

NEWSLETTER



First Church of Christ, Scientist

Austin, Texas

December 2017

1309 Guadalupe, Austin, Texas 78701 • 512-472-2356 • clerk@firstcsaustin.org • ChristianScienceAustin.com
Sunday Service at 11 am • Wednesday Testimony Meetings at Noon and 7:30 pm

CALENDAR

See ChristianScienceAustin.com for details.
Call 512-703-8010 – Press 4 for updates.

- **LECTURE sponsored by Third Church, Austin**
Saturday, December 2 @ 2 pm

At Sonesta Hotel Bee Cave

- **DISCOVERYBOUND ROAD RACE**

Fri., Dec. 1 @ 7pm – Sat., Dec. 3 @ 1:30 pm

- **CHRISTIAN SCIENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS VISIT**

Thursday, December 7 - 7-8:30 pm

At Fifth Church DALLAS

- **PRINCIPIA CLUB CHRISTMAS SING**

Saturday, December 9 at 5 pm

At First Church - 1309 Guadalupe

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS GIVING**

Sunday, December 10 in Sunday School after church

- **BOARD MEETING**

Sunday, December 17 at 12:30 pm

- **NEW HYMNAL HYMN SING WORKSHOP**

Sunday, JANUARY 7 In the Sunday School after church

Led by our Organist and Soloist

- **FOR THE DEEPENING METS CONFERENCE CALL**

See the Reading Room Column ▶

Third Church invites you to a Christian Science
**LECTURE: COUNTERACTING TERRORISM – THE
GLOBAL REACH OF PRAYER** by Kari Mashos, CSB.

**Saturday, December 2 at 2 pm at Sonesta Hotel
Bee Cave 12525 Bee Cave Parkway 78738**

Looking for a way to make a difference in the world?
Come hear step by step how our prayers are effective
clear across the globe.

**JOIN IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS GIVING**



Sunday, December 10th right after church

This Christmas season, we are again partnering with SAFE's Sponsor a Family program. SAFE is a merger of Austin's Children Shelter and SafePlace, a non-profit organization providing safety and counseling for families affected by domestic violence and abuse. Paper angels will be hanging from the garland in the Children's Room hallway, holding the personal wishes of individuals living in SafePlace transitional housing or those served through its counseling program.

To participate, simply **take an angel shopping with you** and purchase the item listed on the back (suggested spend is \$25-\$50 per angel). **Bring your unwrapped gift to the Sunday School's gift-wrapping, hymn-and-carol-singing, lunch-and-Christmas-cookie-party on December 10, immediately following the services!**

The Reading Room

In church lobby - 1309 Guadalupe 78701

512-472-8109 • csrraustin@gmail.com

M-F 10-2, Sunday 12-12:30

2nd Wednesday of the month 6-7 pm

Closed December 23 – January 1 for the holiday

**Have you considered a gift of healing
you can share this Christmas Season?**

Do you have a testimony or article for *The Christian Science Journal* or *Christian Science Sentinel*? The online submission form on JSH-Online is the best way to send in your article or testimony for review by the editors. To access this form, click on the "Submit" link found on the bottom of every page on JSH-Online, and then click the "Submit Manuscript" button. To submit a piece for the new TeenConnect section, put "TeenConnect" in the "Author comments" field of the form.

Join us for the next

DEEPENING METS CONFERENCE CALL

Friday, December 15 at noon

Conducted by the Reading Room Metaphysical Committee

We are working with the article

GOD'S INVARIABLENESS

by Geneva Mary Clippinger

in the *Christian Science Sentinel* July 17, 1937

<https://sentinel.christianscience.com/shared/view/1wtsj4pd8u6?s=e>

CHRISTMAS Sing!



Saturday, December 9 at 5 pm

At First Church, Austin 1309 Guadalupe 78701

The Principia Club of Austin invites you, your family, and friends to their annual Christmas Sing. Join us to jingle and mingle as we celebrate this wonderful time of year!
All are welcome!

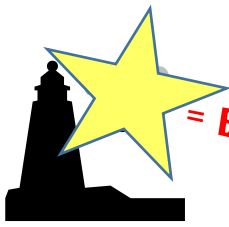
**THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AT FIFTH CHURCH, DALLAS**

**Thursday, December 7 – 7-8:30 pm at Fifth Church,
Dallas, 5655 W Northwest Hwy 75220**

For anyone unable to attend the meeting in person, the Dallas meeting will be livestreamed at the local meeting time.

Livestream: <https://www.christianscience.com/member-resources/dallas-meeting>

There are currently no plans to make the meeting available for replay, so if you want to join remotely, please plan to join the Dallas meeting live.



The Gentle Beam

December Topic:

= **Blest Christmas Morn** =

Blest Christmas morn, though murky clouds
Pursue thy way,
Thy light was born where storm enshrouds
Nor dawn nor day!

Dear Christ, forever here and near,
No cradle song,
No natal hour and mother's tear,
To thee belong.

Thou God-idea, Life-encrowned,
The Bethlehem babe—
Beloved, replete, by flesh embound—
Was but thy shade!

Thou gentle beam of living Love,
And deathless Life!
Truth infinite,—so far above
All mortal strife,

Or cruel creed, or earth-born taint:
Fill us today
With all thou art—be thou our saint,
Our stay, always.

By Mary Baker Eddy

REPORT HANDS ON HOUSING

On Saturday, October 28 members of the Olivet Baptist Church, Shepherd of the Hills Church, and our church spent the day painting a house with iAct's Hands on Housing program. Upwards of 30 people took part throughout the day.

The day started during a chilly morning with a quick instruction in house painting technique, followed by a community prayer, and then it was off to work. Both the temperature and enthusiasm rose throughout the day, as the sun and sunny personalities broke through. By the end of the day, we transformed the house from a mustard yellow house to a lovely sage green with white trim. For good measure, we painted the wheelchair ramp leading up to the house a matching shade of sage green.

The homeowner, disabled veteran Henry Acosta, was very happy and appreciative of the help from the interfaith community.



NOTES FROM THE BOARD

- After soliciting and receiving input from the membership regarding the new hymnals offered by The Mother Church, the Board has elected to purchase 100 new hymnals to serve our church and Sunday School. To familiarize us with the new hymns, a hymn sing, led by our organist and soloist, will be conducted on Sunday, January 7th, in the Sunday School following church services. A light lunch will be provided for those who participate in the hymn sing. All are welcome!
- There is a need for Substitute Sunday School Teachers. This is an opportunity for members to join our wonderful Sunday School Staff. Please let us know if you are willing to serve.
- Members who do not have a password for the Members Only section of our website may contact the Clerk or Peg Wommack, Web Committee Chairman, to be sent their own code.

on the phone & web

- **OUR SUNDAY SERVICE AT 11 AM AND WEDNESDAY NOON MEETING BY PHONE**
Dial 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
- **DAILY LIFT**
Two minute podcast about Christian Science healing
Dial 617-450-3430
- **AUSTIN AREA WEBSITE**
www.ChristianScienceAustin.com
- **THE MOTHER CHURCH WEBSITES**
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>
- **WEDNESDAY READING CITATIONS**
www.ChristianScienceAustin.com
in the post for church services at First Church, Austin

DECEMBER SENTINEL RADIO PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- December 2-8 – Searching for satisfaction in your life?
- December 9-15 – Stemming the tide of violence
- December 16-22 – Harmony in families
- December 23-29 – Christmas, and one of the best gifts you can give or receive
- December 30 - January 5 – Peace of mind that lasts

CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 9:30-noon • Wednesday 10:30-noon
Clerk's Cell Phone Number **512-593-2378**