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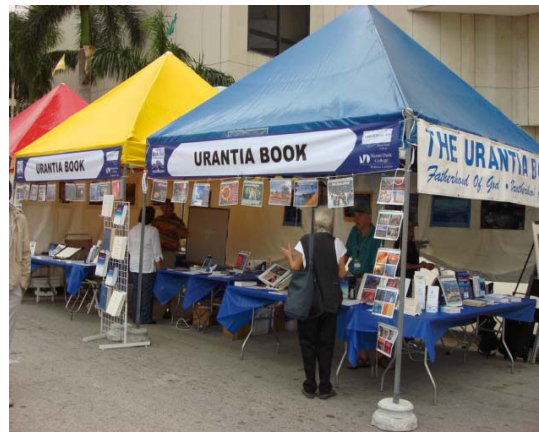
Rejoice! The heavy curtain of difficult dissemination has just been raised!

Inside This Issue

One of the most exciting events of the year is upon us once again. Serving the Fifth Epochal Revelation is usually far more difficult than “playing” at the Miami Book Fair. This wonder filled opportunity to serve with other devoted Urantians AND, *at the same time*, introduce The Urantia Book to others, only comes once a year. Make the decision to participate and put it into action! You will not be disappointed, and neither will those whose lives you bless by introducing them to The Urantia Book.

We had such great success with the double booth last year that we are doing it again. We have double the frontage, plus we are on a corner. This allows plenty of volunteers to answer the many questions that come our way. Three-hour shifts worked really well last year, so we’re asking for three hours of your time again this year.

Spanish as well as English speaking



Room for five presenters at one time!!

volunteers are greatly appreciated. Inquisitive Hispanics ask so many more questions when answers are given in their native tongue. This is also an opportunity to hear how other U.B. readers introduce The Urantia Book and answer many commonly asked questions.

To serve at the Miami Book Fair contact:
Bill Beasley at (813) 684-1540 or
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DaySpring Retreat Center...a Place for Spiritual Renewal and Personal Growth.

DaySpring offers an unparalleled opportunity to experience peace and tranquility, stunning natural beauty and a sacred place where spirits are renewed, refreshed and made ready to re-enter the world. Please join us **May 23-26, Memorial Day Weekend** for an experience that will last a lifetime. Conveniently located off of I-75 near Bradenton, FL.

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The Brandon/ Tampa study group (above) with guests Sue & Derek Tennent, has been meeting for over two decades and recently finishing a complete reading of The Urantia Book!

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2008 Memorial Day Weekend Conference in Bradenton, FL

Theme: Prayer and Worship: *Experiencing the Presence of God*

Early Registration DISCOUNT.....Register Now & Save \$\$\$\$\$\$

We are sooo excited about the 2008 conference theme and new location. The conference committee is hard at work again. We're sure this will be the best conference ever! The new location is sparking all kinds of creativity and we've got some great indoor and outdoor events planned.

We need your help:

- *Have you found ways to add worship to your daily life? *Does your study group have group worship?
- *Would your group be interested in creating a workshop?
- *How about a skit or a meditation?
- *Do you play an instrument or sing?
- *Have something for the auction?

We'd love to hear from you!

Lara Amyx,
Conference Chair

Email: lara10@bellsouth.net or

call (772) 466-7950

Check it out: www.dayspringfla.org



Suggested Strategy:

“Send in your deposit to hold the pre-registration price, send another payment in early 2008, then at conference time your balance will be much easier to manage.”

Bobbi Norris

“Florida Students of The Urantia Book” hopes that by planning early and giving discount options, everyone who desires to attend will be able to budget for this “Spiritual Reunion”. Come and experience the *love*. Be *inspired* and enjoy the *spiritual camaraderie*.



Mail your deposit and registration in by Dec. 1st, 2007 for BIG Savings!
(See registration form.)

If it is possible for you to “pay in full”, Please do so. These early funds will greatly facilitate the F.S.U.B. Treasury. Expenses incurred for the Conference, the Miami Book Fair and the Sonshine Messenger have exceeded the treasury funds.

We are sorry to announce that no funds are available for scholarships (except children), due to the depleted F.S.U.B. Treasury.

Study Groups Effectively Disseminate The Urantia Book

No wonder we are told to establish thousands upon thousands of study groups!

We learn to love, encourage and nurture those we have grown to understand, through studying The Urantia Book together. Our viewpoints and concepts are expanded as we discuss the ideas and ideals presented within it's pages. We are inspired to be loyal to Jesus' teachings and more unselfish in our personal pursuits. We also learn to trust and to confide in each other, as Jesus taught his apostles to do. Anyone who has participated in a study group knows that tact and tolerance are skills we develop; skills that also build relationships *and* take us a long way toward our material endeavors. Many of the “fruits of the spirit” are cultivated in a study group atmosphere and we transfer that “spiritual fragrance” to our everyday lives. Study Groups also assist in building community, which is a source of camaraderie, satisfaction and even lifelong friendships. What a dynamic propulsion all of these “fruits” are to our personal growth, which in turn is a *most* effective dissemination method!

Consider joining or even starting a study group. Bill and Share Beasley are on the U.A.I. Study Group Committee, a non-partisan project, which has a Free Study Group Starter Kit available, just ask. Call us at (813) 684-1540 or Email sharebill.Beasley@gmail.com.

Welcome Shirley!!!

Shirley Rowell was elected Secretary of F.S.U.B. in a landslide victory at the conference in Leesburg in May. Congratulations! Shirley is service oriented and has been a truth seeker most of her life. She was thrilled when The Urantia Book found her. The truth within it's pages fanned the fire in her heart. She drives 45 minutes every week, through horrendous rush hour traffic, after working all day, to attend Study Group. She is still on fire, often bringing new people to whom she has introduced The Urantia Book. Shirley now offers her services to our organization. Thank you Shirley!



New Youth Program!



"Florida Students of The Urantia Book" does not necessarily pertain to "Adults Only." As we have seen at study groups and during our annual conferences, children are becoming more involved with The Urantia Book. The children of today are the Urantia leaders of tomorrow. With that in mind, we are elevating the youth program to the same importance as the adult program.

In the past, F.S.U.B. has sponsored workshops for the younger attendees at the Conference. In an attempt to further promote participation of the children of Urantia Book readers, we are moving toward a more structured program that will parallel the conference theme and the adult workshops.

This year's theme, Prayer and Worship will include the Youth Program as part of our published conference schedule. Workshops and special events will be scheduled for youth participants between the ages of 8 and 17 years. F.S.U.B. is underwriting some of the conference costs for the youth attendees. See the registration form for details.

Our goal it to have at least 3 youths signed up for the May 2008 Conference in order to launch the program. Throughout the conference weekend, the children are in the direct care of their parents. However, during the regularly scheduled youth program hours, the young attendees will participate under the adult supervision of the Youth Program Sponsors. We are not equipped, at this time, to offer a Day Care service for those attendees under the age of 8.

So, parents, please include your children in the Memorial Day Weekend Conference. The new facility offers many amenities for kids and the Youth Program will allow you to enjoy the adult segments while your children are enjoying a program designed especially for them.

*"Hope to see you
AND your family at
the conference."*

Jan Reitler,
Youth Program Chair



Are you a Third Miler?

The inspiration for Tim Hobbs 3rd Miler Program comes from page 1930 in the UB. "As faith-enlightened and spirit-liberated



sons of the kingdom, you face a double responsibility of duty to man and duty to God while you voluntarily assume a third and sacred obligation: service to the brotherhood of God-knowing believers." As a result of Tim's workshop on "The 3rd Miler", a group of volunteers suggested supporting those involved in the expanded initiative for F.S.U.B. outreach in Florida.

We are interested in contacting new and old readers in an effort to create a more connected flow of communication throughout the year. It is delightful to connect with so many of you at Leesburg but it is often lamented that we don't have other opportunities to stay connected throughout the year. This is one of the intentions for expanding our current outreach program. We would like to facilitate continued support for readers and to provide information on events, volunteer opportunities, and other F.S.U.B. related information. **Please complete and return the enclosed survey** so we can determine what you, the readers, would like to see happen in FSUB.

This group also expressed a desire to initiate a mentorship program in which volunteer readers are available for support and consultation regarding questions relevant to living the teachings of the book in our daily lives. Heretofore, there has not been a concerted effort to provide ongoing support of this type within our Urantia community. It was further noted that we have a vast pool of collective wisdom within this movement that is not being utilized because we lack a systematic way of making this information available. There have been times I have wrestled with the "vicissitudes of life" alone. I didn't know whom I could reach out to who might have gone through a similar experience and could offer support and/or counsel. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a list of resource people who are willing to help each other along this journey to paradise?

A mentorship program could provide an exchange of information and support. Mentors in this program are not required to give psychological

counsel, rather they are volunteers who are willing to share their experience, strength and hope with their fellow travelers. The program would be entirely voluntary and would be structured in such a manner that those who are seeking guidance and answers would have access to those, who through life experiences and study of the book, might be able to assist in answering some of these existential questions. The program could be carried out via e-mail exchanges or other modes of communication agreed upon by the parties involved.

We would like to get a sense of who might be interested in participating in such a program either as a volunteer to provide information or as a reader who would like to be able to receive information, or both.



Heather Carr

As Gaetan pointed out at our conference, we may not see ourselves as leaders and teachers but we all can *share* from our own experience and inspiration. The wisdom acquired from our individual life experiences may be the thing that is needed to help another in a difficult moment. If the lad with the loaves and fishes would have withheld what he had, thinking it was not very important; many would have gone away hungry.

The U.B. makes it clear that experience is very valuable. In fact, there is NO substitute for experience. Personal experience is "craved" by those who do not have the privilege of coming from such a lowly origin. Furthermore, in Havona, we are required to teach what we have learned as soon as we have learned it. Why not use the wisdom we've gleaned from our varied life experiences to help and inspire each other, right here and now.

Questions on this proposed program can be directed to outreachinfo@fsub1955.org

TO TELL THE TRUTH...



By Linda Buselli,
Carmel, IN

All of us want to know “the truth.” This phrase inspires people to search continually in their religious lives, their social relations, and their intellectual attempts to illuminate and unify their universe. I am going to make a distinction between “true” and the “truth.” The definition of “truth” is elusive and the experience of it difficult to impart to another. But a universe “truth” must be experiential at all levels of reality, and I now try to see the presence of that truth at many levels, even in the “fact” of physical existence.

So what is “truth?” Let’s examine the following paragraphs from *The Urantia Book*:

“The bestowal Spirit of Truth which invests the human minds of Urantia is unerringly responsive to truth—the living spirit relationship of all things and all beings as they are coordinated in the eternal ascent Godward.” [56:10.13] (P. 647)

“Living truth is dynamic



and can enjoy only an experiential existence in the human mind.” [180:5.2] (P. 1949)

Truth, then, is a “living, spirit relationship.” What does this mean? I began to ask this question many years ago after hearing one of the folk tales circulating among readers. According to this story, the celestial authors remarked on one occasion, that while everything in *The Urantia Book* was true, more than 95% of the truth was lost in putting it into words.

I have always assumed that reading *The Urantia Book* gives me “truth,” but in fact, it doesn’t—quite—by its own definition of the word. What it gives me is the best intellectual understanding possible to put into words, and some suggestions as to how I might personally realize truth in my experience. And the *experience* of truth is crucial. Simply reading a sentence in a book constitutes an intellectual appreciation of a beautiful idea, but not the experience thereof. Cosmology, for instance, may be true, but it cannot be experienced, as **can the truth of faith, hope, or love.** **“You cannot perceive spiritual truth**

until you feelingly experience it,...” [48:7.18] (P. 556)

As children of the Supreme, the experience of a truth is required for the recognition of it. *The Urantia Book* implies this in many examples, such as this one: *“The Father in heaven has forgiven you even before you have thought to ask him, but such forgiveness is not available in your personal religious experience until such a time as you forgive your fellow men. God’s forgiveness in fact is not conditioned upon your forgiving your fellows, but in experience it is exactly so conditioned.”* (P. 1638)

The truths of the universe must become a part of our personal experience in order to be fully understood or appreciated.

As another example, consider parenthood. Billions of words have been written on what it is like to be a parent. However, to someone who has never been a parent, the words are inadequate to describe the experience; but to someone who is a parent, the words are unnecessary. This is a primal truth in the universe—the parent-child relationship—but it must be experienced to be known fully. It is because of this that we are required to parent a child, if not in the mortal life, then in the morontial.

Truth recognition is personal, but we must also take into account that its interpretation will be as widely varied as the individual experiences of all of us. No one experiences truth exactly as anyone else does, and it is in the understanding of the “truth” of another’s experience that we begin to understand the truth at the core of our own. Since truth is experiential, the experience of every one of us with any universal “truth” is required to fulfill the needs of Supremacy.

Well then, how do we

teach truth? There has always been a debate in the Urantia movement about whether we should stress the book or just live the teachings and in doing so, draw others to us. It is interesting to note that Jesus did not have *The Urantia Book* to refer to, nor did he sit quietly and wait for people to notice him. Of course, he *was* the living truth, but he also sought people out who were lost or troubled and spent time “conferring” with them, indicating he listened at least as much as he spoke, and learned as well as taught. In fact, **“As a rule, to those he taught the most, he said the least.”**[132:4.2] (P. 1460)

Perhaps the ancient Romans had the right idea. Our words educate, education, etc. are derived from the Latin verb “educare” meaning “to draw out of.” The Romans believed that all truth was contained within a person, and it was the job of the teacher to draw out this truth, to make the student aware of it. Maybe this is why Jesus often began conversations by asking questions; he needed to find out what truth that individual had already experienced so that he could build upon it. The book tells us that Jesus was not so concerned about correcting error; he expanded the truth that was already there, knowing that the truth would eventually crowd out the error.

As readers of *The Urantia Book*, we believe we have the most advanced truth on the planet. But both Thought Adjusters and the Spirit of Truth are universally bestowed, and I am continually gratified by how many of the universe truths described in the book

already exist in the minds and experiences of our brothers and sisters, through organized religion and as independent beliefs. If we can listen at least as much as we preach and learn the “truth” experience of another, it will give us an opportunity to share our own experiences with living truth.

What will bring this world into Light and Life is not *The Urantia Book* in and of itself, but the living experiences of the truths contained therein. If the folk tale is true, then only five percent of the Fifth Epochal Revelation is contained in the book; the living experiences of its readers make up the other 95 percent. We will always be both teacher and student throughout our universe careers. And it would seem that the teaching of truth requires not preaching, but sharing our truth with others, as the ancient Romans, and even as Jesus, did.



Linda Buselli has been studying and teaching The Urantia Book for 36 years. She is currently serving as a Fellowship General Councilor and as chair of their Publications Committee.

The Experience of Truth

“The pursuit of truth and beauty is a sphere of activity in which we are permitted to remain children all our lives.”

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

“Truth is its own reward.”
Plato (BC 427-BC 347)

“Peace if possible but truth always.”
Martin Luther (1483-1546)
German priest and scholar

“Truth is the property of no individual but is the treasure of all men.”
Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)
U S poet, essayist, lecturer.

“There's nothing you can know that isn't known.”
John Lennon (1940-1980)

“A man that seeks truth and loves it must be reckoned precious to any human society.”
Epictetus (50-120) Grk Philosopher.

“Whenever you have truth it must be given with love, or the message and the messenger will be rejected.”
Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

Transformation from... *Darkness to Light: Enlightenment*

“For has not the Father said of his children of the world, ‘It is my will that they should eventually be perfect, even as I am perfect’.” pg. 1537

There are no short cuts to real success...success of all kinds, whether it is material or spiritual. Real success can only come from earned effort, sacrifices, time and application of one’s self toward a specific goal. Working with your inherent abilities, present and potential are the life tools we use. Heart felt satisfaction is experienced only when goal attainment is accomplished honestly! Attaining a goal is a process. It starts with an idea and ends with a realization. It includes steps such as crawling, standing, walking, running and flying (soaring) then the process starts all over again to new progressive levels. Achieving success is a journey *process* toward perfection!

What is perfection? The dictionary’s definition is a person or thing that is the perfect embodiment of some quality.... complete in all respects: flawless.

The goal of this article is to shed some light on The Urantia Book’s philosophy of attaining spiritual success to perfection: A journey that starts here on Urantia and continues into eternity. The Urantia Book states on page 1096 “the goal of human self-realization should be spiritual, not material. The only realities worth striving for are divine, spiritual and eternal”. This is not to say; “we are not entitled to the enjoyment of physical pleasures and satisfaction of human affections.” These are not lasting (eternal). Only spiritual growth is eternal...it is on going. “It is only



Robert Borello, Miami, FL
Robert is a long time Urantia Book reader and the gracious host of the post Miami Book Fair gathering.

attained by gradual growth or specific crisis”. Each one of us has countless opportunities to achieve this goal. During the course of our earthly journeys we are continually challenged with situations that are uncomfortable. Some evoke confrontation, fear, anger, pain, sadness, guilt, embarrassment, worry, etc. Regardless of what kind of emotional responses we feel, an action choice is necessary for relief. When we use positive action, growth takes place.

Potential spiritual growth is stimulated by our Thought Adjusters. They love us so much and actively urge, guide, adjust, spiritualize and eternalize our thinking. Their ultimate goal is to fuse with our personalities thus becoming personalized and giving us immortality. Our spiritual progress is directly related and

contingent upon choice selection, rejection or acceptance of our Thought Adjuster’s assistance. The choice is ours (free will). We must take full responsibility for the choice (act). The outcome (consequence) is God’s.

On page 1107 of The Urantia Book it states “Your deepest nature-the divine Adjuster-creates within you a hunger and thirst for righteousness, a certain craving for divine perfection” (to find God and to be like God). It is this inner urge to attain perfection, which is brought about and recognized by a conscious faith act of trust and desire. It also states on page 1610 “your sonship is grounded in faith... your joy is born of trust in the divine word...your secret of the mastery of self is bound up with your faith in the indwelling spirit, which ever works by love... it is also a gift of God”. There is no question, based on these revelatory statements, that using “faith’ is absolutely essential if we are going to achieve spiritual success. Because of the rebellion and other mishaps on Urantia, we are faith creatures and must rely on faith to jump-start our living spiritual experiences: which in turn give us personal testimony that we are on the right path. Morontia Mota says “few persons live up to the faith that they really have” on page 556 it goes on to say “that unreasoned fear gets in our way” holds back...limits

growth...prevents us from reaching our human spiritual potential. When we employ "faith" the unbelievable becomes believable. Miracles can and do happen. "Faith" is the key component to survival. "Faith" opens up the doorway to our hearts and minds and allows us to discover the real connection to life everlasting. It gives us the lens to view the invisible. Faith represents our desire to augment and validate God's existence. "Faith" feeds off itself through genuine personal religious experience. It is a living attribute that believes truth, admires beauty and reverences goodness. Faith is the dial tone signal that connects to our Thought Adjuster: a fragment of God. It opens up the channel of communication and initiates the dialogue.

"The greatest challenge to modern man is to achieve better communication with the Divine Monitor that dwells within the human mind" (pg. 2097). If this is true, then must we act on achieving this goal. How can we do this? There are various ways in which we can improve our communication skills with our Thought Adjusters. First we must exercise faith that our Thought Adjusters exist. Second, we must develop a personal relationship with them. This is extremely important because if we view our Thought Adjusters as only light or energy, it will be very difficult to have a personal relationship with an abstract concept. We need to love and feel love

in a personal way. It is only logical to acknowledge that communication includes talking as well as listening...but it is much more. There are many ways to talk with and to God. There is no one correct way. Effective communication with our Thought Adjusters can be in the form of prayer, worship, service to others, meditation, mercy, forgiveness, compassion, understanding, love, etc. Developing a better relationship with our Divine Monitor requires spending more time sharing in all of these action areas. Building and maintaining a personal relationship with our Divine Monitor is vital if we are going to attain spiritual success (fusion) on our journey to perfection.

A Mighty Messenger reveals that it would have been easy for the Universal Father to make all mortals perfect beings. "But this would deprive (us) the wonderful experience of the adventure and training associated with the long and gradual inward climb...(from) the very bottom of living existence" (pg. 361 & 362).

This being said...living life as a finite being on Urantia with the conditions in place at this time is very difficult. Each of us are either in a crisis, coming out of one, or going into one... These crises could be viewed as obstacles or opportunities. Because the difficulty degree is so high, the growth opportunity is greater. Each of us has been given the gift of life and the opportunity to add to the supreme growth of God. When we choose to create value experiences...we not only increase the Supreme growth of

God ... we increase our own soul growth, thus enhancing our communication connection with our Divine Monitor. Hopefully some time in the future, we will look at the past and realize how special and fortunate we were to live on Urantia at this time. Rumor has it that there are beings that are actually envious of us! I personally have not met them yet...but I am looking forward to greeting them.

The test of faith will be ongoing for each of us. The faith challenge will not only apply to the Fifth Epochal Revelation but to all future and past revelations of truth. Jesus demonstrated the perfect example of human living and bridged the gap between perfection and imperfection. Replace doubt with faith and open up your heart and mind to your Divine Monitor...remember, God is only a thought away

*Sending you love,
Robert*



The Tom French Award will continue to touch a life.

F.S.U.B.



The Tom French Award was established two years ago to honor those who have given unselfishly of their time, talent and treasure in the service of F.S.U.B. and The Urantia Book.

One evening this past week I was looking through piles of paperwork that tend to get stacked up when you're not looking. Piles of paperwork seem to grow during those times when my life is very busy and maybe I'm just a little down so that the energy to fight the paper battle just isn't there.

That evening I was looking for a card I received at the F.S.U.B. conference this past Memorial Day weekend. It was presented to me on Saturday before the auction as a thank you for my service to the Sonshine Messenger, the F.S.U.B. newsletter that has been in existence since the 1970's.

When I found the card, the gift certificate was inside for a Spa in Brandon and I felt like it was time for me to cash in that gift certificate and treat myself to a day at the Spa. It had been an unusually taxing

month with many things in breakdown mode, my car, my father's health, my right heel, my efforts at regaining my health, and with all of that, my outlook on life was dimming down.

Finding the certificate was more of a bonus than I would ever have imagined. I had read the card when I received the gift at the conference. But at the time, it was a cursory read, as we were about to start the auction. So I tucked it in a safe place intending to read it when I had time to really enjoy the signatures and well wishes.

What a surprise I received when I read the card again. There it was in black and blue ink on white paper. Appreciation and an envelope full of love. I marveled at the way this card had been passed around unbeknown to me, and signed by so many people. It

looked as if there had to be at least 40 signatures on all the available white space. And then I warmed all over as the realization that what I had requested at the Friday night opening games, was *already* there for me.

The final question asked was what would we like from "the world?." And I clearly remember my answer, "Understanding and Appreciation." And there it was on that card. All over the place were the words appreciate...loving service...good work. Just what I had asked for.

I thank everyone who signed that card. It is so powerful, that I now keep it in my keep-sake box. I know that anytime I need a boost, a shower of love, a bit of encouragement, all I need to do is open that card and read a line.

Thank you!

Jan Rietler

TRANSFORMATION

Those of us who have taken this peep through the door of our own being, are dumbfounded. We draw back, surprised, at the inscrutable possibilities of the Overself. Man as a spiritual being possesses a capacity for wisdom which is infinite, a resource for happiness which is startling.

Paul Brunton, The Secret Path

A circle is formed in order to enhance the continuity of an unbroken spiritual connection among attendees at the closing of our conference in Leesburg each year. After a few moments of silent meditation and harmonious reflection, the attendees begin to



express their thoughts, feelings and ideas on how the conference affected them.

These excerpts offer an opportunity to relive or to experience the ambiance of the “spiritual flavor” of these moments.

Doreen Heyne,
Publications Committee F.S.U.B.

Closing Circle Symmetry...

- “I am blessed and speechless, been tested and given the light of God to now read The Urantia Book. What a difference we can make in each other’s lives.”
- “There are no coincidences, The Urantia Book finds us. We have been chosen to do something.”
- “It is a privilege to be here. When love is expressed towards each other we grow with acceptance and become much more than we are.”
- “We are the hands of the Supreme. You have touched my soul with a new experience and I feel filled and treasured.”
- “It gets better every year as this conference marks my spiritual calendar. We are a center of God’s love to the world and contribute to the growth of the Supreme as we discover God’s love in each other.”
- “From the bottom of my heart, I thank you and toast all of you for giving a part of yourself to me. I have grown and realize I do not have to do everything myself.”
- “This experience is like music growing inside, ready to be expressed in joy and spiritual power.”
- “I feel like a sponge absorbing so much love., being there for one another, my cup is filled.”
- “We are the consciousness of rising the whole loaf of Friendship Bread by being the life bearing culture that gives it expression.”
- “I offer a tribute to the volunteers who do a wonderful service for others.”
- “In serving others, we serve ourselves.”
- “I am inspired and overwhelmed with happiness.”
- “I feel like a **Radiate-R**, shining our light, to the benefit of so many.”
- From *beautiful, steadfast* Waldine, who was not to be deterred by a turbulent journey from Oklahoma City, “I was one of the first organizers in Florida and I miss you and feel like you are all my children. I made this journey to say I love you.”



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“Prayer elevates man because it is a technique of progressing by the utilization of the ascending spiritual currents of the universe.” The Urantia Book, page 1002

The 2008 F.S.U.B. Memorial Day Weekend Conference

“Prayer & Worship: *Experiencing the Presence of God*”

A Taste of the Spiritual Flavor...

“My heart is full with renewal and commitment.”

“It is effortless to love each other and that is what Heaven must be like.”

“As a collective group, something amazing happens. We become more conscious of taking leadership roles, moving from the past into future actions, while expanding our perspectives.”

A first time attendee: “I feel like I was sucked in and spirit led to be with this most loving spiritual group. My prayers were answered as I finish one dispensation and begin another.”