

# Lakeside Temple of Practical Christianity

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## *Sunday Lessons in February*

February 5 - Minister  
**Let God Be God**

February 11 - Minister  
**Pronounce It Good**

February 19 - Minister  
**Forgive And Live**

February 26 - Lisa Lemus  
**Spiritual Toolbelt**

## *Sunday Schedule*

10:50 a.m. - Organ Prelude

11:00 a.m. - Nursery, Junior Temple

11:00 a.m. - Devotional Service

12:15 p.m. - Social Hour

Remember our Annual Meeting, after service on February 19. And Lent begins Wednesday, February 22!

Dear Friends,

This month, the foundation of each lesson is Divine Love. Trusting in Divine Love means we can stop directing most of our energy to defending ourselves. God is taking care of us and every situation in our experience.

We did not come to this earth to learn how to struggle, or to carry heavy burdens. We already have long experience of such things. We came to outgrow them.

*Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. - Psalm 37:5*

Our personal self does not bring forth our good. The indwelling Christ Consciousness does the work.

The personal self has no control over people, places or things, though heaven knows it tries. However, Spirit within can do all things. And what is the essence of this indwelling Spirit? Love.

*God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. - I John 4:16*

We do not need to resist any situation. Why should we? We are dwelling in God, and God is already taking care of it. We acknowledge this by pronouncing it Good. This causes us to provide a better channel in consciousness for Spirit to move through, and the situation resolves.

We center ourselves in Divine Love and focus on the good we want. As we let God be God, our good manifests.

*If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you. - John 15:7*

Lovingly,  
In God's Service

Jennifer Lilburn

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## ***Temple Prayer***

As winter lingers in the air we approach February, a month that characterizes love.  
We think of family, friends and loved ones and bestow upon them symbols of our love.  
Yet we know love to be more than the outer things we do.

I am reminded of Dr. Howard Thurman's work, "*More Loving In My Heart*":

"... I want to be more loving in my heart! It is often easy to have the idea in mind, the plan to be more loving. To see it with my mind and give assent to the thought of being loving—this is crystal clear. But I want to be more loving in my heart! I must feel like loving; I must ease the tension in my heart that ejects the sharp barb, the stinging word. I want to be more loving in my heart that with unconscious awareness and deliberate intent, I shall be a kind, a gracious human being. Thus those who walk the way with me may find it easier to love, to be gracious because of the love of God which is increasingly expressed in my living."

For us all, may we be easier to love, more gracious because of the Love of God guiding, expressing in and moving through our being.

*Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*  
*Matthew 5:16*

**Anna W. Edwards**

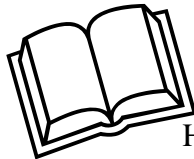
## Membership Meeting

Sunday, February 19, immediately following the service, is our Annual Membership Meeting. Our Minister, Board and staff report to the congregation on the activities of the past year. Our meetings are brief. The reports are all typed so you may take home a copy. Come, learn what happens behind the scenes. Right after the meeting we will have refreshments in the Downstairs Sanctuary.

## Important Tax Information

To ensure the deductibility of your annual church contributions totalling more than \$50, please do not file your 2011 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the Temple. You may lose a deduction for some contributions if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your charitable contributions.

## Book of The Month



“*Divine Magic*”, by Doreen Virtue, is a clearly edited version of “*The Kybalion*”, an interpretation of ancient Hermetic teachings. Learn the Seven Sacred Principles.

## Weekly Activities

### Afternoons

#### Wednesday and Thursday

12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.....Daily Word

#### Tuesday

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m .....Healing Meditation Service  
*Mary Watkins, piano*

February 7 - Lila LeighMudd; February 14 - Joan Hause;  
February 21 - Minister; February 28 - Minister

### Evenings

#### Monday

7:30 p.m. - Working With Psalms ..... Trudi Christina Robinson

#### Tuesday

6:00 p.m. - “Concentration” ..... Rose Cardiasmenos  
7:30 p.m. - Singing Workshop ..... Dietrich Erbeling

#### Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - “4T Prosperity Program” ..... Minister

#### Thursday

5:00 p.m. - Body Awareness Class..... Sherry Jacobs

#### Saturday - 2nd & 4th

1:30 p.m. - “The Game Of Life” ..... Lila LeighMudd

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## Meditation Theme for February

Releasing the limitations of the past, I move forward, realizing I am God’s perfect child. I am wise, loving, positive, peaceful, and strong, and I express my true self now.

## *Office Hours*

Office hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. through 4 p.m.

## *Prayer Ministry*

Lakeside Temple maintains a 24-hour prayer line. All requests are confidential. During office hours please call 834-8856 and ask for the prayer ministry. After hours you may call this same number and either leave a request or call the numbers given in the message, or email your prayer request to: "prayer@lakesidetemple.org."

Members of our prayer groups lovingly devote their time to praying with your requests.

## *Counseling Department*

Our counselors are devoted to maintaining a prayerful consciousness, and all sessions are confidential.

If you would like to make a counseling appointment, please call us at 834-8852.

Counselors are:

The Reverend Jennifer Lilburn, Minister; Rose Cardiasmenos, Chaplain; and licensed teacher/counselors Carolyn Chofre, Anna W. Edwards, Joan Hause, Lisa Lemus, Richard McCall, The Reverend Judith Page, Trudi Christina Robinson, and Gloria Seward.

This ministry is supported solely by love offerings and voluntary tithes of our members and friends. If you feel unable to give at this time, please do not let this deter you from making an appointment.

**THE JESUS CHRIST CONSCIOUSNESS IS THE HEAD OF THIS MINISTRY. WE ARE OPEN, RECEPTIVE, RESPONSIVE AND EAGER TO COOPERATE WITH THIS INSTRUCTION AND GUIDANCE.**

## *What Is Lent?*

Lent is a forty-day period that begins on Ash Wednesday, which will be February 22 this year, and ends just before the Resurrection. The practice grew gradually over several hundred years after the time of Jesus. It is traditionally a time of fasting and repentance.

The forty days represent a time of completion. Similar forty-day periods of prayer and fasting are recorded in the Bible: Moses, Elijah, and Jesus all prepared for their spiritual work in this way. Nowadays, of course, the most common observance of Lent involves temporarily giving up a favorite food or activity.

At Temple, we know Life is consciousness. So in our time of fasting, we fast from inharmonious thoughts. Our time of repentance does not involve remorse. The New Testament word translated as "repent" means "think differently". So we do. Instead of reacting to outer events, we choose to live from within. We do our easy best to stop pushing, practice nonresistance, and let the Christ within lead us into the life we've always wanted.

## *Divine Love*

*If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. - I John 4:12*

## *Save The Dates!*

### **Feb. 12: World Orphan Choir**

Immediately after service, this young choir will give a twenty minute performance. The children come from orphanages in Liberia and Peru. Lunch will follow. All love offerings for this performance will benefit the International Children's Network. At least 93% of all donations to the Network go to support the sponsored orphans. See them online at [www.icnchildren.net](http://www.icnchildren.net).

### **Feb. 26: Organist Lawrence Sumpter**

As a member of the original Harlem Boy's Choir, Mr Sumpter developed an early passion for spirituals. An accomplished organist, he is now particularly well known for his interpretations and arrangements of spirituals. He will bless us with his music in the Sunday service.