

# NEWSLETTER



**First Church of Christ, Scientist**

**Austin, Texas**

**May 2019**

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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.

- **THIRD CHURCH LECTURE & EVENTS**  
*May 7 & 11 (See below)*
- **MAY BOARD MEETING**  
*Sunday, May 12 - 12:30 pm*
- **REPLAY OF THE MOTHER CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING**  
*Sun, June 9 - Sunday School 12:30 lunch – 1 replay*

## 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*

You are invited to join us in the Sunday School at **First Church Austin** on **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm** to view the replay of this year's inspiring **Annual Meeting of The Mother Church**. A light lunch will be provided. Please **RSVP to the Reading Room at 512-472-8109** so there is enough lunch for everyone.

### A visit from Highschoolers -

This April a local high school group of 14 visited the Reading Room for a Comparative Religions class to learn about Christian Science. They were given copies of our tenets and Bible Lesson quarterlies as well as a 15-minute introduction to Mary Baker Eddy, the book she wrote after being healed of a life-threatening fall and how she established publications including *The Christian Science Monitor* and the Christian Science church. A few minutes of Q&A and they left thanking us.

### About Christian Science Primary Class -

Have you heard the audio program from the *Journal Primary class instruction: A foundation for spiritual progress and healing*?

This podcast episode on JSH-Online features four Christian Scientists sharing why they were led to take Primary class instruction, how they found their Christian Science teachers, what to expect from the yearly association meetings, and how their experiences with class instruction have supported and deepened their work as healers. If you're thinking about taking Primary class instruction, this podcast is for you. Be sure to check it out and share it with anyone you know who is looking for answers to these important questions.

## REPORT

### SPRING CLEAN UP DAY



Nearly twenty church members showed up on Saturday, April 6, to help clean our church inside and out. Carpets were vacuumed, Sunday School desks cleaned, children's room toys scrubbed, closets de-cluttered and toilets sanitized. Outside, the courtyard was cleared of old growth, the irrigation system was tested and repaired,

a dead palm tree was removed, and a back-flow valve was repaired in the back alley drain just in time as the rains came in a mid-morning downpour that would have floated Noah's ark.

Thanks to all who participated in giving our beloved church some tender love and care.



### **A REPLAY OF THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MOTHER CHURCH WILL BE SHOWN IN FIRST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL** ***Sunday, June 9 after church***

If you cannot go to Boston for the Annual Meeting on Monday, June 3, we'd love to have you join us for a **replay of the meeting on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> in our Sunday School after church**. There will be a light lunch at 12:30 followed by the replay at 1:00.

Please **RSVP to the Reading Room at 512-472-8109** so there is enough lunch for everyone.  
For details about the Annual Meeting visit [christianscience.com/annualmeeting](http://christianscience.com/annualmeeting)

### THIRD CHURCH LECTURE AND EVENTS

You're invited to help our neighbors during two upcoming related lecture events: The theme for these events can be found in **John 21: 15-17**.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6 pm: Christian Science Lecture Prep Meeting and Empty Bowl Decoration Workshop  
<https://www.fox7austin.com/good-day/373431681-video#/>

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 pm: Christian Science Lecture and Volunteer at Central Texas Food Bank  
<https://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-our-warehouse>

The Guest Speaker for the **May 11<sup>th</sup>** Event is renowned Christian Science lecturer Patricia Woodard; the topic is *Breaking News: Freedom is Ours Now*.  
<https://www.christianscience.com/lecturers/patricia-woodard>

# Sunday School Spotlight

## John Morin



John Morin, a second-year accounting major at the University of Texas, is graduating from our Sunday School. He came to us from Grapevine, Texas after attending Grapevine High School where he was captain of the soccer team, played French horn in the band and was class president all four years. Ironically, as a youngster, he attended our Sunday School some eleven

years ago before his family moved to Grapevine, and it was his desire to return to Austin that led him to enroll at the University of Texas, though he had given Principia much consideration. He is currently working to get a CSO started at UT. John has attended Christian Science summer camp at Adventure Unlimited Ranches in Buena Vista, Colorado and is now one of their summer counselors. He has worked in family camp, the Conquerors program and the Limitless program, guiding young Christian Scientists in mountain backpacking, rock climbing, trail running and various other mountain activities. He has found his summer camp involvement to be one of the most challenging and inspiring experiences of his life. Please welcome John as he moves from our Sunday School to our church congregation.

### NEW CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 11am - 2pm • Wednesday 11am - 2pm  
Clerk's Cell Phone Number - **512-593-2378**

### MAY SENTINEL WATCH PROGRAM SCHEDULE

May 6-12 – *A moment of clarity stops addiction*  
May 13-19 – *Sharing healing Love from the heart*  
May 20-26 – *A lifetime of God's love and care*  
May 27-June 2 – *How can I move from burnout to balance in my life?*

## FROM THE BOARD

### NEW CLERK

Welcome to our new Clerk, Matthew Blaisdell, and many thanks to Karen Treadwell for serving with such love and dedication!

### ORGANIST RESIGNING

We are grateful for the many years of excellent musicianship from organist, Stephen McElroy, who has left to pursue other opportunities. The music committee is currently holding auditions in search for a new organist.

## REPORT QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, April 11, 2019

The motion postponed from the previous meeting that Standing Rule C.2 be change to read the following: "There shall be one Wednesday testimonial meeting at 7:30PM." was postponed to the July Meeting.

The motion postponed from the previous meeting that we move the broadcast of the Wednesday noon meeting to the 7:30 Wednesday Meeting was defeated.

A motion that we permanently establish a metaphysical committee that encompasses the church and the Reading Room was adopted.

## on the phone & web

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in the post for church services at First Church, Austin