



# NEWSLETTER

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**

**Austin, Texas**

**July 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.

- **GREETING NEW MEMBERS**  
*Sunday July 8 after church in auditorium*
- **SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**  
*Membership business meeting  
Thursday, July 12 at 7:30 pm in auditorium*
- **BOARD MEETING** - *Sunday, July 22 at 12:30 pm*

## LOOKING AHEAD

- **READING ROOM OUTREACH ACTIVITY**  
*Sunday, August 5 – Interfaith Passport Program*

## The Reading Room

*In church lobby - 1309 Guadalupe 78701  
512-472-8109 • csraustin@gmail.com  
M-F 10-2, Sunday 12-12:30  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 6-7 pm  
Closed on July 4<sup>th</sup>*

### READING ROOM OUTREACH ACTIVITY ON AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> :

Our church is participating in the Interfaith Passport Program of the Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT) by inviting iACT participants to our Sunday service August 5<sup>th</sup>. Participants will meet in the Sunday School prior to the service with Laura Moliter, Assistant Committee on Publication, and Sheri Deibert, Reading Room Librarian, to review our church tenets, hear a brief history of our branch church and The Mother Church, learn what to expect during the service and ask questions. Participation varies, so expect from 10-50 visitors. Let's extend a loving welcome to our iAct visitors!

Contact Sheri at the Reading Room with questions or for more information about the iACT passport program.

### GREETING NEW MEMBERS

#### Sunday, July 8 after church

After the church service on Sacrament Sunday, July 8, we will be greeting our newest members Brian Hull, Jeremy Schuette, Kristen Biggs and Brian Biggs. Be sure to come down to the front of the auditorium and welcome them into our church family!

### Congratulations to Luna & HOPE in Beijing

Last spring Luna (海峡) Sun came to visit her friend Priscilla Lightsey in Austin to learn more about Equine-Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT). While in Austin she attended services at our church where she was graciously welcomed into the church community. She taught several of us how to make traditional dumplings and shared her story of how she came into Christian Science which included a healing of grief after her divorce. She is an active member of the Christian Science community in China and assists The Mother Church with translation needs.

Luna continues to work at HOPE (Horses Offering People Enrichment) as the Director of Programming and Development. A few years ago, a kind, gentle young man, Shang Yong Ge, came to volunteer at HOPE. He recognized Luna as a true gem and.....On May 1, 2018 Luna and Shang got married! It was a lovely, traditional Chinese "village" wedding where Luna was carried down the streets of her village, on the outskirts of Beijing, in a sedan-chair (轿) by 8 men

while Shang rode in front of her on a horse – all of the wedding party wore red. (In Chinese culture, red symbolizes success, fertility, honor, and love.) It was a lovely wedding. Luna and Shang visited with friends and family in Beijing before going to Thailand on their honeymoon.



Luna continues to work tirelessly as she and the HOPE team serve orphans, migrant families, and local Chinese children with special needs. Luna has been a gift to HOPE on so many levels! It was in large part through her efforts and determination that HOPE became an accredited NGO in China in November!! The process was difficult, long, and bureaucratic but Luna persevered. HOPE is the first foreign EAAT NGO in China!

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# The Gentle Beam

July Topic:

## = Cause Me to Hear =

Hymn 457 - Cause Me to Hear

(Refrain)

Cause to hear Your loving kindness in the morning;  
Teach me to do Your will, oh God.  
Cause me to know the way where I should place my feet  
To walk in the pathway of Your love.

Not in the storm, nor the earthquake, nor the wave;  
You're not in the wind, nor the flame.  
In the still of the evening, in the hush of the morning,  
Call my name.

Refrain

Truth is my Rock; there is nothing I shall fear.  
You still all my worry and woe.  
And my hearts overflowing now;  
I rest where Your quiet waters flow.

Refrain

*Pulpit and Press* p.4:7-10 by Mary Baker Eddy

"Is not a man metaphysically and mathematically number one, a unit, and therefore whole number, governed and protected by his divine Principle, God? You have simply to preserve a scientific positive sense of unity with your divine source, and daily demonstrate this."

Welcome New Members!  
Kristen Biggs and Brian Biggs

**CLERK'S SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:**  
*Wednesday 10:30-noon*  
Clerk's Cell Phone Number - **512-593-2378**

In Memoriam  
Diane Couch

**MEMBERS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Thursday, July 12 - 7:30 PM**  
The Children's Room will be provided.

### Luna & HOPE in Beijing Continued

Priscilla was in Beijing for Luna's wedding. While there, China Global Television Network came out and did a story on volunteers, that included HOPE. Click the link below to see the article. (Luna speaks a bit at the end of the second video.)

[https://news.cgtn.com/news/3d3d514e33676a4d77457a6333566d54/share\\_p.html](https://news.cgtn.com/news/3d3d514e33676a4d77457a6333566d54/share_p.html)

HOPE is growing and setting the example for EAAT in China. Currently HOPE has three horses: small, medium, and large sized! The small one (a pony) is a fabulous fellow but is getting old and cannot work as much as in the past. HOPE is in the market for a new pony but they are quite expensive in China. (Texas it is NOT, horses are expensive!) Please see the HOPE website if interested in learning more or donating and know that HOPE is a 501(c)3 nonprofit in the US. Website: <http://hopebeijing.org/>  
Luna sends her best wishes to you all in Austin and a sincere thank you ( 谢谢 ) .

### 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 WATCH** • *Press 2*
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- **THE LEAVES**  
[www.TheLeaves.org](http://www.TheLeaves.org)
- **LECTURES**  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/officialcslectures>
- **WEDNESDAY READING CITATIONS**  
[www.ChristianScienceAustin.com](http://www.ChristianScienceAustin.com)  
in the post for church services at First Church, Austin

### JULY SENTINEL WATCH PROGRAM SCHEDULE

June 30-July 6 – Helping to overcome gun violence  
July 7-13 – God's healing love  
July 14-20 – Christian Science healing  
July 21-27 – A precious discovery  
July 28-August 3 – Is God real?