



Divine Love Newsletter

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FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the May 2018 edition of the Divine Love Newsletter. May 20 this year is when Christians will celebrate the holiday of Pentecost (typically held on the seventh Sunday after Easter), commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples after his ascension. We, who follow the teachings of Jesus as conveyed through James Padgett, know the true significance of Pentecost. It is when we remember that the Holy Spirit brought Divine Love in great abundance, filling the apostles' souls. This, we understand, happens every day as humans on earth and in the spirit world pray to receive God's Divine Love. Jesus wrote through Padgett (TGRABJ, Vol. I, Page 72): *"As mentioned in the New Testament, when [the Holy Spirit] was bestowed upon my disciples at Pentecost, it came as with the sound of a mighty rushing wind ... that shook the room in which the disciples were assembled, and filled them with its powers, which means only that this Divine Love came into their souls in such abundance that they were shaken in their souls to such an extent that they thought the building in which they were assembled was disturbed."* We pray that each of you receive your own Pentecostal showering of Divine Love.

We are pleased to bring you in this newsletter issue current events and inspiring stories of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. The Fikes conducted a soul-awakening series of workshops and retreats, spreading their love and God's truths on the U.S. East Coast and in Hawaii. Brooke Folk continues to interview Divine Love followers on his worldwide internet radio station to show how the Divine Love truths are manifesting in people's lives. Ron Shoemaker reminds us to be childlike in our pursuit of the Kingdom: Matthew 18:3 (NIV) *"And he said: 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'" Eva Peck takes us to the Old Testament for a background to Pentecost and what this means for us today. Jane Gartshore shares a beautiful poem, and Terry Adler tells us about two fundraisers reflecting the love of supporters of the devoted efforts of Helge Mercker and Catherine Koch to help orphaned and vulnerable children in Africa.*

This newsletter is dedicated to all of you – you who are spreading the news about the rebestowal of God's Divine Love through word and deed. We welcome your comments, as well as inspiring stories, project updates, retreat reports, articles, personal Divine Love reflections or experiences – anything that you think would be of interest to other Community members.

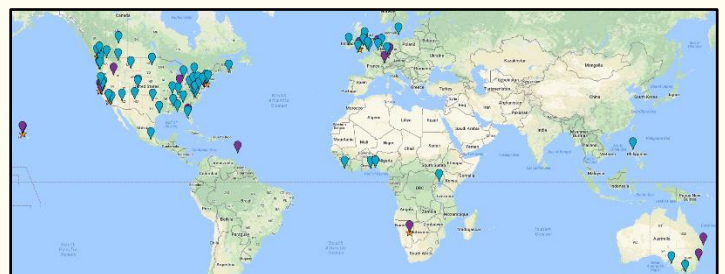
Past issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the [Divine Love Community portal](#) (username: members, password: DivineLove) or from the new [Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation website](#).

The Editors

Contributions can be emailed to the editors at editors@fcdt.org
(Michael Nedbal and Eva Peck)

DIVINE LOVE COMMUNITY MAP

The [Divine Love Community map](#), (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*), has ten churches/prayer groups, 27 ministers, and 78 Divine Love souls registered. If you or your group would like to be included on the map, please send us your email address, location and a picture (editors@fcdt.org)



PRAYING ACROSS THE MILES

- **Al and Jeanne Fike** welcome you to pray with them – in person in Gibsons or simultaneously from your home – every second Monday at 7 pm Pacific Time. **Terry Adler and Barb Davies** are hosting prayers every Monday night at 7 pm PT in West Vancouver, and everyone is welcome to join them. Prayer requests are welcome. Contact [Jeanne](#) or [Terry](#) for more details.
- **The Divine Love Ministry** invites you to join them for a Sunday Service on Skype at 10:45 am Hawaii-Aleutian Time. Services consist of music, prayers, reading, and channelled messages. Please contact [Michael](#) for more info.
- **Jan Blackston** coordinates a prayer/study group on Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm Eastern US time on Zoom (similar to Skype). After initial greetings, the first 30 minutes are spent praying for the Divine Love followed by discussing a message or a topic based on the *True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus* volumes. If interested in joining the group, please contact [Jan](#).
- **Tim Foley** has a Meditation class in Sonoma, California every Monday at 6 pm Pacific Coast Time. For more information, please contact [Tim](#).
- **Bill Frase** holds a circle of light at Monroeville United Methodist Church, Monroeville, PA, every Wednesday, 6-7 pm Eastern US time. All are welcome to join in person or in spirit. Sessions begin with conversation and placing prayer requests into the blessings bowl. The silent prayer time with soft background music starts and ends with a brief spoken prayer. Participants are free to share any thoughts, perceptions, sensations, or feelings before departing in love and peace. For more information, please use the [contact form](#).
- Groups are also meeting monthly in South Wales, UK; Germany; Abbotsford, B.C., Canada; and Namibia. For meeting times and dates, click [here](#).



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UPCOMING DIVINE LOVE RETREAT, SEPTEMBER 2018 – PHOENIX, ARIZONA



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A **Divine Love retreat** is planned for **September 9-13** at **WorldMark Phoenix**. This resort is nestled at the base of South Mountain Preserve, one of the country's largest municipal parks. Guests are surrounded by unspoiled natural desert views, and a variety of native wildlife with immediate access to 55 miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. The retreat will consist of music, prayers for Divine Love, outings, food, fellowship and fun. Accommodation prices range from \$435 for a one-bedroom unit to \$635 for a three-bedroom unit. For more details and booking, contact [Patricia Doyle](#).

Those who wish to stay longer can attend the **Afterlife Research and Education Institute Symposium** held **September 14-16** in the nearby **Scottsdale**. We have just learned that there will be pre-symposium activities starting at 10 am on September 13, with the conference ending on Sunday around 2 pm. Click [here](#) for more info on accommodations and registration. The Super Early Bird fee is only \$195 including the membership fee, but you need to register by May 15. (If you haven't read Patricia's experience from last year's symposium, you can find it in the [November 2017 Divine Love Newsletter](#) (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*).

SOUL AWAKENING SERIES OF WORKSHOPS AND RETREATS (FEBRUARY-MARCH 2018) – AL FIKE

Jeanne and I have recently returned from a five-week Divine Love Magical Mystery Tour. We travelled from Vancouver, Canada, to New York, Pittsburgh, PA, Tampa, FL, and on to Oahu, Hawaii. What a rich and full time it was, but as always, we are glad to be back home in our little town of Gibsons.

Like most of our Divine Love travels, we were led to go forth and pray with others. Having put out the word that we were willing to join with our friends in circles of light, we received invitations from Hal Eisenberg in Queens, NY, Bill Frase in Monroeville, PA, Ruth Duvall in Homossassa Springs, FL, and Jimbeau Walsh in Hawaii. Our plan was to help initiate prayer circles and retreats in all these places.

In Queens, Hal has a church (Hollis Woods Church) that he caretakes and uses for youth programs and spiritual projects. It's the perfect venue for having a weekend retreat. We actually had two retreats there, book-ending weekends with in-between three days with Bill Frase in Pennsylvania. Jeanne's sister Judy, a long-time Divine Love follower, joined us for this segment of the trip and added her light to our efforts. We also promoted a Sunday talk in Manhattan on one of those weekends and attracted 17 people thanks to Raphael Legros who accompanied us from Vancouver as well. Catherine Kent joined us in New York from Washington DC, as did Kevin O'Neill from New Jersey.

Hal, as always, was welcoming and enthusiastic. The church has a beautiful spiritual energy and I have for a long time had a dream of establishing an active center of light there, having actually had a vision of this. We did not attract crowds of people to our gatherings, but those who came were touched by the Love. We made some good friends during these days of prayer, and I see these events as reinforcing a presence of Love in this church. Maybe someday this center of light will be a reality.

Getting together with our Divine Love friends and having their presence with us in our talks and retreats was certainly a bonus and blessing. Seeing Bill and family on their home turf was a treat. Their hospitality was generous and put us at ease immediately. We met Bill's wife Wendy, his son and his mother-in-law Penny, as well as the inestimable Brooke Folk, who came over from another part of Pennsylvania. Our prayers in Bill and Wendy's home were beautiful and full of grace. I find that small groups often have a lot of spiritual power and we all benefited greatly from God's blessings showered upon us.

The whirlwind tour of the Eastern Seaboard and Pennsylvania was soon over and we flew to Tampa to meet Ruth Duvall and friends. I was thinking that Homossassa Springs would be low key and a bit of a rest. God had different ideas, however. Thanks to both Jimbeau Walsh and Ruth having spiritual contacts in Florida, we had a steady stream of company, and of course prayed with each one.

Kristin Lortie came down from Michigan, thinking that she would visit for just an afternoon since she also has a home in Florida, but ended up staying for the entire time. Having her vivacious and engaging presence with us added to the atmosphere of joy and sharing. Jesse Jonas from St. Louis made every effort to join us but was thwarted by bad weather with his flight being cancelled. Ruth received some powerful healings while we were together and doesn't need her walker to get around anymore. Many who came by for prayers and discussions were deeply moved and encouraged on their spiritual journeys. It was a very fluid, God-guided time. We all felt enriched, blessed, and received deep healings. We hope to return next year to do it all over again. Letting God orchestrate things made for each day to be full of surprises and unexpected encounters. Going on faith is the way to go.



Group meeting with the Fikes in Florida (Photo supplied by Jeanne Fike)



Some of the retreat participants in Hawaii (Photo supplied by Jeanne Fike)

Next, the loooong flight from Tampa to Honolulu. We were to meet Geoff Cutler, Maureen Cardoso, Judy Dunbar and Betty Owen for the first week of our visit. We have an ongoing prayer and spiritual project that we are working on together, and Geoff suggested to meet in Oahu to lessen his travel distance and to enjoy the warmth of Hawaii. We missed Helge Mercker who could not be with us because her father was critically ill. He subsequently passed over while we were in Hawaii. Please keep praying on his behalf. We had intense prayer times together and discussions around planning our future efforts bringing the Divine Love

truths to the world. Jimbeau Walsh also joined us in prayer. We also met and prayed with Michael Nedbal. Carolyn was still recovering from surgery and was unable to join us. We also visited with Gilda Holy and her family in Waianae.

Week two was an open retreat and we were joined by several members of the FUSC spiritualist church in Vancouver who were eager to have the Divine Love experience. Darlene Gaunt also came over and was an invaluable contributor to this week-long prayer retreat. Maggie and Gordon Cavenah from British Columbia joined us in our prayers as well. Those who were new to Divine Love really experienced it while we were together. They were on fire to bring this truth to their church.

Raphael Legros along with others have been making inroads with the FUSC church for years and it appears that their efforts are paying off big time. This may be the first Divine Love church with walls to be established in the world. Please keep praying that the congregation will come into agreement regarding pursuing the Love. Of course, the church will never be fully a Divine Love church since their mandate is to welcome all religions and beliefs, but if the most powerful influence there is God's Love, then who knows what may happen. My experiences praying and speaking in this church have been amazing.

Now that we are home, I look back on these past few weeks in amazement of all the dear souls we have met and prayed with. Even outside of our designated commitments to prayer, we met lovely souls who showed up in the most serendipitous ways. For example, we met a Hawaiian named Neil on a walk in a lovely botanical garden and immediately connected as he gave us a lesson on the local Hawaiian culture. These are the experiences which enrich our lives and bring soul to soul connections with others. Our part is to step out in love and openness to the world and God is sure to bring many souls upon our path. There is no better way to teach the Divine Love than to pray and lovingly connect with others. Jeanne and I will never know all the ways that God used us to bless others through us being a channel of His Love, but those experiences that we recognized continue to bolster our faith and spur us on to more spiritual adventures on God's Magical Mystery Tour.

For more on Al and Jeanne's travels, you can visit the [DLSF forum](#) and/or hear Brooke Folk's [radio interview of them](#). Images from the trip can be seen [here](#).



MY TIME WITH BROOKE FOLK – A MAN OF MANY WORDS (AL FIKE)

Many of you may have heard of the work that Brooke Folk is doing to bolster the efforts to get the word of Divine Love out there. As soon as I found out about his intentions, I was excited and offered to go on his radio program. We had an instant rapport and talked on the phone for over an hour and could have gone on longer. Since that first interview, Jeanne and I went on his show as a couple. Lots of fun and joking on that one. He is a consummate radio announcer and broadcaster who has been in the biz for many years. His ease and demeanor put my nerves at bay and he guided the conversation so masterfully that I felt carried by his confidence and desire to express all we both knew about God's Love.

Brooke's dedication and understanding of the truths as revealed to Padgett has set him on fire to find out more about the experience of receiving the Love and to bring to light other Divine Love followers. He is making himself available to anyone who wishes to be interviewed on his talk show Radio program that goes out [live on the internet](#). I would encourage all the readers here to take a turn on this new avenue of communication. All that is old is new again, reborn on the internet. I know that every one of you has a story to tell and Brooke wants as many human-interest stories as possible regarding Divine Love. I can think of half a dozen people off the top of my head who would be able to give fantastic stories that could pique the interest of both those on the Divine Love path and the spiritually curious people.

I want to thank Brooke for his work and dedication to bringing the truth of the Divine Love to a different audience than we normally target and for being such a lovely and dignified gentleman. If you haven't met Brooke in person, which Jeanne and I had the privilege of doing in Monroeville, PA, then I encourage you to connect with him and tell him your story. It is well worth your time and maybe you will touch a soul through your story of receiving the Divine Love. Thanks Brooke for all your good work here.



*Brooke Interviewing guests for a radio program.
(Photo supplied by Brooke Folk)*

LITTLE CHILDREN (RON SHOEMAKER)

One of the most beautiful pictures in the synoptic gospels is found in Mark 10:13-16. A crowd of people has gathered around Jesus and some of his disciples. Parents are bringing their children to Jesus that he may touch and bless them. When some of the disciples try to prevent the little children from reaching him, Jesus is emphatic that the little ones should be allowed to come.

“Let the little children come to me, do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

Jesus then proceeds to put his arms around the children, lays his hands on them, and gives them his blessings. In Matthew 18:1-4, Jesus was asked who would be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. His answer was:

“I tell you solemnly, unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. The one who makes himself as little as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

Luke 18:15-7 presents a similar picture. Jesus is heard calling the little children to him and saying, “anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”



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It seems that in Jesus' view, little children have qualities that adults do not – characteristics that would enable us to enter the kingdom of heaven. I wondered what it was that gave little children this advantage.

As a small child, before I was able to reason and rationalize abstractly, I was always curious, exploring my world, relishing in the joy of discovery. In the purity of my innocence, I learned to trust my parents and others as they took care of my physical and emotional needs. I grew up in an environment of openness and acceptance that encouraged my natural love to flow freely to others.

When I played with other children, it was because of our common interests. I did not notice gender or skin color. As I continued to assimilate

the customs, traditions and values of my culture, I began forming a frame of mind that helped me understand and make sense of my world. Later I began to sense a difference in the opposite sex, the first twinges of sexual desire. I became aware that some people were considered more important than others and that my country expected my allegiance. I learned that others did not always look at the world in the same way as I did. Views ranged all the way from conservative to liberal. Some had a mindset strongly influenced by religious thinking, science, or the need to pursue intellectual development. Others needed to be successful in business or to accumulate material riches, while still others were strongly influenced by political convictions. Some chose to follow their talents in the creative arts.

In my life, various influences shaped the flowering of my mindset. The family I was born into, the schools I attended, my everyday experiences with people and events all provided a sense of direction. History, customs and traditions brought to me the assumptions of the tried and true – the wisdom of the ages. As my impressions of these pure and genuine truths solidified, I noticed that I was building walls with my learned understandings that tended to separate me from others. I found myself judging others on the basis of our respective views. I was learning where my allegiance ought to be, who the important people in society were, and what organizations were beneficial. As my culture left its imprint on my mindset, I assimilated the values and attitudes that history handed me.

I found that the universal application of my natural love had become incarcerated. No longer was my natural love flowing freely – it was being channeled in certain directions. I questioned the value and self-worth of some people. Somewhere along the line, I had lost track of my humanity and the humanity of others. The capacity to universally treat one another as we would like to be treated had seemingly disappeared. My acceptance of others had become subservient to my prejudices. My ability to trust had receded. Others were now accepted based on the compatibility of our mindsets. Our common humanity was no longer on the horizon.

When I became aware of the Padgett messages, I found it exciting to think that God's Love was of a unique nature. According to the messages, His Love is not the same as the love humans have from birth. The messages claim that human love is an image of the Love God possesses, the Divine Love. When comparing the two loves, I saw that they both had similar qualities such as empathy, forgiveness, kindness, forbearance and mercy. I wondered what it was that made the Divine Love divine. I continued to ask what the advantage was of experiencing the Divine Love.

During a moment of epiphany, I realized that the Divine Love was the Original Love in all reality. It was the one authentic and genuine love that was self-sustaining and universal and therefore the template for all other loves. I came to see that the quality of empathy arising from the Divine Love is authentic, self-sustaining and universal. By contrast, the empathy arising from the natural love is an image and may not be self-sustaining; its reach may not be universal.

To better understand the difference between the authentic and an image, imagine that you are surrounded by a beautiful natural setting. As you amble along, you feel a gentle breeze and hear its whisperings in the majestic pines. You hear the songs of birds and watch as they go about their daily lives. You hear a brook as it meanders through a meadow, and watch a deer quenching its thirst. As you kneel by the stream and place your hand in the cool, flowing water, you feel its smoothness as it glides around your fingers, hear it as it tumbles over rocks, glistening in the sunlight. The scene you are a part of is alive with possibilities, vibrant with expectations. You can decide to hike to a nearby mountain or enjoy the shade of an ancient tree. This is a description of an authentic scene. It is three-dimensional and has myriad of possibilities. It gives us a glimpse of what the Divine Love is like.



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By contrast, the natural love is like looking at a painting of the above scene. It is a two-dimensional image of an authentic three-dimensional setting. The picture can be beautiful with its images and colors. It can even give a sense of peace. But as you gaze at the painting, you cannot hear or sense the fresh breeze passing through the needles of evergreens, nor can you place your hand into the stream and feel the water's coolness. Everything is static – there is no movement or dynamism.

This is one way to comprehend the radicalness of the New Birth – going from the image to that which is authentic. It is not just about something new or setting off in a new direction. The experience of the transformation is about replacing the old assumptions and vestiges of our mindset and natural love with the Original Love of reality. When Authentic Love becomes dominant in every part of a soul, a unique reality that is self-sustaining and universal is born: a radically new paradigm touched by the eternal.

So what does this have to do with little children and entering the kingdom of heaven? As a child I did not have a rigid and complex mindset to help me make sense of my world. My world was rather simple. I was not yet tempted by the notion of the original sin or of being deprived, nor was I captured by the myriad of pleasures and allurements beyond my world. In my humility and trust, I was experiencing my world from a child's innocent perspective.

What then does it mean for us to become like a little child? Above all, there must be an unconditional trust in our Father's Love for each of us. This kind of trust tells me that I will never be forsaken. With this trust, in the sublime moment of sincere prayer, we will be able to let go of the reliance on our mindset as far as preconceived suppositions, beliefs and attitudes. It is in the demise of the mind's dominance, that the New Birth can take place. Through humility and trust, our souls will become receptive to the promptings of God's Love for us and we will become empowered to unconditionally accept it. As we allow that first nascent ember of the Divine Substance to enter and lodge in our souls, the transformation begins ... one that will continue ad infinitum. We have to be open to that possibility and its materialization.

Our Father has conditionally made His Love available to us. It is left in our hands to discover how to unconditionally trust in His Love for us and to unconditionally accept it. When His Original Love fills every part of a soul, that soul becomes self-sustaining and universal, all embracing and boundless. Then the vestiges of our natural love and mindset will recede into the background and eventually disappear – no longer being dominant. It is with the reception of that first tiny ember of God's Original Love that our soul's transformation will begin and eventually come to fruition as a unique work of art – a new being born into the reality of the Father's Original Love – the one-of-a-kind collaborative work of God and a human individual.

For the cutest video of little children, see [here](#).

PENTECOST AND OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES OF THE NEW HEART (EVA PECK)

In our January issue, we featured Rev. Jimbeau Walsh's insightful article *Heart and Soul* showing how the heart and soul are closely interconnected. This article follows on Rev. Jimbeau's, as well as tying with the upcoming day of Pentecost, which those who observe it will do so on May 20. (Pentecost is tied with the Easter/Passover season and follows 50 days after Easter Sunday, which in turn is on the first full moon after the vernal equinox – March 21. Being tied to the Hebrew lunar calendar, the dates for these observances vary on our calendar each year.)

Let's backtrack a little to Old Testament times, observances and prophecies and see what insights we may receive for our time now.

Jesus was crucified and died about the same time that the Passover lambs were being killed for the traditional Passover meal. However, contrary to what is commonly taught, Jesus was not a "Passover Lamb" sacrificed for our sins, whereby we are made righteous. Rather, as the blood of the slain lambs during the original Passover in Egypt protected the Israelite firstborn from death, Jesus' teachings about the Divine Love and his life exemplifying the Love, when followed, redeem his disciples from the penalty of sin, which is forfeiture of divine life and immortality, or what the Bible refers to as "second death."

The ancient Passover day was followed by seven Days of Unleavened Bread – time during which nothing with yeast or other leavening agents was allowed to be eaten. In the New Testament, leaven is a symbol for sin, malice and wickedness, as well as wrong teachings. Being spiritually unleavened implies walking in sincerity and truth. So while the Jews still purge their homes from leavened products, and even crumbs, during this period, the New Testament spiritual application is to purge

our lives from wrong ways of living. This is accomplished by following Jesus' moral teachings, which transcended and magnified Old Testament commands. The spiritual "deleavening" is also greatly aided by the presence of the Divine Love within which transforms the heart and soul, creating a new heart and resulting in a new birth.



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Using the leaven metaphor in a different way, the Divine Love, once in the soul, spreads and works a gradual transformation. Indeed, it increases like leaven in the dough and continues in its work until the whole soul is impregnated with it, and everything of sin or error is wholly eradicated¹.

In his Sunday "resurrection", Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament ritual of the wave sheaf, or first fruits, offering performed on the Sunday during the Days of Unleavened Bread. Upon death, like all humans, Jesus left his physical body and ascended in his spirit body to the spirit world. He then proclaimed the availability of the Divine Love through prayer and the possibility of at-onement with the Father to spirits of ages past.

Jesus is the first of the first-fruits, having opened the door for others to follow in his footsteps. The New Testament church (from the Greek word *ecclesia*, meaning called-out ones), becomes the first-fruits and firstborn of the saved, following Jesus' example. He was the first to have possessed the Divine Love in his soul and to become a divine son of God through soul transformation and new birth. His spiritual brothers and sisters, who are also co-heirs with him of the divine kingdom, will join him as glorified and immortal spirit beings in the Celestial kingdom of God upon having undergone the new birth through their own soul transformation by the Divine Love. This can be considered the meaning of what the Bible refers to as the first and better resurrection.

¹ TGRABJ/1/241 and 2/205
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The manifestation of Jesus to the disciples and others after his death is a pivotal event – an “epicenter of history”. He is recognized as the Messiah (anointed) and Savior, which he is by opening the door to real salvation through the promised Holy Spirit imparting the Divine Love into human souls and transforming them into divine substance with divine nature.

Growing up, Jesus became familiar with the Old Testament writings and through his experiences, recognized in himself the fulfilment of the prophecies of Jeremiah and Ezekiel:

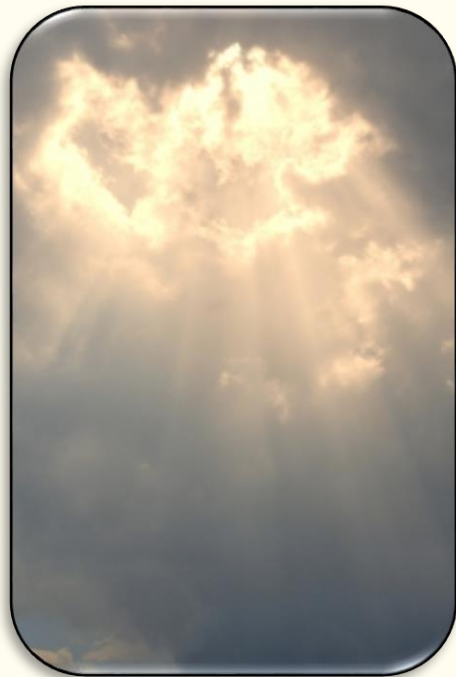
Ezekiel 36:26-27 – “I will give you a *new heart* and put a *new spirit* in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit [my Love] in you and *move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.*”

Jeremiah 24:7 -- "I will give them a *heart to know me*, that I am the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God, *for they will return to me with all their heart.*"

That promise was further fulfilled on the day of Pentecost which came fifty days after the Sunday during the Days of Unleavened Bread and ten days after Jesus’ ascension to the Celestial heaven (after having preached the truth of the Divine Love in the lower spheres).

The day of Pentecost in the year of Jesus’ crucifixion can be considered as the “birth of the church” or, one could say, the Divine Love community. This community includes anyone who sees themselves as following the path of praying for and being transformed by the Divine Love. It can be viewed as the invisible church – all people, wherever they are, who have the Holy Spirit working with them and imparting the Divine Love into their souls. It may well transcend churches and include

synagogues, mosques, temples, and the unaffiliated, many of whom may not yet be conscious of the Divine Love working in their souls. And it stretches into the spirit world. It is invisible in the sense that no one can see this body in its entirety. Perhaps the tip of the iceberg is a better metaphor – what is seen is much smaller than what is unseen.



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On this unique day of Pentecost, Jesus’ disciples received the real understanding of his Messiahship. Amidst a dramatic display of wind and tongues of fire, the twelve apostles spoke to the startled multilingual crowd seemingly in each person’s own language. They identified Jesus as the Messiah, witnessing to the fulfilment of an old prophecy that the Spirit would be poured out.² What really happened was that through the Holy Spirit, an abundance of the Divine Love was conveyed into their souls, convincing them that Jesus had brought to humankind the essence of the Father. As they exhorted the people to repent, three thousand Jews from all parts of the Roman Empire became convicted and formed the foundation of the church – the first fruits of the Divine Love Community.

The apostle to the Gentiles affirmed this process in his letter to the church in Rome: “... hope does not disappoint us, because *God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.*”³

The church’s, and our individual, commission is to preach and teach Jesus Christ’s message about how to enter the kingdom of God through the Divine Love. Unfortunately, the message has been corrupted over the centuries to where Jesus’ death as a sacrifice for our sins has become the focus. Yet, despite incorrect teachings, there are many in the invisible spiritual

² Joel 2:28-32

³ Romans 5:5

community whose souls are being transformed by the Divine Love imparted through the Holy Spirit – perhaps even without their fully understanding what is happening, but the fruits of this transformation are brightly shining through their lives.

Those of us who know of Jesus' Divine Love teachings through the inspired writings of James Padgett have both the priceless privilege and responsibility to pass this information on to others in any way we can. We too can take to heart Helen's encouragement to her husband in TGRABJ/2/29: "I am so very much pleased to see that you are *getting more of His Love in your heart* each day, and soon you will do the work that the Master has laid out for you to do. ... You can progress on earth just as rapidly as I can here, *if you will let God's Love come into your heart as fully and as abundantly as I do*; and you can if you will only pray to the Father. He does not require the child of His care to be in the spirit world in order to develop his soul. You have the same soul now that you will have when you come here, and if you let God fill it with His Love while you are on earth, why should it not progress as much as it does here? God does not intend to wait until you come over here that He may give you the full enjoyment of His Holy Spirit; it all depends upon you."

Further insights and references can be found at [Eva's website](#).

POETRY CORNER (JANE GARTSHORE)

Walk the Path of Love
You don't need heavy boots
Soft moss cushions every
step

Walk the Path of Love
It isn't dark and cold
Bright sun illuminates your way
Your footsteps will be bold.

Walk the Path of Love
It calls you, can you hear?
It beckons with the gentle hand
Of one who's ever near.

Walk the Path of Love
The road less travelled, yes;
But it's the highest you can take
And will bring out your best.

Walk the Path of Love
A journey all your own
It's destiny's a most cherished thing...
This path leads you HOME.

JANE GARTSHORE



PATH OF LOVE

MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Eva Peck** published a small book entitled *Who and What Is God*. It is a thumbnail sketch, giving glimpses of our Great Creator, Life Giver, Sustainer and Heavenly Father, based on the Bible and *True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus*. The book is available as a [free PDF download](#), as well as a [Kindle version](#). This marks the completion of the series of small (bite-size) books that she had planned. The others are available as free PDF downloads from [Eva's website](#). Some are also on Amazon as Kindle and print copies.
- **Joseph Babinsky**, desiring to mark his 12th anniversary of being led by spirits to read the Padgett Messages on Geoff Cutler's website, published a book entitled *The Gift - Teachings of Jesus*. The gift is the knowledge and awareness of the Divine Love. The book is available at [Joseph's online bookstore](#) at Lulu.com.
- **Brooke Folk** has added four interviews to his [internet radio station](#) since our last issue featuring Bill Frase, Eva Peck, Geoff Cutler, Al and Jeanne Fike as a couple, and, for the second time, as Episode 10, Joseph Babinsky.

FUNDRAISERS FOR CSNS AND LITA (TERRY ADLER)

Love in action is Love fully realized. The Love embodied by **Helge Mercker** and **Catherine Koch** finds its beautiful expression in the help the two ladies provide to orphaned and vulnerable children in Africa. Helge tirelessly works in Namibia through *Children's Sanctuary Namibia* (CSN) and Catherine in Uganda through *Love is the Answer* (LITA).



The musicians (Photo supplied by Terry Adler)

On April 8th, Al and Jeanne Fike hosted a House Concert Fund Raiser for CSNS (the newly established Canadian sister charity to CSN, *Children's Sanctuary Namibia Society*) in their magnificent Gibsons home. The concert, featuring soulful music by Jill Shatford and colleagues, was a joyful event attended by 45 people. The afternoon included a silent auction of amazing items donated by local supporters and angel jewelry created by Sabine Wink-Tudor, our friend in Germany. The more than \$2000 raised will be used for feeding children in the Kindergarten program and digging a bore hole for water to supply the envisioned Sanctuary that will house orphans from Drimiopsis.

On April 22nd Barbara Davies and Terry Adler hosted a tea party for LITA in West Vancouver. Even though attended by only eight people, the party raised more than \$1700 to support the education of orphans in Uganda. It was an opportunity to not only hear Catherine's moving stories of how LITA has been transforming the children's lives, but to also honour Catherine with an early birthday cake! On her birthday, April 28th, she would have celebrated with her "boys" back in Uganda – the young men who share her home and are blessed to call her Mother.

If your soul invites you to put your Love into action, please visit [Children's Sanctuary Namibia Society](#) and [Love Is the Answer](#).



*Happy Birthday, dear Catherine!
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Joan Warden is working on The Prayer for Divine Love Translation Project with Ian Nicol for his website [Truth for all People](#). Besides English, the Prayer now has authentic translations in Chinese, Spanish, French, German, Danish, Norwegian, Czech and Dutch. If you can write in another language and would be willing to **translate the Prayer** and to share it, please contact [Joan](#) or Ian through his [website](#). Thank you and God bless.

*Importance of prayer so that the soul can be developed and works will follow.
What really happened at Pentecost.*

I am here, John, Apostle of Jesus.

I am the apostle, and you need not try me as your friend said, for no spirit can impersonate me when I am present. So you must believe me and try to receive what I may write tonight, in faith, and you will find that you will be benefitted. I came principally to tell you that I have been listening to the conversation between you two and to the reading of the Sermon on the Mount given to us by the Master in the days of long ago, as you would say.

When that sermon was delivered we were not in a condition of great spiritual development, and we did not understand its inner meanings, and as to its literal meaning we thought it was not intended for the practical affairs of life. People, I know, think that we, at that time, were very spiritually developed and had an understanding of the great truths taught by the Master, which were superior to what men have now, but I tell you that this is a mistake. We were comparatively ignorant men, fishermen by occupation, and had no education above the ordinary working man of that time, and when Jesus called us to become his apostles, we were as much surprised and hesitated as much as you did when the similar mission was declared for you.

Our knowledge came with our faith in the great truths which the Master taught, and from our observation of the great powers which he displayed, and also from the influence of the Great Love that he possessed. But when mankind think that we easily understood the great truths which he taught, they are mistaken. Only after the descent upon us of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost did we fully come in accord with the Father, or fully appreciate the great truths that the Master had taught.

Of course we learned many things which men of that time did not know, and our souls became developed to a large extent, but not sufficient to bring us to a knowledge of the wonderful meaning of the truths which made men free and brought them in unison with the Father. In your conversation tonight you discussed the relative value of prayer and works, and did not agree with the preacher, that works are the great things to develop men into love and bring about great happiness in the world, and that prayer is not of such importance.

Now let me, as a spirit and as a man who worked on earth and prayed on earth, say with an authority that arises from actual experience, and knowledge that comes of observation, that of all the important things on earth for men who are seeking salvation and happiness and development of soul, prayer is the most important, for prayer brings from the Father not only Love and blessings, but the condition of mind and intent that will cause men to do the great works that the preacher admonished men to engage in.

Prayer is the cause of the power being given to men that will enable them to do all the great works which will bring reward to the doer, and happiness and benefit to the one who receives the works. So you see the results can never be as great as the cause, for the cause, in this instance, not only gives to men this ability to work, but also to love and to develop his soul and to inspire him with all good and true thoughts. Works are desirable, and in some cases necessary, but prayer is absolutely indispensable. So let you and your friend understand and never doubt, that without prayer the works of men would be unavailing to accomplish the great good which even now man performs for his brother.

Pray, and works will follow. Work, and you may do good, but the soul does not benefit, for God is a God that answers prayer through the ministrations of His angels and through the influence of His Holy Spirit, which works on the interior or real part of man.

I will stop now. So with my love to both of you, I am your brother in Christ,

John



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