

# NEWSLETTER



**First Church of Christ, Scientist**

**Austin, Texas**

**January 2021**

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

## CALENDAR

See [firstchurchcsaustin.org](http://firstchurchcsaustin.org) for details.

- **JANUARY BOARD MEETING**  
*Sunday, January 3 @ 12:30 pm*
- **BIBLE STUDY – On-line via zoom**  
*Monday, January 11 @ 7:30 – 8:30 pm*
- **SEMI-ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
*Thursday, January 14 @ 7:30 pm*
- **ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING**  
*Thursday, January 21 @ 7:30 pm*  
*Electing 3 Board Members and a President*

## CHURCH SERVICES RETURN TO ON-LINE ONLY

As Austin has moved to [Stage Five](#) of Covid-19 Guidelines, the Board has determined we should hold our services by remote, only.

Beginning Sunday, December 27, services will only be available by Zoom.

Our services take place on Sundays at 11:00 am and Wednesdays at 12:00 pm and 7:30 pm.

*Dial 346-248-7799, ID: 304-412-1309 ##*

See our website for direct access to the zoom meeting

Sunday School classes are being held remotely. Contact the Clerk for information.

## SAFE PLACE GIVING 2020

Thanks to all who contributed to the residents of SafePlace, a non-profit organization providing safety and counseling for families affected by domestic violence and abuse. It is now under the organization of Safe Alliance at [safeAustin.org](http://safeAustin.org).

We hope to be able to take gifts to them again next year as we have done in the past.

## The Reading Room

*In the church - 1309 Guadalupe 78701*  
512-472-8109 • [readingroom@firstcsaustin.org](mailto:readingroom@firstcsaustin.org)  
M-F 10-2, Sunday 12-12:30  
Closed January 1<sup>st</sup> for the New Year  
and January 18<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### Let's dig into the book of Mark.

Join our monthly Bible study January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm via Zoom to find a new perspective on Jesus's healing work. Check our website for access and for the workbook questions from Bible Roads by Bible scholar Madelin Maupin.

## Monthly Bible Study

*A free Bible Study featuring Bible Roads CDs*

**Monday, Jan. 11th, 7:30 – 8:30 PM CST**

**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.

This session covers Mark Chapter 1. See the newsletter or our website for a link to the workbook questions.

Offered by: **Christian Science Reading Room**  
Austin, TX 512-472-8109

**TeenConnect**, on JSH-Online, is a rich resource for teens and young adults, as well as their parents, Sunday School teachers, and mentors.

TeenConnect tackles the tough issues, with articles on mental health, identity, self-worth, and more from a Christian Science perspective—all written in accessible language, often by teens themselves. On the [TeenConnect homepage](#), which is accessible on every page via the main navigation menu, you'll see the most recent articles and testimonies. You'll also find a drop-down menu that will take you to all of the TeenConnect columns, such as UpFront and Q&A, along with all its archival content, covering a wide variety of topics. Be sure to check it out!



## The Gentle Beam

January Topic:

The real house in which “we live, and move, and have our being” is Spirit, God, the eternal harmony of infinite Soul. The enemy we confront would overthrow this sublime fortress, and it behooves us to defend our heritage.

How can we do this Christianly scientific work? By intrenching ourselves in the knowledge that our true temple is no human fabrication, but the superstructure of Truth, reared on the foundation of Love, and pinnacled in Life. Such being its nature, how can our godly temple possibly be demolished, or even disturbed? Can eternity end? Can Life die? Can Truth be uncertain? Can Love be less than boundless? Referring to this temple, our Master said: “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” He also said: “The kingdom of God is within you.” Know, then, that you possess sovereign power to think and act rightly, and that nothing can dispossess you of this heritage and trespass on Love. If you maintain this position, who or what can cause you to sin or suffer? Our surety is in our confidence that we are indeed dwellers in Truth and Love, man's eternal mansion. Such a heavenly assurance ends all warfare, and bids tumult cease, for the good fight we have waged is over, and divine Love gives us the true sense of victory. “They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thy house; and Thou shalt make them drink of the river of Thy pleasures.” No longer are we of the church militant, but of the church triumphant; and with Job of old we exclaim, “Yet in my flesh shall I see God.” The river of His pleasures is a tributary of divine Love, whose living waters have their source in God, and flow into everlasting Life. We drink of this river when all human desires are quenched, satisfied with what is pleasing to the divine Mind.

(Pulpit and Press, Mary Baker Eddy, pp.2:22–25 (np))

**MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND  
These important meetings via Zoom**

### SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

**Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm**

To consider a procedure change to allow voting, an important Bylaw amendment, 2 Standing Rules amendments, plus combining committees to produce a Social Media Committee.

### ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING

**Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> - 7:30 pm**

To elect 2 Trustees for a 3 year term, 1 Trustee for a 2 year term, and a President for a 1 year term.

## on the phone & web

- **OUR SUNDAY SERVICE AT 11 AM AND WEDNESDAY NOON & 7:30 pm MEETINGS**

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Two minute podcast about Christian Science healing  
Dial 617-450-3430
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Includes INTERNET RADIO – 4 audio programs
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- **THE LEAVES**  
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- **LECTURES**  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/officialcslectures>

### CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 11 am – 2 pm

Clerk's Phone Number - **512-472-2356**