple and Religion
- 11- The Blessing of Miracles
- 18 - Blessings of Peace
- 25 - Blessings of Grace

December Theme:
The Mystical Christ

December Affirmation:
As my humanness gives way to the Divine the Christ
Consciousness within me arises triumphant and
victorious!
I and my Father/Mother God are one! And so it is!

- 2 - Discover the Christ Path Within You
- 9 - The Blessing of Miracles
- 16 - Blessings of Peace
- 23 - Blessings of Grace
- 30 - The Path of Enlightenment

Announcements

Friendship Sunday Brunch

The first Sunday of each month
Please join us at the Hilton Hotel (across from the Spa
Casino on Tahquitz). Special price \$7.95 to InnerFaith
members and guests! All are welcome.

Healing Service

9:30 AM each Sunday morning
Facilitated by the Ministerial Team; experience heal-
ing energy and the joy of deepening spirituality

Centering Meditation

By Musicians
*9:50 AM each Sunday Morning in the
Sanctuary Theater.*

Canned Food Drive


Chaplain Lloyd Brushett collects canned goods for our
partner in charity at The Well in the Desert. Please leave
your canned food donations at the designated place in
the foyer.

Prayer Ministry

The prayer table in the foyer. Rev. Ed DiNicola will
assist you with your prayer request and pray with you
personally if you desire.

Founder's Circle

Become a member of the Founder's Circle. Join today
by tithing \$100 or more a month over your regular
contribution. To join, write Founder's Circle on your
check. Talk with Rev. Lloyd Brushett at 770-9263 about
the miracles that come from giving to a Purpose larger
than yourself.



Whoever can see through all fear will
always be safe.

~Tao Te Ching

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