

NEWSLETTER



First Church of Christ, Scientist

Austin, Texas

February 2018

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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.

- **CEDARS CAMPS SHOWS** - Sun., Jan. 28 - 12:15 & 3 pm
- **LECTURE PREP MEETING** - Mon, Feb 5 Church 7-8 pm
- **BOARD MEETING** - Sunday, February 11 at 12:30 pm
 - **INTERACTIVE BIBLE PROGRAM**
Friday & Saturday, February 9 & 10,
First Church 1309 Guadalupe 78701
- **OUR BIBLE LESSONS: UNDERSTANDING & READING...**
Saturday, February 17, 9-5 @ *The Leaves in Richardson TX*
 - **LECTURE by Melanie Wahlberg**
Saturday, February 24 at 2:30 pm at First Church

REPORT NEW HYMNAL HYMN SING

Following church on Sunday, January 7, a number of members and non-members gathered in the Sunday School to sing hymns from the recently arrived new hymnal. Karen Treadwell selected various hymns to represent the diversity of songs found in the new hymnal and our organist Stephen McElroy accompanied us on the piano while our soloist Angela Irving led us in song.



Thanks to Karen, Stephen and Angela for making it a fun learning experience. Some folks expressed an interest in holding more of these hymn-sings.



SUMMER CAMP FUND

This fund is open for contributions to help our Sunday School students attend a summer camp for Christian Scientists again 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 CAMPS VIDEO SHOWS

There are two shows this year! Both on **Sunday, Jan. 28 12:15** – 1st Church Sunday School – pizza and video show
3:00 – Heroy's Ranch – games and video show
1099 Las Colinas Dr, **Dripping Springs** 78620
Gate Code #1787 See you there!

For more information: www.christianscienceaustin.com

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

Want to give something that will uplift and inspire to your loved one for Valentine's Day? Let us help you find the perfect thing from the Reading Room.

REPORT Seventeen took "The Walk to Emmaus" on Saturday afternoon, January 20.

Comments:

"I didn't want it to end."

"It was so interesting!"

"I learned something new."

"I can see why their hearts burned."

Stay tuned for more Bible study at the Reading Room in March. Subject and readings will be posted and emailed a little later in February.

WINTER 2018 INTERACTIVE BIBLE PROGRAM

Presented by Bible and Spiritual Life.org
with Richard Davenport and Dr. Barry Huff.

This program will be looking into the inspired word of the Bible and how it relates to healing in our lives today. Group discussions around lunch will allow participants to interact with their personal insights.

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Friday, February 9, 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Saturday, February 10, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Cost: \$45 / online or \$60 / door
Parking lot available behind church.

LECTURE NEVER ALONE: HOW SPIRITUAL IDEAS WORK IN US.

Divine ideas, practical spiritual solutions for today's issues, by Melanie Wahlberg

Join us on Saturday, February 24 at 2:30 pm

at First Church, Austin 1309 Guadalupe 78701

Child Care and parking available

LECTURE PREPARATORY MEETING

Mon., Feb. 5 – 7-8 pm @ Church or Call-in
512-717-3219 Conf. ID #8362783

OUR BIBLE LESSONS: UNDERSTANDING AND READING THEM EXPRESSIVELY & EFFECTIVELY,

presented by Don Feldman, author of *Principles of Expressive Reading*. A seminar at *The Leaves*, 1230 Spring Valley Rd. **Richardson TX 75080** on **Saturday, February 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** sponsored by the churches in the Dallas/Fort. Worth area. Register by Feb. 9 - \$25 fee. The link to this event:

<http://www.theleaves.org/expressivereading>

From the Sunday School 100 Healings project

Sunday School Student Testimony Realizing Absolute Principles By Claire Kyllonen

Since elementary school I had always struggled with the subject of mathematics. I disliked the principles, my teachers and sometimes even the classroom setting itself. I grudgingly argued what relevance complex math principles had in my life. I let myself believe for the longest time that math just wasn't my forte and that I would just have to deal with it until I graduated from high school.

Despite my dislike for math, I enrolled in an advanced course my junior year. I walked into the classroom on my first day already agitated, expecting yet another math teacher who would be impossible to talk to or to get help from.

After the first day, I worried I would have to drop the course. I found my teacher very intimidating, and I felt lost in the crowd of my classroom once again.

One evening, as I struggled to understand my math assignment, I became very frustrated. I commented to my mom that I didn't understand math and never would. My mother then calmly and lovingly responded that math was very similar to Christian Science, a subject defined by absolute principles. It was simply the truth, and you realized the truth though the practicing of the principles.

As she said this, I realized I had been under the cover of a false belief for many years, and now was the time to unmask it. I closed my math textbook and opened up Science and Health.

Through prayer and reading, I realized that so much of my dislike for math had been in my thinking. I prayed to undo this, to see my math teacher for the loving, caring person that God had made her to be, both in and out of the classroom. Afterwards, I prayed every morning to go into my classroom with a loving mindset, to be understanding and receptive.

The results began almost immediately. I was able to have comfortable conversations with my teacher. I later realized the mask of error had simply been removed, revealing the warm and giving teacher that had always been there. I found myself going to her room several times a week before class had even started, so I could get extra help. Consequently, my grades improved. I was making A's on a regular basis. Now, I was looking forward to the math lessons to demonstrate my understanding. I became very vocal during class, even the first to raise my hand to answer a question. My classmates even came to me for help when they were struggling; I was only too happy to help them.

After about a month of this, the healing that I had had suddenly hit me. I almost couldn't believe it; for the first time in my life, I was excited about math! I felt overwhelmed at my gratefulness to my mother and to Mrs. Eddy. I was grateful for my revelation. I was overjoyed that the Truth had been revealed.

After several months of loving math class, a Divine thought to share my love for the subject was given to me. With the partnership of a classmate, we began working on establishing a math club for the student body at my school. The interest for one nearly overwhelmed us, for which I am deeply grateful.

Thanks to this healing, I have even given thought to majoring in mathematics in college. I look forward to what the principles of God's Truth, as well as math, will reveal to me. For this wonderful healing, I humbly praise God for His wonderful works and Mrs. Eddy for helping to reveal them to the world.

REPORT: SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING:

The following motion was adopted:
"That the six seats at the center front of the auditorium be removed."

REPORT: ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING:

The following were elected to office:
2 Board Members (3 year term): Ken Heroy and Barb Mende; and President (1 year term): Kay Kirchner.
A big **THANK YOU** to the retiring officers, Board Members Helen Hankins and Steve Warren; and President Debbi Warren; for their service, care and love for our church.

INTERNET RADIO NOW ON OUR WEBSITE!

ChristianScienceAustin.com.

Be sure to check out the Christian Science Publishing Society's new **Internet Radio** - includes 4 audio programs which change every Friday afternoon:

- The Daily Lift
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- A Testimony of healing
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https://www.youtube.com/user/officialcslectures
- **WEDNESDAY READING CITATIONS**
www.ChristianScienceAustin.com
in the post for church services at First Church, Austin

FEBRUARY SENTINEL WATCH PROGRAM SCHEDULE

February 3-9 – Turning the other cheek – simple but not easy
February 10-16 – Prayer and reaching your full potential
February 17-23 – The changeless nature of good
February 24-March 2 – A sound foundation to live by

CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

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