

# NEWSLETTER



**First Church of Christ, Scientist**

**Austin, Texas**

**December 2018**

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

## CALENDAR

See [ChristianScienceAustin.com](http://ChristianScienceAustin.com) for details.  
Call 512-703-8010 – Press 4 for updates.

- **DECEMBER BOARD MEETING**  
*Sunday, December 9 - 12:30 pm*
- **LECTURE AT FIRST CHURCH**  
*Sunday, December 9 - 2 pm*
- **PRINCIPIA CLUB CHRISTMAS SING**  
*Saturday, December 15, 5-7 pm*  
*Anderson Mill Community Center*
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL GIFT WRAPPING PARTY**  
*Sunday, December 16 after church service*

## LOOKING AHEAD

- **TWO MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETINGS**  
*Thursdays, January 10 & 17 at 7:30 pm*

Is it possible to break free  
from the limitations of time?  
Discover that...

## TIME IS NOT A FACTOR IN YOUR LIFE

Join us for a free talk open to the public

by David Drew Hohle, CSB  
**Sunday, December 9 at 2 pm**  
*at First Church, Austin*  
*1309 Guadalupe, 78701*

JOIN IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS GIVING



### **Sunday, December 16 - 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 16<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the services!**

## The Reading Room

*In church lobby - 1309 Guadalupe 78701*  
*512-472-8109 • [readingroom@firstcsaustin.org](mailto:readingroom@firstcsaustin.org)*  
*M-F 10-2, Sunday 12-12:30*  
*Closed December 24 - January 1 for the Holidays.*

### **iACT Day of Thanks and our participation**

The Reading Room participated with an information table at the iAct Day of Thanks Service and Reception held at San Jose Catholic Church on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

The many people who came by were receptive to what was shared and took Bible Lessons, Sentinels, Monitors, postcards to the lecture and pamphlets on Christian Science. Total attendance to this uplifting event was around 500.



**The New Concord** can be accessed through JSH-Online, eBibleLesson or [concord.christianscience.com](http://concord.christianscience.com). You can subscribe for full use (a discount is available if you had Concord in the past), or use as a Guest to read, search, and make citation lists which are only available during that session. Check our website for links to webinars with helpful instructions about Concord. The Reading Room has Guest access to support your study.

Here is a link for a demonstration of the New Concord:  
[https://csps.secure.footprint.net/journal/tutorial/2018/js-h-rr\\_webinar-180524b.mp4](https://csps.secure.footprint.net/journal/tutorial/2018/js-h-rr_webinar-180524b.mp4)

### **Thinking about a special gift for Christmas?**

**Let us help you fill those stockings!** Items not on hand in the Reading Room need to be ordered by **December 5<sup>th</sup>** to arrive before Christmas.

## CHRISTMAS *Sing!*



### **Saturday, December 15 at 5 - 7 pm**

At Anderson Mill Limited District Community Center  
11500 El Salido Parkway, Austin 78750

**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!

To RSVP, visit [principiaalumni.org/austin](http://principiaalumni.org/austin)  
or contact Jessica Dunlap at 707.287.3645

# Sunday School Spotlight



## Liam Cowart

Liam is a student in our 4 year old class. Here he is dressed as a Shepherd caring for his sheep. The three and four year old classes are a lively, learning experience. As they are introduced to the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, Lord's Prayer, and 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, the Bible stories are the

main attraction. Acting out the stories in costume or with puppets and many other hands-on activities keep little hands and minds busy. We often take walks as many Bible characters did and discuss God's loving care for all His children. The children are very receptive to the truths found in our weekly Bible Lessons.

### CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 10 – noon • Wednesday 10 - 1  
Clerk's Cell Phone Number - **512-593-2378**

## FROM THE BOARD

We have established a Parking Committee to determine opportunities for parking during our services and events.

The Nursery is in need of sprucing up. Please let the Clerk know if you are interested in serving on a committee to come up with ideas for freshening up this important area of our church.

## 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
- **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](http://www.ChristianScienceAustin.com)  
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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

## DECEMBER SENTINEL WATCH PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- December 1-7 – God's law of love keeps us safe
- December 8-14 – Discover a life of abundance
- December 15-21 – A lifetime of God's loving care
- December 22-28 – Pastor comfort at Christmas and all year long
- Dec. 29-Jan. 4 – Emerge gently – led by Christ