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JOYFUL AWARENESS MANIFESTS BLESSINGS

by Jim Gaither

The holiday season from Thanksgiving to Christmas is a wonderful reminder of the practice and power of joyful awareness. Joyful awareness manifests blessings.

Are you grateful for the good in your life or are you anxious about some absence of good? Absence, being nothing, has no presence and no power; so why worry about it? Gratitude is the joyful awareness of the presence and power of blessings. It is an error to think that outer wealth causes a grateful heart, for the truth is that a grateful heart is inner wealth which causes outer wealth. You can only cause good in your world from your inner resources. Only when you are joyfully aware of your inner gifts can you effectively access and use them to manifest blessings. Gratitude for your inner gifts magnifies them in your consciousness and your consciousness then generates and attracts blessings.

Are you joyfully aware of your inner gifts? You have the gift of life, and life is consciousness. As long as you have the gift of life, there is hope of increasing blessings. Because you have life-consciousness, you are able to experience pleasure, beauty, and all manner of good things.

You have the gift of understanding. Because you have the capacity to understand, you can expand your knowledge to make your life more fulfilling.

You have the gift of imagination, and through imagination you can shape your life as you wish. Whatever you persistently imagine, you build up in consciousness and body. Linked with faith, imagination can accomplish practically anything.

You have the gift of faith, “*the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*” [Hebrews 11:1] Creative possibilities are not seen with the eyes, but through faith. You can build up faith by affirming the Presence, Power, and Goodness of God. Praise and thanksgiving build up the faith that can move mountains.

You have the gift of love, the capacity to connect with your Higher Self, the Universe, the earth, and humanity. By building up compassion in your consciousness, you radiate a harmonizing energy and become a magnet for all good. Through love you are one with humanity and one with God.

You have many other inner riches, and if you appreciate and affirm those riches, you become filled with the joyful awareness that manifests blessings of all kinds.

It is perfect that Thanksgiving flows into the celebration of Jesus’ birth. What is it that we celebrate in the Christmas Season? Is it only the birth of one man? Isn’t it really a celebration of our own possibilities? Unity’s Christmas Candlelight Service celebrates spiritual gifts, because Jesus was a Spiritual Master who taught and demonstrated the presence of the spiritual gifts. The man who is celebrated taught: “*God is your Father. You have the Kingdom of God within you. Ask and you will receive. Whatever you ask in prayer, believe you have received it, and it will be yours. Seek and you will find. Seek first the kingdom of God and all things will be added to you.*” He taught the joyful awareness of Inner Divinity which manifests as blessings..

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Unity Center Activities

TUESDAY LECTURE SERIES

by Jim Gaither

12:00 Noon & 6:15 pm

Continuing the Series:

METAPHYSICS II – PART 2

“Proving the Truth We Know”

In this course you will explore Fundamental Principles of Spiritual Law and how they can be applied to your life for greater love, health, and prosperity.

Nov. 9 – “Demonstrating Life, Wholeness, & Health”

Nov. 16 – “Metaphysical Basis for Prosperity”

Nov. 23 – *Class In Thanksgiving Recess*

Nov. 30 – “Demonstrating Prosperity”

Dec. 7 – “Creating a Metaphysical
Demonstration Plan”

New Series:

MEDITATIONS FOR ILLUMINATION, HEALTH, AND PROSPERITY

December 14th Through March 1st

In this twelve-week series, you will learn the basic principles of meditation and how to develop your own meditations for meeting and overcoming any life challenges you may encounter.

Dec. 14 – “How Meditation Can Change Your Life”

Dec. 21 – “God-Centered Meditations”

Dec. 28 - “Meditations for ‘In-Visioning’
a Happier New Year”

“CIRCLE OF PRAYER” MEDITATIONS

Tuesdays, 11:30 am & 5:45 pm

This half-hour of Spiritual Intunement, led by Jim Gaither, is a beautiful prelude to the Tuesday Lectures, and a time to join in The Center’s “Circle of Prayer” to radiate a powerful Healing Energy of Life and Love to all who have requested special prayers.

“God at Work”- Part 2

“THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT”

Mondays, 12:00 Noon (Through November 15th)

God is at work for good in our lives at all times. By aligning ourselves with this Creative Power we can live healthy, prosperous, joy-filled lives. Based on Jesus’ “Sermon On the Mount” as interpreted by Emmet Fox, this course explores the great Spiritual Truths in the “Sermon” and shows how the power of God works wonders in our lives. *Taught by Roderick Kennedy, Unity Spiritual Education & Enrichment graduate and member of the Unity Board of Trustees.*

“God at Work”- Part 3

“THE UNIVERSE IS CALLING”

Mondays, 12:00 Noon (Beginning November 22nd)

Inspired by Eric Butterworth’s classic book on the art of prayer, this class will show how the transformative power of affirmative prayer works to change our lives, and how to use it effectively in all areas of life. *Taught by Roderick Kennedy,*

WEDNESDAY MEDITATION SERVICES

by Justin Morley

12:00 Noon & 6:15 pm

Devoted to personal and spiritual growth and renewal, this inspiring hour features a dynamic and stimulating lecture dealing with basic Metaphysical Principles and how to apply them in your life, and a guided healing meditation.

WOMEN IN UNITY

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

A powerful group experience, this sharing time provides an opportunity for women to express their thoughts and feelings in an atmosphere of love and trust, and to learn from one another how to live Spiritual Principles—a wonderful time of mutual spiritual support. Ernest Holmes’ book, *This Thing Called You*, is used as a study-guide. *Facilitated by Sondra Pugh and Ann Stenson.*

ABOUT UNITY CLASSES

All classes (except special workshops) are presented on a love-offering basis, with each student evaluating the help received and giving accordingly.
Suggested offering: \$15.00 per session...or more, as your grateful heart guides you.

“THE MILLIONAIRE FROM NAZARETH: His Prosperity Secrets for You!”

Thursdays, 6:15 pm (No Class November 25th)

This class explores the mental and spiritual laws of prosperity taught by Jesus and how to apply them to your daily life. As a Child of God, it is your Spiritual Birthright to prosper and succeed. Claim your prosperity and release all limited, poverty-concepts from your thinking...*once and for all. Taught by licensed Unity teacher, healing therapist, and Interfaith minister, Marion A. Gambardella.*

ACTING CLASS

Fridays, 6:30 pm

Come and explore your latent talent and creativity and doors will open to a deeper awareness of your Inner Self. No acting experience is necessary. *Taught by Broadway actress/singer, Carolyn Maye Middleton.* For details, call Carolyn at (212) 838-4775.

UNITY BOOK CLUB MINISTRY

*Sundays, November 28th & December 26th
2:00 - 4:00 pm*

Join this enthusiastic Ministry as they study *The Four Agreements* by Don Miguel Rui. In this best selling book, the author gives four principles to practice in order to create love and happiness in your life. *Led by Carolyn Maye Middleton.*

UNITY IN HARLEM STUDY GROUP

Sundays, 3:30 pm

2184 Frederick Douglass Blvd. (at 118th Street)

This dynamic study group presents a wonderful program of learning Truth Principles every Sunday afternoon through the study of many important spiritual and metaphysical books. There are also a variety of special events and guest speakers. *Led by licensed Unity teacher, Carol J. Hunt.*

Special Screening of the Film:
“DALAI LAMA RENAISSANCE”
Narrated by Harrison Ford
Sunday, November 14 – 6:00 pm

Winner of ten awards at film festivals around the world, “*Dalai Lama Renaissance*” is an eighty-minute documentary film about forty of the world’s most innovative thinkers who travel to meet with the Dalai Lama to solve many of the world’s problems. What happened was surprising and unexpected. The film features quantum physicists Fred Alan Wolf and Amit Gowami from “*What the Bleep Do We Know,*” and Michel Beckwith and Fred Alan Wolf from “*The Secret.*” The Screening will be followed by a Q & A session with the film’s director Khashyar Darvich.

Thanksgiving Day Service
“THE GRATEFUL HEART”
With Justin Morley

Thursday, November 25th – 12:00 Noon

You are invited to join us for this beautiful time of experiencing the profound spiritual message of Thanksgiving and its uplifting and fulfilling influence in your life. You are invited to join us for this beautiful time of experiencing the profound spiritual message of Thanksgiving and its uplifting influence in your life. “*The Grateful Heart is a great heart that attracts to itself great good.*”

UNITY FAMILY CHRISTMAS
Wednesday, December 22nd – 6:30 pm

Join us for this special program celebrating the joy of Christmas and featuring some of our Unity family in stories, music, and Spiritual reflection. Come and experience the Christmas Spirit and a time of holiday food and fellowship:

“THE HEALING TOUCH” WORKSHOP
Led by Marion A. Gambardella

Saturday, November 20th — 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Healing by “Touch” is a breakthrough in the art of self-healing and has been gradually and successfully introduced into the medical world for its therapeutic value. Marion Gambardella offers this unique and empowering workshop to all sincerely interested in attaining high-level wellness on every level of their being. She will draw from her rich experience as a healing therapist to present:

- * ***A Clear Understanding of the Spiritual Process of Energy Healing and the Wisdom of the Body***
- * ***Guidance Through Up-To-Date Hands-On Energy***
- * ***Balancing Techniques and Exercises for Self-Healing and Healing of Others***
- * ***One-On-One Healing Experiences***
- * ***The “Oneness” Healing Energy Circle***

By Registration / Suggested love-offering: \$20.00
For more information, call Marion at 212-582-1300.

THANKSGIVING HARVEST FOOD DRIVE
Sunday, October 31st Through November 21st

In preparation for the Thanksgiving Holiday, we will be collecting non-perishable foods to be distributed to the local organizations that provide food for the homeless. We also accept monetary donations for the purchase of turkeys. And...our **Christmas “Share-A-Bear” Program** will be **Sunday, November 28th through Sunday, December 19th**. Brighten a lonely child’s Christmas with your gift of a “Love Bear.”

RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOP SERIES

Sundays: 3:00 - 5:00 pm (Through December 12th)
or Mondays: 7:00 - 9:00 pm (Through December 13th)

This on-going workshop welcomes *ALL* couples, *and individuals*, who wish to develop skills that can dramatically improve intimacy and friendship in relationships and help resolve conflict in a healthy way. We also work with Unity Principles for deepening spiritual connection. **Led by Joanna Salianni, Couples Coach / Prayer Practitioner. Couples: \$45.00 per session. Individuals: \$25.00 per session.**

The Wisdom of
Eric Butterworth

A New Kind of Celebration

Christmas has traditionally celebrated Jesus. It should be a celebration of the God-potential in each one of us...*in you*. When Walt Whitman said, “I celebrate myself!” people laughed... or cried: “Sacrilege!” But celebrating yourself is what Christmas is all about.

The birth of Christ goes back to the first chapter of Genesis: “God created man in His own image.” Jesus discovered the Christ dimension for Himself and fulfilled its potential. But it doesn’t end there. The true Christmas foretells of *the Christ in you*, and compels you on to your own awakening to this dimension of your being. As the medieval mystic poet Angelus Silesius sings, “*Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born, if he’s not born in thee, thy soul is all forlorn.*”

This awakening of our Divine depth is dealt with symbolically in Josephine Preston Peabody’s play, “The Wolf of Gubbio.” It has a medieval setting and is based on a legend of St. Francis. The wolf portrays our dual nature: the ascending urge of the Divine and the downward pull of the human. In the play, the wolf stands on a hill on a cold night and looks down on the lights of the city of Gubbio and wonders “how ’twould feel to sit with men and share their meal?”

St. Francis appears on the scene, symbolizing the coming into consciousness of the light. He has an interesting dialogue with the wolf, who confesses his beastly behavior and his longing to be human. At one time the wolf pulls back saying, “I don’t want to be human until people stop acting like wolves.” But finally, on Christmas Eve, around a crèche erected by St. Francis, the Wolf of Gubbio, in an act of contrition and commitment, dissolves fear and antagonism and earns his place in the ranks of love and brotherhood. This scene is a beautiful symbol of the birth of the God-Child within.

There is much of the mean and bestial in the behavior of humans, but within every person is the dream of the potential for good. Can you look at the homeless, the addicted, the diseased, and even the criminal and say, “I salute the Divinity within you; and I celebrate the Christ that you can be”? Can you affirm, and mean it: “I celebrate my True Self, and in this act of celebration, I love and forgive all persons”? There can never be an awakening of the “New Race of Humans” until there is a celebration of the life that transcends the human.

Let us make the commitment to a **Year-Long Celebration!** Let every “Merry Christmas!” given or received, say:

**“Namaskar!
I salute the Christ in you!”**

Sunday Services of Creative "Worth-ship"

At The Unity Center
Our Beautiful Landmark Building
213 West 58th Street
11:00 am

Lectures & Meditation by
Jim Gaither, Minister

Eric Butterworth named Unity's
Sunday Service

"An Experience of Creative 'Worth-ship,'" a special time of spiritual growth leading to self-realization and self-worth.

Nov. 7 – MIND OVER MATTER

How you can demonstrate what has been called "the power of mind over matter."

Nov. 14 – THE UNITED STATES OF MIND

Humanity is divided by states of mind. What is needed is development of ONE United States of Mind.

Nov. 21 – THE ART OF LOVE AND APPRECIATION

Thanksgiving Service
Justin Morley Speaking

Learn the fine art of loving and appreciating that which you have and that which you are.

Nov. 28 – ADVENT: THE ADVENTURE OF THE SEASON

Carol Hunt Speaking

"Advent" is a special time to treat yourself to discovering the power of being "highly favored," and to give birth from the human to the Divine.

Dec. 5 – FIRST ADVENT AND SECOND ADVENT

The significance and meaning of the first and second Advent for unfolding of the Divinity in humanity.

Dec. 12 – *Subject to be Announced*
Guest Speaker: Temple Hays
Sr. Minister, First Unity Church
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dec. 19 – IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

What "the Spirit of the Season" is and how to "get into" it.

Dec. 26 – THE CHRIST IN YOU Christmas Candlelight Service

In the afterglow of Christmas Day, this beautiful Candlelight Service uses the symbol of light to celebrate the continuing glow of your Inner Divinity. Everyone present will participate in this deeply moving "Candlelight Ceremony." You will receive a specially blessed Christmas candle, with an inspirational message that you can use in your own personal ceremony. Our gifted musical artists, Stephen Lehew and Paul Trueblood, will provide glorious music and song, and we will all join voices in joyous carol singing. Don't miss the wonder of this "Christmas Glow."

LISTEN TO SUNDAY LECTURES

www.UnityNewYork.com

Log on to our website and listen to all of Jim Gaither's Sunday talks and selected Tuesday "Circle of Prayer" meditations.

"DISCOVERY CLASS"

The "Discovery Class," for children ages 5 - 12, is held every Sunday at 11:00 am. Ramona Kearns and Tina Aragona-Grimm are the lead teachers, supported by committed staff, who provide weekly Truth lessons, meditation, Bible stories, and music and art to engage and enlighten the children.

THE DISCOVERY ROOM

Our re-vitalized bookstore on the lower level of The Center is open every **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm; Sunday: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm; Friday: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm; closed Monday and Saturday.** Stop in often and browse through our wide selection of Unity and related metaphysical publications. **Victoria Barkley, Manager.**

UNITY'S "CIRCLE OF PRAYER"

You are never farther from the prayer-support of Unity's Prayer Circle than a telephone call or an e-mail request. You will be held in the Healing Light of God. Many have been helped and healed. May we help *you*?



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The Universe Is Calling - \$13.99

Celebrate Yourself - \$13.95

In The Flow of Life - \$13.95

Unity: A Quest for Truth - \$11.95

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