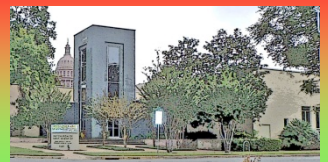


NEWSLETTER



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Austin, Texas

December 2015

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Sunday Service at 11 AM • Wednesday Testimony Meetings at Noon and 7:30 PM

CALENDAR

[Call 703-8010 - Press 4 for updates]

CHRISTMAS HYMN SING

Sunday, December 6, right after church

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 8, at 6:30 PM

SAFEPLACE GIFT WRAP

Sunday, December 13, right after church

LOOKING AHEAD

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Thurs., Jan. 14 at 7:30 PM

ANNUAL MEETING – Election of Officers including Readers

Thurs., Jan. 21 at 7:30 PM

The Reading Room

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M-F 10-2

The Reading Room will be closed Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

As of 2016 the Book Club has a new name - the Double R Book Club.

The first book of the year will be "We Knew Mary Baker Eddy", Volume 2, the amplified edition. The **first meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 12**, we will go over the schedule and discuss the Introduction and Taking Class with Mary Baker Eddy, by Jennie E. Sawyer.

Everyone is welcome!

Looking forward to seeing you!

Have a glorious Holiday Season!

THANKSGIVING GRATITUDE

What a joy it was to be greeted by Sunday School students as we came to our Thanksgiving Service! Thanks for serving!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS GIVING

Sunday, December 13th right after church

The third annual SafePlace giving event has started. Be sure to stop in the hallway outside the clerk's office and choose an Angel. Bring the unwrapped gift to the Sunday School by December 13th and then join in the fun of wrapping these gifts.

You are welcome to bring cookies to share.

CHRISTMAS SING!

Sunday, December 6th in the Sunday School

First Church, Austin and The Principia Club of Austin invite you, your family, and friends to our annual Christmas Sing as we jingle and mingle in celebration of the season. Just head to the Sunday School after Church on December 6th for the fun. Drinks will be provided.

Please bring finger foods and desserts to share.

For more information ajw2182@hotmail.com

REPORT: SPIRITUAL DISCOVERY: HOW YOU CAN BETTER THE WORLD

Tom McElroy took us on a spiritual journey to discover Truth operating in our lives and the world in a wonderful lecture held November 15th. The lecture was attended by 90 avid listeners, and everyone came away with a feeling of renewal. Thank you to the lecture committee for putting on such a wonderful event.





At a meeting of the Christian Scientist Association, April 12, 1879, on motion of Mrs. Eddy, it was voted, - To organize a church designed to commemorate the word and works of our Master, which should reinstate primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing. Manual 17: 8

He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. – John xiv. 12. Such are the words of him who spake divinely, well knowing the omnipotence of Truth. The fulfillment of the grand verities of Christian healing belongs to every period; as the above Scripture plainly declares, and as primitive Christianity confirms. Misc. 192:10-14, 22-24
Did Jesus mean what he said? If this be the cavil, we reply in the affirmative that the Scripture is true; that Jesus did mean all, and even more than he said or deemed it safe to say at that time. His words are unmistakable, for they form propositions of self-evident demonstrable truth.

Misc. 193:2-7

The context of the foregoing Scriptural text explains Jesus' words, "because I go unto my Father." "Because" in following him, you understand God and *how* to turn from matter to Spirit for healing; *how* to leave self, the sense material, for the sense spiritual; *how* to accept God's power and guidance, and become imbued with divine Love that casts out all fear.

Misc. 194:19-25

It has been said that the New Testament does not authorize us to expect the ministry of healing at this period. We ask what is the authority for such a conclusion, the premises whereof are not to be found in the Scriptures. The Master's divine logic, as seen in our text, contradicts this inference, - these are his words: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." I once believed that the practice and teachings of Jesus relative to healing the sick, were spiritual abstractions, impractical and impossible to us; but deed, not creed, and practice more than theory, have given me a higher sense of Christianity.

Misc. 195:13-19, 25-30

The sweet, sacred sense and permanence of man's unity with his Maker, in Science, illumines our present existence with the ever-presence and power of God, good. It opens wide the portals of salvation from sin, sickness, and death. When the Life that is God, good, shall appear, "we shall be like Him;" we shall do the works of Christ, and, in the words of David, "the stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner," because the "I" does go unto the Father, the ego does arise to spiritual recognition of being, and is exalted, - not through death, but Life, God understood.

Misc. 196:17

We invite you to share your unfoldments and to suggest future topics.

REPORT: The Prayer-Share Project

Following our last quarterly meeting at which we discussed the homeless problem literally on our doorstep, several members volunteered to provide metaphysical treatments or Christianly scientific thoughts addressing this concern, not just for our church but for our community and beyond. These "prayer-shares" were sent out to the membership to alert us all to do our own prayerful work regarding the homeless issue. We thank those who contributed their prayer-shares and those who devoted prayerful thought to uplift all thought above the belief that anyone is left out of the loving home of the Almighty. While our local situation has improved greatly, the problem of homelessness is still a blight on the city and national landscapes that calls out for continued metaphysical treatment. Pray on.

The Board

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