

NEWSLETTER



First Church of Christ, Scientist

Austin, Texas

February 2017

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Sunday Service at 11 am • Wednesday Testimony Meetings at Noon and 7:30 pm

CALENDAR

[See ChristianScienceAustin.com or
Call 512-703-8010 – Press 4 for updates.]

CEDARS CAMP SHOW

Saturday, February 11 at Noon

BOARD MEETING

Sunday, February 12 at 12:30 pm

The Reading Room

102 Trinity • 512-472-8109 • csrraustin@gmail.com
M-F 10-2 • Sunday 12-1 (in the church lobby)
Closed Monday, February 20 for President's Day

What a loving gesture it would be to give a gift of healing messages of truth found in books, audio and music CDs available at the Reading Room. Come by and find that perfect gift for a loved one for this Valentine's Day!

NEW! Want to use your credit card to make a Reading Room item purchase at church on Sunday? Now you can! Our Librarian, Sheri Deibert, can run your card on Paypal.

JSH Online - Tip: Audio of Science and Health - Listen to a continuous reading of the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, and fill your day with the truth of being. Click on the Science and Health continuous audio player found on the bottom of the Concord Express widget or within the [Concord Express homepage](#) to start listening today.

To find Concord Express Homepage, go to jsh.christianscience.com for the JSH-Online homepage and click the "More" button next to the search bar.

REPORT PRESENTATION ON THE HISTORIC DOCUMENTATION OF OUR CHURCH BUILDING

On Sunday, January 22, after the church service, Erin Smith, a candidate for a graduate degree in Historic Documentation, gave a presentation covering one of her final projects at the UT School of Architecture.

The crowd who almost filled the Sunday School room learned many interesting facts about our church building, its architect, and his significance to the world of Christian Science architecture.



NEW: ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

A church member recently noticed: "The Usher Committee ensures the comfort and safety of our members and attendees. The House and Maintenance Committee serves the function of fixing the church. But there should be a voice speaking to preserve the historic character of our building." With that astute observation, a new committee has been formed: **The Architectural Preservation Committee**. Kristina Olivent has volunteered to serve as Chairman of this committee.

CEDARS CAMPS VIDEO PARTY!

Saturday, February 11 - Noon-2

Come join the fun at First Church, Austin for a noon pizza lunch and the Premier screening of 2017 video (by Austin's own Kelly Shores) complimentary, light lunch for all 12:30 - 1:30pm - as lunch winds down see CedarS new video, T-shirt gift and sharing.

Come Find Out Why families from the Austin area pick CedarS as a summer home.



SUMMER CAMP FUND

The fund for contributions to help send our Sunday School students to a summer camp for Christian Scientists helped 15 of our students go to camp in 2016. We would love to assist those who wish to attend this summer. This is our way of giving tangible support to our students for their continued growth in and application of Christian Science to their daily lives.

As camp applications are now being sent out for the coming summer, we ask that you make your contributions over the next two months so we'll know how we'll be able to support our kids.

CEDARS CAMP OFFER

Cedars Camp has agreed to award anyone of our church membership who donates \$350 toward camper scholarships with a Paverstone with their name on it. Anyone who donates \$850 or more gets their name put on a wooden plaque that's put up on the walls at the lodge. Church members can just donate to our church's Summer Camp Fund and we will let Cedars know the names of those contributing those amounts.



The Gentle Beam

February Topic:

Preservation =

1 Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.
 5 The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. Psalms 16:1, 5
 1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. Matt 18: 1-5

Consistent prayer is the desire to do right. Prayer means that we desire to walk and will walk in the light so far as we receive it, even though with bleeding footsteps, and that waiting patiently on the Lord, we will leave our real desires to be rewarded by Him.

Science and Health 9:32

Self-forgetfulness, purity, and affection are constant prayers. S&H 15: 26-27

The individuality of man is no less tangible because it is spiritual and because his life is not at the mercy of matter. The understanding of his spiritual individuality makes man more real, more formidable in truth, and enables him to conquer sin, disease and death.

S&H 317: 16-20

There is no physical science, inasmuch as all truth proceeds from the divine Mind. Therefore truth is not human, and is not a law of matter, for matter is not a lawgiver. Science is an emanation of divine Mind, and is alone able to interpret God aright. It has a spiritual, and not a material origin. It is a divine utterance – the Comforter which leadeth into all truth. S&H 127: 23-29

[If you would like to submit a Gentle Beam please email it to the Clerk.]

CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 9:30-noon • Wednesday 10:30-noon

CHURCH ITEMS UP FOR BIDDING

The Board is disposing of the "Lecternette" speaker from the 1970s. It is a speaker in a small cabinet that a mic can be plugged into.



The Reading Room has an HP Officejet Pro8500 Printer that prints in black, only a little in color and has a small intermittent leak.

These items may be viewed in the Board Room. Members should submit bids to the Clerk in writing no later than noon on Sunday, February 19.

REPORT: SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING:

The Board's motion to add a new Standing Rule regarding "South Half of Block 8" was postponed to the next meeting.

The following motions were adopted:

The Board's motions to eliminate from the Standing Rules the Outreach Committee, **J.3.17 OUTREACH** and the word "Outreach" from J.3.1.

A motion from the floor:

"If the best location for the relocated Reading Room is such that there is not enough space to display the bound volumes of Journals and Sentinels, then the Board is authorized to move them back to the church."

REPORT: ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING:

The following were elected to office:

First Reader (2 year term): John Lupher,
 2 Board Members (3 year term): Steve Hains and Barbara Mizell,
 President (1 year term): Debbi Warren.

A big **THANK YOU** to the retiring officers: First Reader Alex Cavalli; Board Members Mari Dove and Ron Hill; and President Elizabeth Latta: for their service, care and love for our church.

Steve Warren will serve as Chairman of the Board and Becky Carter will serve as Vice-Chairman of the Board this year. Many thanks to Ron Hill and Mari Dove for their service as Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively this past year.

on the phone & web

- **OUR SUNDAY SERVICE AT 11 AM AND WEDNESDAY NOON MEETING BY PHONE**
NEW NUMBER: Dial 1-512-225-3443
- **DIAL -512-703-8010 • AVAILABLE ANYTIME, ANYWHERE**
- **SENTINEL • RADIO EDITION** • [Press 2](#)
- **THE WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON** • [Press 3](#)
 For church information • [Press 4](#)
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 Two minute podcast about Christian Science healing
 Dial • 617-450-3430
- **AUSTIN AREA WEBSITE**
www.ChristianScienceAustin.com
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www.ChristianScience.com
www.ish-online.com
www.time4thinkers.com (formerly www.tmcYouth.com)
- **COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION for TEXAS**
www.ChristianScienceTexas.com
- **THE LEAVES**
www.TheLeaves.org
- **LECTURES**
<https://www.youtube.com/user/officialcslectures>

FEBRUARY SENTINEL RADIO PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- Feb.4 – 10 – Freedom from worry
- Feb. 11 – 17 – Looking for love? Have you tried going straight to the Source?
- Feb. 18 – 24 – God's guidance in life's details
- Feb. 25 – March 3 – Spiritual healing and what makes it work