

NEWSLETTER



First Church of Christ, Scientist

Austin, Texas

December 2021

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Sunday Service at 11 am • Wednesday Testimony Meetings at Noon and 7:30 pm – In-person and via Zoom

CALENDAR

- **READING ROOM STORY TIME**
Friday, December 3 @ 10 am
- **BIBLE STUDY – On-line via zoom**
Monday, December 13 from 7:30 – 8:30 pm via Zoom
- **DECEMBER BOARD MEETING**
Tuesday, December 14 @ 7 pm
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS GIVING**
Sunday, December 19 – Right after Church Service

Join in our
Sunday School
Christmas Giving



Sunday, December 19th
– right after church –

Join us in the Sunday School after church services on Sunday, **December 19** for lunch and a **Christmas Card-Making Party!** We will be putting our love and creative talents to work by making Christmas cards for residents of the Austin Retirement and Nursing Center who have no family. The Center has provided us with a list of names and we will provide the art supplies. Helen Hankins is heading up the lunch portion of our event, so if you'd like to bring something for the lunch, please contact her. We're ordering pizza and she's looking for fruit salad, pasta salad, veggies and Christmas cookies! Also, if you have any old greeting cards that could be cut up and used for decoration on a new card, please bring them!

We look forward making enough cards to bring a lot of joy to the Austin Retirement and Nursing Center!

DECEMBER ONLINE LECTURE AND EVENTS

- **Saturday, Dec. 4 @ 11:00 CST - LECTURE** by Phillip Hockley, "A new view of God and its effect on well being." **Third Church, San Antonio** - online - Link to sign up: <https://cstalks.org/san-antonio-hockley/>
- **Sunday, Dec. 5 @ 100: CST** – Talk by Lona Ingwerson, CS, First Church, Sarasota, FL Livestreamed on YouTube
- **Sunday, Dec. 5 @ 4:00 CST. Arden Wood in San Francisco**, Christmas Sing - online only Must register to attend. Ask Clerk for link.
- **Friday, Dec. 24 @ 6:30 CST** – A Christmas Talk by Laurence R. Doyle, PhD, Third Church, NYC www.thirdchurchNYC.com
- **Every night in December @ 5-9 pm** – Christmas Light Drive-Thru at **The Leaves in Richardson, TX**

The Reading Room

7739 Northcross Drive #T, Austin 78757
512-472-8109 - readingroom@firstcsaustin.org
Open M-F and 2nd Saturday of the month 10 am - 2 pm
Closed December 27 - 31 for the Holidays

"Come and See." Visit our new Reading Room. You can do your Christmas shopping here, too! Books and Music and Audio, oh my!

Join us for **'Story Time' 10 am Friday, December 3rd**. Our lovable puppets read the stories.

Free Offer Table in December - Select your choice of a 'previously-owned' item: books, CD, children's books, cassettes, etc.

Coming Soon! The popular *Stories of Healing* that came out earlier this year will be available early next year in paperback for \$20.00. Place your request for one to be ordered for you to beat the rush.

JSH-Online Gift Subscription cards available for 3, 6 or 12 months. Go to: <https://shop.christianscience.com/christianscience-top-level-category/cards/jsh-online-prepaid-subscription-cards/> to order a hard copy or eDelivery card.

The Christian Science Monitor has 6 mos. gift Special Rate \$29/daily digital or \$49/weekly + print magazine. Go to: csmonitor.com/holiday to order.

Join us for the next Bible Study
December 13th at 7:30 pm via Zoom

We are diving into Chapters 14 & 15 of the Book of Mark. 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, Dec. 13th 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 Chapters 14 & 15. See the newsletter or our website for a link to the workbook questions.

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



The Gentle Beam

December Topic:

THE GRACIOUS NEWS =

Angels at the Saviour's birth
Woke with music all the earth,
Shepherds in the eastern sky
Saw a pale star passing by,
Guiding them at break of day
Where the babe in meekness lay,
Born the gracious news to tell,
God with us, Immanuel.

Star of being, still thy light
Shines before us in the night,
By those radiant beams we find
Christ, the Truth, for all mankind,
Still the tidings angels bring
With their joyful caroling,
Telling that the dawn has come,
God and man fore'er at one.

(Christian Science Hymnal, No. 11)

NEW READING ROOM GRAND OPENING!



Reading Room staff handed out flyers to businesses in the ten surrounding shopping centers inviting their employees to the **Reading Room** in preparation for the **Grand Opening**. "I felt God was here when I walked in the door and felt blessed," one shared with us when she came in with her two 20-something daughters and stayed to talk for an hour and a half. She was introduced to Mary Baker Eddy and bought a copy of *Science and Health* before she left saying, "I have to read that book!" A third of the visitors were non-Scientists who gratefully accepted a free book from the donations table. Sales were good and the time went by so quickly that we didn't even think of lunch until we closed.

CARING FOR CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS

If you or someone you know needs information about Christian Science care, housing, or other kinds of assistance, there is a new service available to help! The Principle Foundation is now offering a service called **Caring for Christian Scientists**, which consists of a website and a call center--both of which provide information and resources that meet practical needs. For more information, go online to CaringforChristianScientists.org, or look for the brochures in the church lobby.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Joan Lazarus
and
Suzanne Riedel

CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 9:30a-1:30p
Wednesday 9:30a-1:30p
Sunday 10a-11a
Clerk's Phone Number - 425-442-9351

OUR CHURCH SERVICES ARE BOTH IN-PERSON AND ON-LINE

Services are on Sundays at 11:00 am and Wednesdays at 12:00 pm and 7:30 pm, either in person or remotely via Zoom or phone.

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

See our website for direct access to the Zoom meeting.

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

A Children's Room for small children is available during the Sunday services and Wednesday Evening meetings.

on the phone & web

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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
- **FIRST CHURCH AUSTIN WEBSITE**
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www.sentinel.christianscience.com
- **THE LEAVES**
www.TheLeaves.org
- **LECTURES**
<https://www.youtube.com/user/officialcslectures>

IN MEMORIAM

Former member
Dayle Baldauf