

NEWSLETTER



First Church of Christ, Scientist

Austin, Texas

September 2009

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CALENDAR

SUMMER CAMP ROUNDUP

Sunday, Sept 13, after church

BOARD MEETING

Saturday, Sept 19, 9:30 AM



The Reading Room

102 Trinity • 472-8109 - csrraustin@gmail.com

M-F 10-2 • Saturday 11-3 • Sunday 12-3

Closed for Labor Day September 7th

Summer Camp Roundup!

Join us after church on Sunday, September 13th for pizza and inspirational sharing of camp experiences by our Sunday School students who attended Summer Camps for Christian Scientists this summer.



Everyone is invited to this feast of love and sharing!

Summer Bible Camp

The Summer Bible Camp this year focused on the Beatitudes and supporting New Testament stories, such as Naaman, Zacchaeus, and Jesus feeding the multitudes. Each day of camp included music, story telling, class time to talk more in depth about each Beatitude/story, crafts and activities, snack time, and a play of The Good Samaritan, presented by two of the classes to illustrate the Golden Rule. It was a fun and inspiring week. Many thanks to all who so lovingly and selflessly supported this wonderful time for our children!



See the poster in the Sunday School for more photos of the camp.

2009 Thanksgiving Bible Lesson Booklets

Thanksgiving Bible Lesson booklets for individual Reading Room customers will be \$2.50 each or \$18.50 for a packet of 10 with envelopes.

For Committee Chairmen:

- Thanksgiving Bible Lessons Booklets
 - Packet of 10 with envelopes – 14.95 (cost)
(Please order these by the packet)
- Thanksgiving Sharing Kits – 89.99 (cost)
 - 7 Thanksgiving Bible Lesson packets, each containing 10 booklets with envelope.
 - 6 print-outs of the *my Bible Lesson* Thanksgiving issue.
 - 3 CDs of the audio Thanksgiving Bible Lesson.
 - 25 *Save the Date* postcards. (Cards to be put in the Thanksgiving Bible Lesson booklets with the date and time of our Thanksgiving Day service.)

The Publishing Society is asking for early orders on Thanksgiving Bible Lesson booklets so they will know the volume that Reading Rooms will need. If your committee work this year includes sharing Thanksgiving Bible Lesson booklets, let your Board contact know how many you will need. The Reading Room would to have a reply on this by mid-September.

Monitor Subscriptions

It's that time of the year to renew Christian Science Monitor gift subscriptions to area high schools. Please consider an extra contribution to the church's Monitor Fund to support this gift to the high school students in our community.

Musicians

We are pleased that our Organist, Stephen McElroy, and Soloist, Angela Irving, will continue their Soul-filled work for our services. Please be sure to thank them for their beautiful contributions to our church.

The Gentle Beam

September Topic:



A member responded to our request that members give extra prayerful support for our church and Reading Room with the following:

“One of the thoughts that came to me was that because Church is ‘the structure of Truth and Love,’ this love of Love embraces all who approach it enabling man to feel this love and act and do the will of God which blesses himself and others. Man is not separate from Love and is guided in all actions, because God is omni-action and is guarding, protecting, and willing only good. And since Church is a mental concept and not in matter, we can lift up the Christ which dwells in consciousness and know that that sends forth the "streams of love" which cover all His ideas.”

We invite you to share your unfoldments and to suggest future topics.

Please say HELLO to our
NEW MEMBER!
Elizabeth Moliter



LITERATURE IN SPANISH NEEDED

A group of Christian Scientists in Ciudad Victoria, Mexico, have been giving lectures and workshops for a few years. As many as 300 people have attended.

They have now received notification from The Mother Church that they can be designated as a Society. They would be most grateful to receive literature in Spanish. If you have any old or new literature, pamphlets or books in Spanish to donate, two of our church members will send it to the brother of one of the Society's organizers. He lives in San Benito, Texas and his sister will come to pick up the literature. Just leave it in the coatroom and we will take it from there!

Our Reading Room also has a need for literature in Spanish, so your donations are much needed.

Help needed in the Congo:

We have received the following email from the Christian Science Society, Ngaliema, Kinshasa Democratic Republic of Congo
christiansciencengaliema@yahoo.fr

“To the members of administration council
first church :texas

Concern: help

Dear brothers and sisters

Our society exists since 1982. We have rented the halls but afterall we found ourselves out on the street.

This is now 5 years a member of our society has accepted that we pray in his sitting-room. During all that time thanks to the prayers we manage to save 2000 \$ in order to buy our own ground for our society. But the ground costs the most expensive. We are asked to leave this sitting-room at august 2009. We would not like to be once more out on the street, neither spending our savings So we has think to ask you to lend us hand with any financial assistance.

with much love

For administration council
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clerk”

[For background information, see articles in the Christian Science Journals March and June 2009.]

After checking with The Mother Church, we have found that the only practical way to get funds to this society is to wire transfer the funds to the society's bank account. If you would like to contribute funds, please note on the collection envelope that the funds are for the Society in Congo. We will send a consolidated wire transfer to the Society after the September 13 deadline.

SUMMARY OF JULY '09 FUNDS REPORT:

General Fund	\$ 7,747
Major Repair Fund *	3,065
Reserve Fund	13,905
Broadcast Fund	1,823
AAIM Fund	630
* Balance Due on HVAC loan	\$ 67,734.86
Monthly payment	\$ 1,487.13

Thank you for your support of this fund.

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- SENTINEL • RADIO EDITION • Press 2
 - THE WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON • Press 3
- Dial • 512-703-8010 • available anytime, anywhere
For church information • Press 4

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