

NEWSLETTER



First Church of Christ, Scientist

Austin, Texas

January 2014

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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]

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, January 9 at 7:30 PM

ANNUAL MEETING – Election of Officers

Thursday, January 16 at 7:30 PM

DICK DAVENPORT PROGRAM

Tuesday, January 28 7:00 PM

LOOKING AHEAD

CEDARS CAMPS -- FEB

Date TBD, after church

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday April 12, 2014

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EVENT

A big heartfelt THANK YOU! to all members who participated in the Sunday School's Christmas for the Community Event. It was a great outpouring of Love -- from those who took angel cards and purchased gifts and everyone who helped wrap them, to those who donated cookies, wrapping paper, money for the pizza, musical talent and those who lent us their moral and metaphysical support, everyone chipped in to make our first Christmas for the Community a big success. More than 50 clients of SafePlace, a shelter for victims of domestic violence, received gifts and healing thoughts from our church. Workers at SafePlace were delighted to see us pull up at the donation drop off with two carloads full of gifts!



REPORT: DISCOVERY BOUND BOWLING

On Sunday December 29th 10 Teenagers met at the Showplace Lanes for a few friendly games of bowling with a little pool thrown in just for fun. Laughter and gutter balls were bountiful as the teens hung out for two hours. The next Discovery Bound Teen Event will be Putt Putt golf in March stay tuned for a specific date.

The Reading Room

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M-F 10-2 • Sunday 12-1

HAPPY NEW YEAR

from the Reading Room staff and volunteers!! Seeking a way to give to the community and serve the church at the same time? Come and join the Reading Room as a volunteer or an assistant librarian and share Christian Science with our visitors!

Tuesday January 14, 2014

Reading *Miscellaneous Writings 1883-1896* in a Year Book Club. Doors open at 7PM.

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at which 2 Trustees and a President will be elected.

The Literature Distribution committee would like to encourage members to share Journals and Sentinels with places they feel could benefit

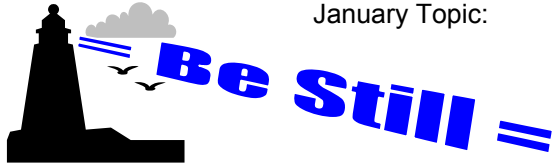
DICK DAVENPORT VIDEO PROGRAM

Tuesday, January 28 – 7:00PM

Dick Davenport, Executive Director of Bible Study Seminars* will be back in Austin for a special evening event! Dick will be talking about some of the new programs that BSS is launching and he'll be showing their new video! This is a munch and learn event so starting at 7:00 PM we'll be serving up homemade pecan, pumpkin, and apple pies along with hot apple cider for everyone, and everyone who loves the Bible is invited to attend. Call 512-633-9766 for details

The Gentle Beam

January Topic:



Psalm 23 – Japanese Version

The Lord is my pacesetter, I shall not rush.

He makes me to stop for quiet intervals. He provides me with images of stillness, which restores my serenity.

He leads me in the way of efficiency through calmness of mind, and His guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day, I will not fret, for His presence is here. His timelessness, His all-importance, will keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity by anointing my mind with His oil of tranquility. My cup of joyous energy overflows.

Surely, harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours. And I shall walk in the pace of the Lord and dwell in His house forever.

Angels

“When angels visit us, we do not hear the rustle of wings, nor feel the feathery touch of the breast of a dove, but we know their presence by the love they create in our hearts.

Oh, may you feel *this* touch – it is not the clasping of hands, nor a loved person present; it is more than this: it is a spiritual idea that lights your path! This sweet assurance is the ‘Peace, be still’ to all human fears, to suffering of every sort”

Miscellaneous Writings pp306-307

2013 Year in Review

As we celebrate the beginning of a new year, let's pause for a few minutes to recognize and give thanks for all the spiritual growth and healing that has occurred in our church over the past year.

- We added seven new members in 2013, four of them are Sunday School students.
- Members and guests lovingly shared testimonies testimonies of healing of health challenges, financial problems, employments issues and much more
- The financial needs of the church continue to be met by the membership as well as through the renting out of the Reading Room during SXSW. Through generous contributions from members, the balance on the sign loan has been reduced from \$ 35,000 to \$18,000.
- The church sponsored two public lectures. The online webinar attracted visitors from around the world. In addition, we sponsored a booth at the Texas Book Festival to share *Science and Health* with newcomers
- The Sunday School is one of the largest and most active in the country. More than 34 kids attended summer Bible Camp and more than 25 members gave their time and energy to nurture our future church members.
- We donated dozens of gifts to SafePlace families during the Christmas holidays.

We are blessed with a very vibrant, spiritually active church. We are so grateful for the loving, prayerful support and dedication of our members that make this church so special. We have good reason to celebrate our church family and acknowledge the impact we are having in the Austin community through our prayers, love and service.

Lovingly,

Board of Trustees

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