

# NEWSLETTER



**First Church of Christ, Scientist**

**Austin, Texas**

**March 2020**

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

## CALENDAR

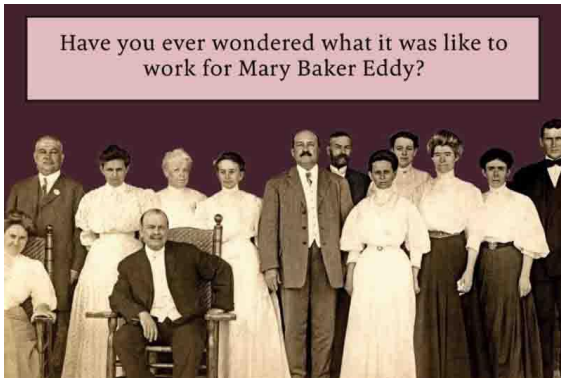
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- **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**  
*Sunday, Sunday, March 8 – Spring forward!*
- **MARCH BOARD MEETING**  
*Sunday, March 15 @ 12:30 pm*
- **LECTURE PREP MEETING Webinar**  
*Tuesday, March 24 @ 7:30 pm - details TBA*

## REPORT LONGYEAR BOOK TALK

The Longyear Museum toured Texas in February, stopping at the Laura Bush Community Library while in Austin. Heather Vogel Frederick presented her book, *Life at 400 Beacon Street Working in Mary Baker Eddy's Household* with detail and enthusiasm. Ms. Vogel showed slides and described the selfless, talented people carefully selected to make up Mrs. Eddy's Chestnuthill household.

Have you ever wondered what it was like to work for Mary Baker Eddy?



Mrs. Eddy thought of her household employees as family members rather than servants, although they did earn room, board, and a wage. They were interviewed very carefully and those hired were chosen for what they could offer in metaphysical work as well as other kinds of skills. She had from 17 to 24 on staff in the home at any given time.

"Longyear Museum is an independent historical museum dedicated to advancing the understanding of the life and work of Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer, Founder, and Leader of Christian Science."

([www.longyear.org/](http://www.longyear.org/))

This book's anecdotes, descriptions, history, and many photos of the people, rooms, gardens, and other bits from their lives promises to do just that.

## 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

"How does **The Christian Science Monitor** get to the heart of the news? By daring to see the world differently. Monitor journalists have their eyes open for the many meaningful stories that are often overlooked amid the scrum of daily deadlines. Our reporters around the world aim to shine a light on people who are overcoming barriers, pushing toward progress, and finding solutions. Our work highlights the inspired thinkers on the toughest issues of our times. We are alert to those making a difference, who offer understanding and kindness to others who experience far too little of both."

Amelia Newcomb, Managing Editor

Seeing the world differently is our work as Christian Scientists and the Reading Room is an excellent place to prayerfully think, study and discuss this spiritual perspective of the world. Take advantage of the resources we have and invite others who are thinking about how to contribute to solutions for today's world.

**Start your little ones** with a life-long foundation through the stories of noteworthy people from the Bible. We have wonderful storybooks to support their discovery of love, courage, inspiration and never giving up! Start their spiritual library at the Reading Room.

## PREP MEETING FOR APRIL LECTURES IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH

**Tuesday, March 24, at 7:30 pm**  
**Lecture Prep Meeting**

(webinar conference - details to be announced)  
for two lectures in **Spanish** by Lecturer Leide Lessa on  
**Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** at the Cepeda Library.  
The lecture, *TOMAR DECISIONES CORRECTAS*  
is at 3:30 pm and again at 4:30 pm.

These lectures will be offered again in **English** on  
**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** *MAKING THE RIGHT DECISIONS*  
at 1 pm and again at 2 pm at BookPeople on N Lamar.

The lectures will be 20 minutes long with questions and answers following.



## The Gentle Beam

March Topic:

# Beacon of Hope =

Lift up thy light, O man, arise and shine,  
Steadfast while loud the storms of life assail;  
Immortal ray of that great Light divine,  
'Gainst whose all-power no tempest shall prevail.

Hold high thy lamp above earth's restless tides,  
Beacon of hope to those who watch afar.  
Falsehood and fear shall pass, but Truth abides;  
Thine be the splendor of her deathless star.

Should the world's sin and sorrow round thee rave,  
Pierce thou the dark with Truth's undaunted ray,  
Send out its light of joy to help and save,  
That more and more shines to the perfect day.

Hymn 172

### CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 11am - 2pm • Wednesday 11am - 2pm  
Clerk's Phone Number - [512-472-2356](tel:512-472-2356)

### MARCH SENTINEL WATCH PROGRAM SCHEDULE

March 2-8 – *Parenting—what does God have to do with it?*

March 9-15 – *Compassion – divinity embracing humanity*

March 16-22 – *Replace anger with angels*

March 23-29 – *Persistence triumphs!*

March 30-April 5 – *Getting past groupthink*

### NOTES FROM THE BOARD

• At the February 6, 2020 Annual Meeting the following officers were elected:  
Board Member – Bill Klenzendorf (3 year term)  
Board Member – Jessica Whitney (3 year term)  
President – Melanie Miller (1 year term)

A big **THANK YOU** to the retiring officers: Board Members Barbara Mizell and Steve Hains; and President Susie Russell; for their service, care and love for our church.

Our new Board Chairman is Barb Mende. Bob Rutishauser is Vice-Chairman.

• On Saturday, February 15 and again on February 22nd, about 250 young people from **SXSW** visited our church from 11 AM until 1 PM for a meeting in our auditorium. The director started each meeting with some inspirational comments. They were very polite and respectful, and very careful about depositing paper cups and candy wrappings in our trash containers. On February 15 SXSW had a tray of cookies in the front of the Sunday School and about 30 visitors came into the Sunday School and many of them looked at the posters about the Ten Commandments that are on display in the Sunday School. At each meeting visitors expressed their appreciation for being able to use our auditorium. Two Board members served as hosts for the meeting and their main function was to direct visitors to the rest rooms. They also helped set up the audio visual equipment and ensured that the facility was ready for the Sunday service on the next day.

• Our current **Bylaws** are posted on our website under MEMBERS on the pages menu. Click on "First Church Bylaws."

### on the phone & web

- **OUR SUNDAY SERVICE AT 11 AM AND WEDNESDAY NOON MEETING BY PHONE**  
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