

# NEWSLETTER



**First Church of Christ, Scientist**

**Austin, Texas**

**December 2019**

1309 Guadalupe, Austin, Texas 78701 • 512-472-2356 • [clerk@firstcsaustin.org](mailto:clerk@firstcsaustin.org) • [ChristianScienceAustin.org](http://ChristianScienceAustin.org)  
Sunday Service at 11 am • Wednesday Testimony Meetings at Noon and 7:30 pm

## CALENDAR

See [ChristianScienceAustin.org](http://ChristianScienceAustin.org) for details.  
Call 512-703-8010 – Press 4 for updates.

- **DECEMBER BOARD MEETING**  
Sunday, December 1 @ 12:30 pm
- **SPECIAL MEETING RE: READING ROOM LOCATION**  
Thursday, December 5 @ 7:30 pm
- **PRINCIPIA CLUB CHRISTMAS SING**  
Saturday, December 14, 5-7 pm  
Third Church, Austin
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS GIVING**  
Sunday, December 15 – right after church service

## LOOKING AHEAD

- **TWO MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETINGS**  
Thursdays, January 9 & 16 at 7:30 pm

Members are urged to attend the **Special Meeting** on **Thursday, December 5** at 7:30 pm to consider the proposed options **for locating our Reading Room**, as listed in the Call Letter.

## 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  
Closed December 24 - January 2 for the holidays.

### New from The Christian Science Publishing Society - an Audio Book of *The Manual*.

3-CD set for \$45.

Pre-orders by December 1<sup>st</sup> should arrive before Christmas. What a wonderful way to start the new year listening to *The Manual*!

**It's the season of giving** - consider a donation to the Reading Room for *Science and Health* and *Bibles* to give to those in need who visit the Reading Room.

**Interested in a Bible Study** using Madelin Maupin's excellent CD's to plumb the context, geography and history of many books of the Bible? Meet once a month at the Reading Room to dig deeper.

Contact Sheri Deibert at  
[readingroom@firstcsaustin.org](mailto:readingroom@firstcsaustin.org) or call 512-472-8109.

## JOIN IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS GIVING



### Sunday, December 15 - right after church

This Christmas season, we are again partnering with SAFE's Sponsor a Family program. SAFE is a merger of Austin's Children Shelter and SafePlace, a non-profit organization providing safety and counseling for families affected by domestic violence and abuse. Paper angels will be hanging from the garland in the Children's Room hallway, holding the personal wishes of individuals living in SafePlace transitional housing or those served through its counseling program.

To participate, simply **take an angel shopping with you** and purchase the item listed on the back (suggested spend is \$25-\$50 per angel).

**Bring your unwrapped gift to the Sunday School's gift-wrapping, hymn-and-carol-singing, lunch-and-Christmas-cookie-party on December 15<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the services!**

## VIEW THIS INSPIRING TALK ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ON OUR WEBSITE

Title: *ANGRY NO MORE*  
*From Hurt to Health through Forgiveness*  
by speaker Michelle Nanouche.

A video of this lecture that was given in Austin on Saturday, November 2, 2019 is posted on our website  
[christianscienceaustin.org](http://christianscienceaustin.org)

## CHRISTMAS *Sing!*

**Saturday, December 14 at 5 - 7 pm**

At Third Church, Austin  
3575 Ranch Road 620 S Austin 78738  
**The Principia Club of Austin** invites you, your family, and friends to their annual Christmas Sing. Join us to jingle and mingle as we celebrate this wonderful time of year! All are welcome!

To RSVP, visit [principiaalumni.org/austin](http://principiaalumni.org/austin) or contact Jessica Whitney at 626-224-3633



# The Gentle Beam

December Topic:

## Christmas Joy =

Let every creature hail the morn  
 On which the holy child was born,  
 And know, through God's exceeding grace,  
 Release from things of time and place.  
 I listen, from no mortal tongue,  
 To hear the song the angels sung,  
 And wait within myself to know  
 The Christmas lilies bud and blow.  
 The outward symbols disappear  
 From him whose inward sight is clear,  
 And small must be the choice of days  
 To him who fills them all with praise.  
 Keep while ye need it, brothers mine,  
 With honest zeal your Christmas sign,  
 But judge not him who every morn  
 Feels in his heart the Lord Christ born.

Hymn 170

by John Greenleaf Whittier, Adapted

### REPORT

### BUILDING & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE WORK DAY

The Building and Maintenance committee had a work day on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> to move items from our Reading Room storage unit to the church. They were aided by their youngest committee member, who oversaw the activities. ~ Thanks guys!



### CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 11am - 2pm • Wednesday 11am - 2pm  
 Clerk's Phone Number - **512-472-2356**

### DECEMBER SENTINEL WATCH PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- Dec 2-8 – *A Christian Science response to hatred and aggression*
- Dec 9-15 – *Overcoming suicidal thinking*
- Dec 16-22 – *Riding the wave of God's spiritual power*
- Dec 23-30 – *A Christmas gift: Health, joy, and love are ours now!*
- Dec 31- Jan 5 – *Discovering your essential place in God's creation*

### SUNDAY PARKING NOW AVAILABLE AT THE NEW SXSX BUILDING NORTH OF THE CHURCH

Entrance is only open from 9-11:30 am -

- 1 – There is a Parking Sign at the entrance to the garage on Guadalupe
- 2 – Drive up the ramp to the Ticket Dispenser. Arm is down/Roll-up gate is down
- 3 – At Ticket Dispenser, a blue light will start blinking. Push the blue light button/Ticket is dispensed.
- 4 – Remove the parking ticket. Arm goes up/Roll-up Gate goes up.
- 5 – Follow the sign and park to the right in the parking places close to the elevator. **NOTE:** There is a sign at the entrance to the elevator.
- 6 – Take elevator down to the Lobby.
- 7 – Exit through the Lobby to the Church. There is a sign that points to the Exit.

#### AT CHURCH

- 1 – Take the Parking Ticket to the Church Clerk.
- 2 – The Clerk will validate the Parking Ticket by pasting a sticker on it.
- 3 – You keep the ticket to leave the Parking Garage.

#### LEAVING THE CHURCH

**[YOU MUST EXIT THE PARKING GARAGE BEFORE 12:45 PM. IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT, PARK ON THE STREET.]**

- 1 – Walk to the entrance to SXSX to the same door you left.
- 2 – An Usher will have a SXSX Security Card and will let you into the SXSX building Lobby.
- 3 – Take the elevator to your car – Probably Level Two.
- 4 – Exit on the right side of the Ticket Dispenser to the Roll-up gate, and when you get close, it will roll up. **NOTE:** When approaching the gate at too much of an angle it may not open. Try again more in front of the gate, then it will open easily.
- 5 – Go to the Ticket Dispenser and insert your stickered Parking Ticket. **NOTE:** If you don't have the Stickered Parking Ticket you can still exit but you need to use your credit card to pay for parking.
- 6 – Arm goes up.
- 7 – Exit CAREFULLY onto Guadalupe. Left turn only. Two bright yellow warning lights go on and a buzzer sounds alerting you and pedestrians. The 15<sup>th</sup> Street traffic light provides openings in the traffic.

### on the phone & web

- **OUR SUNDAY SERVICE AT 11 AM AND WEDNESDAY NOON MEETING BY PHONE**  
 Dial 512-225-3443
- 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
- **AUSTIN AREA WEBSITE**  
[www.ChristianScienceAustin.org](http://www.ChristianScienceAustin.org)  
 Includes INTERNET RADIO – 4 audio programs
- **THE MOTHER CHURCH WEBSITES**  
[www.ChristianScience.com](http://www.ChristianScience.com)  
[www.jsh-online.com](http://www.jsh-online.com)  
[www.tmcYouth.com](http://www.tmcYouth.com)
- **COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION for TEXAS**  
[www.ChristianScienceTexas.com](http://www.ChristianScienceTexas.com)
- **THE LEAVES**  
[www.TheLeaves.org](http://www.TheLeaves.org)
- **LECTURES**  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/officialcslectures>