

# Lakeside Temple of Practical Christianity

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## Sunday Lessons in February

February 6 - Minister  
**God's Strength In You**

February 12 - Minister  
**God's Love In You**

February 19 - Minister  
**God's Power In You**

February 26 - Lisa Lemus  
**Be God's Kindness**

## 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!*

Dear Friends,

It's February, the month of love - the most important thing in our experience. When Jesus was asked which is the great commandment in the law, He said,

*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,  
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.  
This is the first and great commandment.  
And the second is like unto it,  
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.  
On these two commandments hang all the law  
and the prophets. - Matthew 22:37-40*

The most important thing is to love God, oneself, and those in our world. Eventually, when we know all the way through that we are all of God, we won't need to be reminded to love our neighbour as ourself. Jesus' statement can then be shortened to, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

That is, "Love God." Not, "Work hard to sustain yourself."

Father-Mother-God is in charge of taking care of us. God knows we need food and clothes and health and happiness, so it must be that fully loving God will result in our having all these things. Jesus said,

*Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat?  
Or, what shall we drink?  
Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?  
For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all  
these things.  
But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness;  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
- Matthew 6:31-33*

Seek the kingdom by loving God. There is nothing Love cannot accomplish.

Lovingly,  
In God's Service

Jennifer Lilburn

## 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 834-8852 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, and Trudi Christina Robinson.

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.**

## About Lent

Lent is a forty-day period that begins on Ash Wednesday, which is March 1st 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.

## Tax Information

To ensure the deductibility of your annual church contributions, please wait for our written acknowledgement of your 2016 donations to the Temple before filing your income tax return.

## Quotes For February

*Divine Love now dissolves and dissipates every wrong condition in my mind, body and affairs. Divine Love is the most powerful solvent in the universe, and dissolves everything which is not of itself!*

- Florence Scovel Shinn



*For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.*

- Isaiah 54:10



*I am harmonious, poised and magnetic. I now draw to myself my own. My power is God's Power and is irresistible.*

- Florence Scovel Shinn



*Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.* - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## 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.

## Men's Prayer Group

Chuck Keene, a Temple member since 1996, is starting a men's prayer group. It will meet at Lakeside Temple on Tuesdays, at either 11 AM or 1 PM. Praying with others is rewarding. Miracles happen for those with whom we pray, and as we pray with others, we are also blessed.

*Please call Chuck at 510-367-6112 for more information.*

## 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 - Minister; February 14 - Joan Hause;  
February 21- Jennifer Groebe; February 28 - Jennifer Groebe

### Evenings

#### Tuesday

7:30 p.m. - Singing Workshop .....Dietrich Erbeling

#### Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - "The Law And The Word" ..... Minister

#### Thursday

4:30 p.m. - Body Awareness Class..... Sherry Jacobs

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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.

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## *Temple Prayer*

Father Mother G'd:

Let me know others feel as I have felt, and empathize.  
Let me know we are the same, in our core and heart, and the foundations of our being.  
Let me understand that which I may not at first, to become more whole.  
Let me know You in my heart, my hand, my living.  
Let Your substance flow through me as love, word, action.  
Let my longings be fulfilled as expression.

Let those stuck, hard, dark and unknowing places transform with Your light.  
Let Your presence transmute all in my world to Your divine energy, action and order.  
Let me share Your grace through my living experience.  
Let me think Your thought through my being into this physical plane.

Let me be better.  
Let me understand more.  
Let me act accordingly.  
Let. Me.  
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*Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults. - Psalm 19:12*

**Kendall Moalem**