



New Beginnings

Center For Spiritual Living, Glendale

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Embracing timeless and relevant traditions:

- Principles of Religious Science
- Teaching Science of Mind

Awakening Humanity to Its Spiritual Magnificence

Mission Statement:

To be a spiritual home which provides an Acceptance of Self, an Awareness of One, a Sense of Belonging, an Experience of Love, an Awakening to the Power Within and a Passion to Consciously use It.

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The Center for Spiritual Living supports the positive transformation of both our personal lives and the world itself.

At the Center for Spiritual Living, we teach people how to have a personal relationship with God. When we are deeply connected with Spirit, other areas of our lives fall into place — we can do more for others, be better stewards of the Earth, and bring more peace and harmony to the world.

The Center for Spiritual Living in Glendale is a member of the Centers for Spiritual Living: a worldwide organization of spiritual communities dedicated to awakening humanity to its spiritual magnificence.

Theme for the Year: Living Wholeheartedly for God

Focus for the Season: Love in Action

Thought for the Season:

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Greetings from the Board of Trustees

Dear Friends,

Birds are building their nests, bees are buzzing, humming birds are humming, flowers are in bloom. It is ... allergy season! No, that's not it. It is Springtime - the great outdoors is in a state of rebirth. As our banner, "New Beginnings," proclaims, we too are in a time of renewal. As Reverend Marilyn set forth in our last issue, change is constant. In the midst of change, underlying currents run deep, giving every season its purpose.



Let us take a few minutes to acknowledge several purposes of this season as we embrace and move toward newer beginnings.

A Time to Give Thanks

To Reverend Marilyn, for her many years of dedication to her ministry, commitment to the Science of Mind teaching and for her unfailing service and inspirational messages. Her understanding of principle and law has guided and instructed us well for the past eleven years. She will continue to be a beacon of light and love, and we look forward to having her nearby to continue to be engaged with our community at a new level as she moves forward to expand her horizons and experience. We love her dearly, and a celebration in her honor and to express our gratitude is in the planning stages.

A Time to Remember: In memory of Joseph Ezra Johnson

Reverend Marilyn's beloved husband, Joseph, made his transition on Saturday, April 5th, at the age of 89, in what has been described as the most beautiful, spirit-filled ceremony, surrounded by family, singing, chanting and praying as he moved forward into his next expression of life.

In lieu of flowers Rev. Marilyn has asked that donations be made in memory of Joseph Ezra Johnson to the Honor Flight Network. Tribute donations may also be made online at: www.honorflight.org. By making a Tribute, you will be able to designate the funds to be in memory of Joseph.

Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. We transport our heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans - World War II survivors, along with other veterans who may be terminally ill.

A Time to Reflect

Over the next few months, the Center will welcome a variety of guest speakers, as the Board has decided to pause the process of candidating for a new minister. This means that for the time being, our guest speakers are here without any obligation or requirement to participate as a candidate for the open position of head minister. This “no pressure” time gives us all a chance to reflect upon and build a vision for our center. It is an opportunity to unite as a spiritual family and team in a new way. The Board is excited about this approach to the future and invites you to share your thoughts.

A Time to Sow Seeds

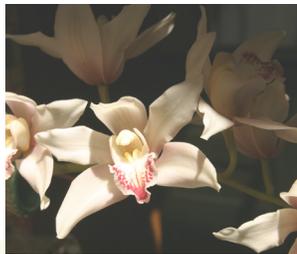
Reverend Meredith has been busy staying in touch with the leadership of Centers for Spiritual Living while working steadfastly on a schedule of guest speakers. She has put together a great lineup of inspirational leaders for the next two months.

At the same time, we are also looking for greater efficiencies in the preparation, setup, and the Sunday service format itself to make things easier on everyone. As we try out new ideas it is vitally important that you let us know how you feel about any changes and share the ideas you have to offer. Your input is important as we sow new seeds to facilitate the ongoing operation of our church.

A Time To Trust

As change occurs, we naturally seek to find balance. As Edwin Catmull writes in his new book, *Creativity, Inc.*, “Balance is a soft word. It implies calm ... but that’s not it at all. The process is always chaotic and turbulent.” And so, let us know that any sense of turbulence is merely the flow of life as it moves in a positive direction. Rev. Marilyn’s effervescent energy, enthusiasm and indomitable spirit have helped bring us to this moment. Now we grasp the baton and carry it forward. Be assured, the Board of Trustees is committed to steering the Center to a bright new future. No one can say exactly where we will land. We trust Spirit to continue to guide us and keep us steady. We know that Good will be revealed to delight and educate.

Enjoy the journey!



With Love & Light,
Board of Trustees, CSLG

Guest Speaker

Freddie Weber - May 4

Broadway Performer and Spiritual Teacher
Combines Musical Comedy with “Being Here Now”

Ms. Freddie Weber travels all over the United States presenting her popular Concert/Workshop, “Being Here Now,” a Musical One-Woman Show, based on her studies with Eckhart Tolle and “The Power of Now” and “A New Earth”.

Ms. Weber has won awards in New York for performing, and in Los Angeles for best Music and Lyrics.

She studied “A Course In Miracles” with Marianne Williamson for 12 years, the works of Joel Goldsmith for 6 years, Louise L. Hay, during the AIDS crisis in West Hollywood, Tibetan Buddhism Shambhala Training (5 levels) and for the last 11 years, the work of Eckhart Tolle.

She has written three metaphysical books: “The Power of Nothing”, “Losing your Mind to Save the World”, and “YIKES!!!! Nothing to Hold On To” (So why am I happy?)



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A Spiritual Musing

by Jonathan Trip

Science of Mind is a Religion and a Philosophy that we all can and do use everyday in our lives. It is great to know that we can direct our lives in a very positive direction thru our positive affirmations and faith

"All things are possible to the man or woman who Believes."

To know and to believe this truth, the foundation of our teaching which is, "it is done unto you as you believe," is truly life-expanding.

The choice for expansion or limitation is up to us.
HOW GREAT IS THAT?!

We consciously direct our lives through the practice of Science of Mind Treatment.

First, all things exist in our minds, our imagination, our visualizations and it is the source of our living.

What a great opportunity we have to feel and to live in positive successes all day every day.

It means we not only believe in the future, we believe the FUTURE IN.

Our greatest creative power is our power to believe.

"All things are possible to the man or woman who believes."

Guest Speaker

Rev. Paul Braden - May 11 & June 1

Paul Braden is a Science of Mind Minister who teaches a myriad of classes for this philosophy and is presently a Co-Minister and instructor at the Foothill Center. Reverend

Paul has been using and teaching these principles all of his life and knows that there truly is only ONE power in the universe; it is greater than he is and he "can" and does use it.

Paul has studied many different philosophies, feeling a very strong alliance with the Native American in their love of the land and the One Great Spirit. He feels close to nature and loves the freedom of being in the out of doors in God's great creation. He is part of the "Shadow-land Foundation and is working with and for the preservation of the wolves in the wild.

Paul spent numerous years as an actor and has achieved an ability to focus and embody success, so vital to the abundant life style that is our birth right. As a coach to Vietnam Veterans his empathic skills were well honed, as demonstrated by the success he enjoyed in that arena.

He is a life and career coach with 35 years experience. Through life experiences, and Science of Mind Principles, he shares with individuals a way to believe in themselves and how to direct and focus the creative power of thought. He knows and understands the need, in these rapidly changing times, for each person to feel the confidence and healthy self image vital to our inner being.

Paul's fundamental philosophy is the Empowerment of the Individual, he believes in ABUNDANCE and PROSPERITY as a WAY of life, not its PURSUIT.

Educated at Western Michigan University, Paul holds degrees in communications, theater and music, has been a Science of Mind practitioner for ten years and a Science of Mind Minister for the last seven. He enjoys expressing to his friends his joy in having found a philosophy that is so in keeping with what he has spent his life doing.

Guest Speaker

Dame Rev. Rio - May 18 and June 22

Dame Rev. Rio Rose Kelley is committed to helping others see their own Divinity, the best in themselves no matter what situation or circumstance they are in, and realizing that they have within them all they need. She is an Agape Minister who is ultimately committed to the Ministry of Relationship and Love.

Rev. Rio was first introduced to Agape in the Fall of 2000 and immediately entered into classes and sacred service. She continued her studies and became an RScP & Agape Licensed Practitioner in July 2004. As an Agape Practitioner she served in the Prayer Ministry, and also began assisting in the University classes. Her journey through Agape Ministerial School allowed her to deepen even further, opening to God's vision as her life. She was among the Inaugural Class of New Thought Ageless Wisdom Ministerial Graduates and Licensed in June 2008. She became an Agape Staff Minister in 2012 and her path as a minister continues to emerge as she strives to embody the qualities of Authenticity, Enthusiasm and Elegance.

In November 2013 she was Knighted as Dame of Honor in the Orthodox Order of St. John, Russian Grand Priory in a beautiful ceremony in New York City. This Honor has spurred her on to an even deeper level of World Service.

Rev. Rio's heart called her to ministry and she remains true to this calling. Her ministry and vision is to bring the world together through loving relationships (or as she calls it "Loving Out Loud") realizing that the first relationship, is the one we have with ourselves and Spirit. She is committed to assisting others to remember that we need each other, and that despite the 'high tech' society, it is only through Relationship and Love that we Truly meet ourselves in the 'other'. She teaches from the knowing that as we learn to fully Love ourselves Out Loud, we become available to love others in the same way. We begin seeing the 'other' in ourselves, and 'ourself' in the other, and in this way we can truly have a realization that we are in fact One. One Community, One Heart, One Love.

Guest Speaker

Rev. Louisa Gravelle - June 8

Reverend Louisa Gravelle is an ordained minister and serves as a Staff Minister at the Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living. As a student of New Thought for over 30 years, she was introduced to the Science of Mind Teaching by Hannah Veary, a former student of Dr. Ernest Holmes.

Reverend Louisa serves the Redondo Beach Center as the Peace & Interfaith minister. She also leads a team of volunteers who are passionate about gardening. Rev. Louisa teaches classes, creates and facilitates workshops, counsels, speaks to congregations, and performs services for weddings, christenings, and memorials.

In addition to being a staff minister at the Redondo Beach Center for Spiritual Living, she is the Co-Chair of the Centers for Spiritual Living Interfaith Intercultural Committee and serves on the South Coast Interfaith Council Board of Directors.

Throughout Reverend Louisa's life, the call of Spirit to serve, has run deep. Service has been a hallmark of every facet of her career as a practitioner, minister; and prior career as a clothing designer and wardrobe stylist.

Rev. Louisa says, "I know that my purpose is Love. My intention is to be Love expressing as God's word of Truth to all I serve; to reveal joy and beauty, and to realize peace globally in our lifetime."

Her desire for you is that you be nourished with Spirit's Love, wisdom, abundance, and grace.

In Loving Memory



JOSEPH EZRA JOHNSON'S STORY

November 7, 1924 – April 5, 2014

The Early Years

Joseph was born in Neshoba County, Mississippi to Gertrude (maiden name Jackson) and Huston Roosevelt Johnson. Joseph was the middle child with two older sisters (Lenetta and Thelma) and two younger sisters (Henrietta and Winnie Mae).

Military Service

At the age of 15, Joseph enlisted in the Army, serving as a medic on the battlefields of North Africa and Italy. Wounded while serving courageously, Joseph was the recipient of the Purple Heart prior to his discharge from the military in January, 1945. For many years Joseph, like so many veterans, chose not to speak about the war he experienced. However, as he grew older, he began to share some of those painful stories with his family. In 2013, his wife Marilyn arranged for him to participate in the Honor Flight to Washington DC. Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization established to honor America's veterans by transporting them to Washington DC to visit and reflect at the site of their memorials in companionship with other veterans. This trip was one of the most significant experiences of Joseph's later years.

Education

While he never had the opportunity to complete high school, Joseph earned his GED in West Memphis after the war. With the encouragement of a mentor and the financial assistance of the GI Bill, Joseph attended and graduated from his beloved USC. While there, he joined a fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji's), and established valuable friendships. His passion for USC football engaged him throughout his life. As a life-long USC football fan, he had season tickets every year until 2013. Not only did Joseph and Marilyn attend games at the Coliseum, they traveled to the USC/Notre Dame game when they could, combining it with visits with his son Randy and Randy's family in Chicago. Whenever Joseph's children were asked about his hobbies, "USC Football" was the answer.

Family Life

Joseph was blessed with two sequential families. On October 19, 1954, he married Mary-Jane Sparks. They had three children, Melissa Jean, Randall Joseph, and Jeffrey Powell. The family resided in La Mirada until 1962, when the family moved to the grand house in Eagle Rock which Joseph loved and where he lived until his death. As the children grew, he supported their involvement in Indian Guides, Camp Fire Girls, sports and the Eagle Rock Presbyterian Church. It was a great loss to the family when his wife Mary-Jane passed away July 2, 1982.

JOSEPH EZRA JOHNSON'S STORY

On May 20, 1989, Joseph married Marilyn Jensen, who joined him in the grand house. Marilyn's three adult children, Todd, Terri, and Tim became a vital part of his family life. Marilyn and Joseph worked together in his business, traveled extensively for business and pleasure, and, of course, attended those USC Football games every year. Marilyn and Joseph frequently hosted Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter celebrations for the extended family. Travel to share time with family in Palm Springs, Arizona and Florida was a high point for all.

Professional Life

For approximately 30 years (early 1950's to early 1980's), Joseph worked in sales and management at Virco, the nation's leading manufacturer and supplier of furniture and equipment for K – 12 schools. While Joseph loved sales, he was also a strong and innovative leader. He was asked to serve as the company's Vice President and later served as the company's Vice President of International Sales, opening up business opportunities in the Middle East, particularly Saudi Arabia. He was involved in a number of trade organizations, recognizing the importance of contributing to the industry through these networks. He was active in ASBO (Association of School Business Officials), CASBO (California Association of School Business Officials), and NSSEA (National School Supply and Equipment Association). He believed it was vital to have strong relationships with educational administrators who were purchasing Virco's products and so was active in support of organizations like AASA (American Association of School Administrators).

Eventually, Joseph fulfilled his entrepreneurial calling. In 1982, he left Virco to found Integrated Interiors International, the company he owned and ran until last year when he retired at the age of 88. Integrated Interiors International, established as a veteran-owned business, was a furniture supplier with representatives in United States, Panama, and the Pacific Rim. The corporation primarily served military facilities, federal government (GSA) and commercial clients. Joseph was joined in the business by his wife Marilyn and together they traveled nationally and internationally to serve their customers. For several years, Joseph's son Jeff worked in the business from his home base in Hawaii. Joseph's daughter Melissa served for a time on the Board of Directors. His niece Lori Smith was Project Manager. Even Marilyn's mother Barbara pitched in. The company was indeed a family affair! Most importantly, Joseph's business brilliance and Marilyn's positive, outgoing spirit combined to make them a dynamic team. They won multiple sales awards from Hon, one of the manufacturers they represented, which included memorable trips to Scotland, Hawaii, Las Vegas, Portugal, and more! Colleagues consistently described Joseph as a mentor and inspiration, sharing stories about the ways in which he encouraged their professional lives and helped out in times of personal crisis.

Joseph's Names

Joseph was known by three names, each characterizing a unique and important chapter of his life. As a child in Mississippi and during his World War II service, he was known as Ezra. At USC, Virco, and with his first family, people called him Joe. Joseph was the name he adopted when he founded Integrated Interiors International and in his life with Marilyn.

Joseph is survived by his wife Marilyn, his children Melissa and partner Chris, Randy and wife Rosalie, and Jeff, his step-children Todd, Terri and husband Leigh, and Tim and his six grandchildren – Moriah, Simon, Elizabeth, Bailey, Brodie, and Juliya.

Donations: In lieu of flowers, please donate in memory of Joseph Ezra Johnson (or Joseph E. Johnson) to the Honor Flight Network. You can make a tribute donation online at: <http://www.honorflight.org/>. By making a Tribute, you'll be able to designate that the funds are in memory of Joseph.

Joseph, You are precious to us and will be
dearly missed.

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MAY Topics

- 4 – Freddie Weber
Music – Bryan Miller & Jessica Buda
- 11 – Paul Braden: “Create the Environment and Live Your Dream”
Music – Mel Dangcil & Jessica Buda
Mother’s Day
- 18 – Rev. Rio Kelley: “Being Present in the Moment of Yes”
Music – Mel Dangcil & Jessica Buda
- 25 – Rev. Meredith: “This Land is Your Land; This Land is My Land”
Music – Mel Dangcil & Jessica Buda
Memorial Day weekend

JUNE Topics

- 1 – Paul Braden: “Before all Else is Love” (creativity)
Music – Bryan Miller & Jessica Buda
- 8 – Rev. Louisa Gravelle: “Reach Out to The Creative”
Music – Mel Dangcil & Jessica Buda
- 15 – Paul Braden: “The Power of Creativity”
Music – Mel Dangcil & Jessica Buda
Father’s Day
- 22 – Rev. Rio Kelley: “Graduating from Chaos to Love”
Music – Mel Dangcil & Jessica Buda
- 29 – Rev. Meredith - “The World of Make-Believe is Real”

Sunday Service - 10 a.m. at the Glendale Masonic Center
Meditation prior to Sunday Service begins at 9:30 a.m.
Corner of Maryland and California Streets