

# NEWSLETTER



**First Church of Christ, Scientist**

**Austin, Texas**

**August 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.

- **AUGUST BOARD MEETING**  
*Sunday, August 4 @ 12:30 pm*
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**  
*Sunday, August 18 after church*

## *SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE*

The Sunday School is holding our **Back to School New Class Open House on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** in the Sunday School. Parents are welcome to come after church and meet the new Sunday School teachers. All are welcome to come and discover the joys of being in Sunday School!

## **NEW ORGANIST**

Welcome to our new Organist, Tim Wilborn!

Tim grew up in Ft. Worth, and his college years were in Princeton, N.J. at the Westminster Choir College where he received a BME. Summer organ study in Denmark and Oxford enlightened him to the vastness of organ music. He received a MM in Organ in 1995 at Southwestern Baptist in Ft. Worth. Recent positions include Peace Memorial Presbyterian in Clearwater, Fl. (1994-2003). For the past 14 years he was at First Presbyterian Church in Kerrville.

He tells us, "I have always considered that my life and work in church music has been a joy, not a job."

## **HYMNAL RACK EXTENSION SURVEY**

Extensions have been placed in one of the hymnal racks on the back of the front row of seats on the left side of the auditorium (First Reader's side.) Check it out and give the Clerk or Ushers your feedback.



## **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

**It's Not Too Late! Sign Up for the Reading Room** as Reading Room staff or Reading Room metaphysician.

It's a great opportunity to serve with love and work with fellow church members in a healing atmosphere. Contact Reading Room Librarian, Sheri Deibert, for more information.

From the July 11, 2019 Reading Room Report:

"The Reading Room is an active part of our church which is the mouthpiece for Christian Science. It is the open door to the poor in spirit, a haven of Truth sustaining the spiritual seeker, an outpouring of Love feeding the hungry heart, our expression of grace to mankind. It is the result of the unselfed love of our members and houses the treasure of Christian Science. It is a complete idea.

How can the Reading Room introduce the community to Christian Science? Be open when people can come in: after 5pm, an evening and Saturdays, through Bible study, Children's story time, Girl Scout badge event, Book Club, Monitor brownbag chats, Show online lectures, Movie night with spiritual perspective discussion, Participate in community events to share Christian Science and sell Science and Health, List on MeetUps online a Reading Room group to meet and discuss topics from a spiritual perspective -like healing in today's world, relationships, job search, identity. We need to remember that the Reading Room is a destination."

The librarian would like to know if you are interested in any of these activities. Please call 512-472-8109 M-F 10 am - 2 pm, email [readingroom@firstcsaustin.org](mailto:readingroom@firstcsaustin.org) or drop a note by the Reading Room table with your thoughts.



## The Gentle Beam

August Topic:

.. God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: ...  
(Gen. 1:3 God, 4 (to :))

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.  
(I John 1:5)

The spiritual reality is the scientific fact in all things. The spiritual fact, repeated in the action of man and the whole universe, is harmonious and is the ideal of Truth. Spiritual facts are not inverted; the opposite discord, which bears no resemblance to spirituality, is not real. The only evidence of this inversion is obtained from suppositional error, which affords no proof of God, Spirit, or of the spiritual creation. Material sense defines all things materially, and has a finite sense of the infinite.

(SH 207:20–23, 27)

The great spiritual facts of being, like rays of light, shine in the darkness, though the darkness, comprehending them not, may deny their reality.  
(SH 546:24–26)

From Love and from the light and harmony which are the abode of Spirit, only reflections of good can come.  
(SH 280:4–6)

### CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

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

### The position of Clerk of the Church is still open.

Please contact the Clerk at 512-593-2378 if you are interested in serving.

### AUGUST SENTINEL WATCH PROGRAM SCHEDULE

August 5-11 – *The Beatitudes: our guide to following Jesus*

August 12-18 – *What truly makes us happy and satisfied?*

August 19-25 – *The whole world in His hands*

Aug. 26-Sept. 1– *How can I feel confident raising my kids today?*

## REPORT SEMI-ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, July 11, 2019

The motion postponed from the previous meeting to discontinue the Wednesday Noon Testimony Meeting was defeated. **The Wednesday Noon Meeting will continue and be broadcast on the telephone.**

The motion adopted at the April 11, 2019 Meeting that we permanently establish a metaphysical committee that encompasses the church and the Reading Room was rescinded.

The following motions were adopted:

- “To establish a Metaphysical Committee having a chairman, co-chairman and any other interested members to coordinate the metaphysical activities and needs of the church.”
- “That we eliminate Standing Rule J.4 Special Committees including J.4.1 Healing Opportunities.”
- “That we eliminate Standing Rule J.3.14 Membership Interview Committee“
- “To insert and delete the following to the Web Committee Standing Rule: J.3.28 WEB – Three or more members to maintain the Church website, *under the guidelines of the Austin Area Jointly Maintained Website, and web-based advertising*, and work with the Advertising Committee on web-based advertising.”
- “That we allow South by Southwest to use our church auditorium the four Saturdays in February 2020 from 11:00 to 1:00 to plan their upcoming event, they to cover any costs associated with their activities in our church.”

## on the phone & web

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