

NEWSLETTER



First Church of Christ, Scientist

Austin, Texas

May 2020

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

CALENDAR

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

- **MAY BOARD MEETING**
Sunday, May 3 @ 12:30 pm
- **BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM - See Reading Room** ▶
Monday, May 11 @ 7:30-9 pm CDT

ALL OUR CHURCH SERVICES REMOTE ACCESS ONLY

Sunday and Wednesday meetings continue to be available on the telephone: 346-248-7799, then enter the meeting ID: 304 412 1309 # #.

Our new Zoom phone number allows you to share your testimony over the phone with an easy two step process:

- Step 1. Call Zoom Meeting at 346-248-7799
- Step 2. Enter the meeting ID 304-412-1309
Then hit the pound sign twice.

In an effort to protect meetings, Zoom has implemented new password requirements.

The password is embedded in this link:

[Click here for remote church services.](#)

Those using this link will not need to enter a separate password. Both Wednesday and Sunday services can be accessed in this manner. For one click access see our website ChristianScienceAustin.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

Our Sunday School has been exploring new ground for the past few weeks to accommodate the stay-at-home recommendations from the state. We are very grateful to all of our dedicated Sunday School teachers who have been in contact with the students in their classes and worked out how they are conducting Sunday School. From quick, one-on-one Zoom classes to full 40 minutes for the Young Adult class, and email contact with other students, Sunday School teachers are using innovative means to build spiritual foundations and share a sense of stability and equanimity.

Sheri Deibert's 4th-5th grade class was perhaps the first to start Zooming and it has worked out really well for her students. Barb Mende has been sending her students thought-provoking questions and ideas regarding the weekly Bible Lesson via email to think about on their own. With a class of teenagers, Georgia Bullock knew texting was the way to reach her students. That texting soon turned into Zoom classes. Kristen Bigg's class did not want to Zoom, so she is supporting her students and the Sunday School metaphysically.

The younger classes present new challenges: wiggly students sometimes disappear from the screen and we're talking to an empty chair/sofa and keeping hands busy sometimes requires a supervising adult on the other end! Debi Warren has been conducting one-on-one classes with her three 2nd-3rd grade students. She emails them "mystery envelopes," containing activities on Wednesday, so they can open them together on Sunday while on

The Reading Room

In church lobby - 1309 Guadalupe 78701
512-472-8109 • readingroom@firstcsaustin.org

**THE READING ROOM IS NOW OPEN FOR PICKUP
OF ORDERS PAID BY PHONE, M-F 10-2.**

Free Bible Study starts this month! The long awaited Bible Study using Madelon Maupin's Bible Roads CDs will begin

Monday, May 11 @ 7:30 - 9 PM CDT on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93113958416>

Meeting ID: 931 1395 8416

The second Monday of each month we will enjoy digging deeper into books of the Bible that will give us insights that can be applied in our daily experience. Madelon has a Masters of Theological Studies degree, traveled the Holy Lands, and continues to lecture and teach Bible studies. Please join us!

The Bible Lens in each weekly issue of the print *Sentinel* has an **expanded** version online, as part of a JSH-Online subscription, that includes the expanded range of information being shared in the new digital Bible Lesson experience. The online version of the *Christian Science Sentinel's* Bible Lens includes more information about Bible verses, including history, context, verse translations, and word studies. Audio of the Bible Lens is also available on JSH-Online. Explore this helpful resource on JSH-Online and deepen your study of the weekly Bible Lesson. We share it on our Facebook page **CSReadingRoomAUSTINTX** each Monday.

Don't forget to get your Full Text Bible Lesson to pack for summer camp or upcoming trip!

They are available to pick up with credit card on PayPal while supplies last. Just contact us at

readingroom@firstcsaustin.org

Zoom. She is having them keep a journal of all the activities they've been doing.

Toyin DaSilva reached out to the parent/guardians of her Kinder class with suggested activities, Bible stories, songs through email. Eventually, she moved to a Zoom class, sharing Bible stories and relevant ideas. One week she actually dropped off craft materials for specific activities to their homes. The Pre-K class has been holding Zoom classes before church services that include reading a PowerPoint story, *Where is the Kingdom of Heaven?*, watching a video about Jesus and Lazarus, and doing downloadable crafts.

The High School class has been receiving an email from Melinda Mayer each week with intriguing dives into the weekly Bible Lesson and an offer to talk about any of the points she brings up, if they want. The Young Adult class has been meeting each Sunday at 11 a.m. on Zoom, and with everyone home from college, the class has been a full one.

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The Gentle Beam

May Topic:

¹³ When Jesus came into the coasts of Cæsarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Matthew 16:13, 16-18)

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. (Acts 2:1)

There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one. (Acts 5:16)

Human sense may well marvel at discord, while, to a diviner sense, harmony is the real and discord the unreal. We may well be astonished at sin, sickness, and death. We may well be perplexed at human fear; and still more astounded at hatred, which lifts its hydra head, showing its horns in the many inventions of evil. But why should we stand aghast at nothingness? (S&H 563:1-7 (to ?))

... Evil thoughts, lusts, and malicious purposes cannot go forth, like wandering pollen, from one human mind to another, finding unsuspected lodgment, if virtue and truth build a strong defence. (S&H 234:32-3)

The calm and exalted thought or spiritual apprehension is at peace. (S&H 506:11-12)

NEW POST ON OUR WEBSITE

ChristianScienceAustin.org

HALLWAY BULLETIN BOARD

Topics include: Nursing and Assisted Living for Christian Scientists, Financial, and Summer Camps for Christian Scientists.

NEW CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

Thursdays 10 am – 12 pm during Shelter in Place
Clerk's Phone Number - [512-472-2356](tel:512-472-2356)

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

The **April 9, 2020 Quarterly Meeting** was held by email. Committee Reports were attached, and the Call Letter, the Minutes of previous meetings and the Treasurer Report were posted in the Members-Only site in our website.

A link to the **Committee Preferences form** will be emailed to members on Monday, May 4. Please complete it by May 18th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY Continued

Teacher Bill Klenzendorf confesses to limited technical skills, so his wife, Allyson, has become his technical advisor, setting up the meetings and notifying the students.

The Mother Church Sunday School folks contacted us to talk about what we're doing and we shared some of the ideas and activities taking place in our Sunday School. The Mother Church was pleased to hear we were continuing contact with students and holding Zoom classes.

We are all looking forward to getting back into our classrooms and being together to sing hymns. However, it has been a growth in grace for all of us and we were able to witness the unlimited creative Mind during the past few weeks!

on the phone & web

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- **SENTINEL WATCH** • [Press 2](#)
- **THE WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON** • [Press 3](#)
- For church information • [Press 4](#)

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Two minute podcast about Christian Science healing
Dial [617-450-3430](tel:617-450-3430)

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<https://www.youtube.com/user/officialcslectures>

MAY SENTINEL WATCH PROGRAM SCHEDULE

May 4-10 – *The role of humility in parenting*

May 11-17 – *Persistence wins the prize of Christ-healing*

May 18-24 – *Dating apps and finding that “special someone”*

May 25-31 – *Do we need the God stuff?*