

JOINTLY MAINTAINED CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM LOS ANGELES

April, 2009 Edition

Note from Librarian

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Visit us!

- **In person:**

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Mon. – Fri.
(Closed on major holidays)

- **Online:**

www.christian-scienceinfo.com/jointr

Having just celebrated Easter, we can pause and reflect on what Mary Baker Eddy stated in 1902 that we may always have “a pure peace, a fresh joy, a clear vision of heaven here, - heaven within us -- and an awakened sense of the risen Christ.” (*The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany*, 155:18)

There is always an opportunity to connect with that Easter gladness every moment. Christian Science Reading Rooms provide that opportunity every day. Please visit a Christian Science Reading Room near you during the International Reading Room Open House this April 16-19!

At the Jointly Maintained Christian Science Reading Room, we will be focusing on how *The Christian Science Monitor*, expresses that Christ concept of “injuring no man, but blessing all mankind.” (*Miscellaneous Writings*, 353:17) Feel free to come by the JMCSRRLA and get a sample copy of the new weekly edition!

We continue to have many other spiritual resources for you to use or purchase. Come in to read or listen to Bible Lessons, weekly and monthly magazines, and podcasts from www.spirituality.com. The JMCSRRLA is located at the Water Court of the California Two Tower, right down from MOCA, at 350 South Grand Avenue.

If you would like to help, prayerful and financial support is gratefully accepted. Keep in mind that the special Grand Performances will be starting soon here at the Water Court, and we are looking for volunteers to help serve in the JMCSRRLA during the extended hours on the weekends. Please contact the Librarian for an application.



Fruitage

Men and women from all types of backgrounds and understanding of Christian Science have come in to browse, ask questions, purchase literature, study the Bible in a group, and prayerfully study on their own. In March we had 114 visitors, and so far in April we have had 53 people visit. Here are some observations about the good that is going on at the JMCSRRLA:

- The Bible Lesson on DVD which is played in the front window, as well as in the media room upon request, was watched by several people recently. Often when people are on their way down to the subway, they will pause and read a few lines from the Bible lesson, and one individual even situated himself while he was eating his lunch to read the whole sermon.
- Also, when people see the sign that says “Gratitude brings blessings” they will look through the glass and smile before heading on their way.
- Several people who have seen the sign for the Bible Study have come in to inquire about it. One woman, totally new to Christian Science, even bought the *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* to study!
- After coming up to the window to look at the new *Christian Science Monitor* weekly edition display of the first page of the April 12th edition, a gentleman came in to read the sample copy in the study room.
- The woman, who distributes the free copies of the Downtown LA Guide and map, engaged in a wonderful dialogue about Christian Science and was very open to sharing the ideas with others, saying often “that is good to know” and “I like that.” She helped put me in touch with the man who does the website write up, so that we could correct the description of what a Christian Science Reading Room is (previously they had something about Scientology up there.) It has been corrected though! Also, when she saw the Committee of 500 donation form and buttons, she said she would take one and think about donating!
- Several people have come in on their morning or lunch breaks to talk about Christian Science, and the conversation is always lively, but respectful and open. Each time somebody has come in, they never leave empty handed, whether they purchase something, or are given a sample copy of the Christian Science literature.

*If you would like to contribute your gratitude for future newsletters,
please feel free to email your ideas to jmcsrlla@gmail.com.*

Upcoming Events - Bible Focus

Bible Study in Palos Verdes Peninsula

April 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and all third Saturdays of the month. Meet in the Sunday School room of 1st Church of Christ, Scientist, Palos Verdes Peninsula. Bring your translation with you!

More info: 310.377.5444 (Reading Room), 310.375.7914 (Church)
4010 Palos Verdes Dr. N., Palos Verdes Estates

Bible Study in Downtown Los Angeles:

April 23rd from 12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Jointly Maintained Christian Science Reading Room of Greater Los Angeles. Join us in our self-directed, small group discussions on Thursdays every other week. All are welcome to share their understanding of, and supporting study materials for, the Bible. Please be prepared to discuss Chapters 12, 13, and 14 of Genesis, and bring a study Bible with you. Public transportation is highly recommended.

More info: 213.928.0920, jmcrrla@gmail.com

Bible Study in Long Beach

April 24th at 7:00 p.m. at Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist, Long Beach. The subject for discussion will be the week's Bible lesson on "Probation After Death."

More info: 562.434.0669, FifthChurchLB@aol.com
5871 Naples Plaza, Long Beach 90803

Bible Study in Brentwood

June 8th (No meeting in May) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and *most* second Mondays of the month. Study and share insights of John's Gospel. Meet in the Sunday School room of Tenth Church of Christ, Scientist, Los Angeles. All are welcome! Join at 6 p.m. for an Agape (potluck) dinner.

More info: 310.820.2014, tenthrr@gmail.com
1133 S. Bundy Dr., Los Angeles (*one block north of Wilshire*)

Upcoming Events - Special Church Services

Sunday evenings, 8:00 p.m. at the Thirty-sixth Church of Christ, Scientist Los Angeles.
More info: 818.761.4322 or <http://36thchurch.tripod.com/>
4032 Whitsett Avenue, Studio City

Sunday evenings, 5:00 p.m. at the First Church of Christ, Scientist Newport Beach.
More info: 949.673.1340, <http://www.cs-nb.com/>
3303 Via Lido, Newport Beach, CA 92663-3906

Options for hearing the Bible Lesson

1) First Church of Christ, Scientist in Newport Beach:

- Call in within the ten minutes before our 10am Sunday morning services or our 7:30pm Wednesday evening meetings
- Dial **218.936.7979** and use the participant access code **542230#**
- More info: <http://www.cs-nb.com/>

2) Christian Science Society in San Juan Capistrano:

- To participate by phone, please dial: **605.475.6350** Access code: **12111#** (Be sure to press the # sign.) To participate via Skype on the internet, please dial: **+9900827047193996 (room number 7193996)**
- Our service times are Pacific Standard or Daylight Time: Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Evening Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
- More info: <http://www.csinsanjuancapistrano.com>

3) Weekly Bible Lesson, listen 24 hours on telephone 323.644.2112:

The Christian Science Joint Media Committee of Southern California hosts a 24-hour Bible Lesson telephone line 323.644.2112 offering an introduction to the weekly Lesson, and the ability to select each of the individual sections in the Lesson.

HYMN SING

April 19th at 11:30 a.m. come and sing hymns from the new Hymnal Supplement at Second Church of Christ, Scientist in Ventura. Bring family and friends for this joyous occasion! Refreshments will be served. "Come let us sing, praising our God and our King." (Hymn 283)
More info: www.prayerthatheals.org
469 N. Victoria Ave., Ventura

Upcoming Events - Sentinel Radio and Podcasts:

Christian Science Sentinel Radio Edition

April 18 – 24, 2009

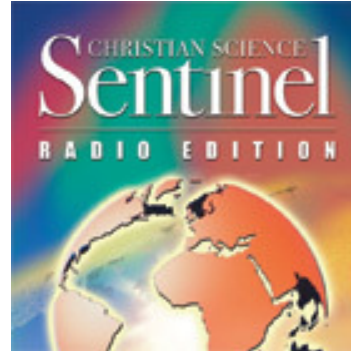
Rebuilding the world economy [#916]

April 25 – May 1, 2009

Never trapped by mistakes [#917]

May 2 – May 8, 2009

Living a Spirit-based life [#918]



Listen **Sunday mornings:**

7:00 a.m. on KIRN 670 AM and 9:00 a.m. on KVTA 1520 AM.

More information: www.spirituality.com/sentinel-radio

Live Audio Chat/Podcast on www.spirituality.com:

Spiritual healing—more than a matter of faith



Mark Swinney, C.S.B.
Tuesday, April 28, 2009
11:00am PST - 12:00pm PST

Many people believe that God will heal only people who are specially favored or have great faith, but Christian Science explains that divine Love's purpose is to bless all of its children, and that healing comes about through the Science of Christianity that Jesus taught and which is still present for everyone today. As the discoverer of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy put it, "The time for the reappearing of the divine healing is throughout all time; . . ." (*Science and Health*, p. 55). Send your questions to this experienced healer, and discover that spiritual healing is more than a hope—it can be a provable reality.

More information and for past chats available as podcasts: www.spirituality.com/chats

Prayer Heals

Call the toll-free number **888.668.9051** anytime, day or night, to listen to one of 90 short, taped messages of how people have been healed of many types of problems through Christian Science. Hear them tell about it in their own words.

Upcoming Events - Meetings, Workshops and Lectures

International Reading Room Open House

April 16-19th Christian Science Reading Rooms around the world will open their doors in one simultaneous, united, prayer-filled effort over these four days. Please support your local Reading Room. More info: www.christiansciencereadingroom.com (Most Los Angeles Christian Science Reading Rooms are participating.)

Annual Southern California Regional Workshop

April 18th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Thirty-sixth Church of Christ, Scientist, Los Angeles hear guest speaker Christian Science Practitioner Lona Ingwerson, as well as a panel of reps, officers, chaplains, liaisons, and branch church board members. The theme of the meeting is "Awake thou that sleepest." A light lunch will be provided. You may download the early registration form from the website, and if you are unable to pre-register you will still be able to register at the workshop on Saturday morning, 9:00 a.m. Workshop materials will be available at the Registration table. Event is free, and all are welcome to participate!

More info: 866.951.3011, <http://www.cscainstwork.org/events.html>
4032 Whitsett Avenue, Studio City

Human Problems – Spiritual Solutions

April 19th at 4:00 p.m. hear Eberhard Lasch, Christian Science practitioner, teacher, and member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship at the Encinitas Community Center.

More info: 858.756.2960

1140 Oakcrest Park Dr., Encinitas

Take Charge of your Thinking

April 25th at 3:00 p.m. hear Kari Mashos, a Christian Science Lecturer at the Thousand Oaks Library.

More info: 805.495.3203 or 805.495.8202

1401 E Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks

Does Christian Science Really Heal Sickness and Sin?

April 30th at 7:30 p.m. hear John Adams, a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship at the Pacific Palisades Public Library.

More info: 310.454.2547

861 Alma Real Dr., Pacific Palisades

and

May 2nd at 2:00 p.m. hear John Adams, again at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, La Canada Flintridge.

More info: 626.577.5780

600 Foothill Blvd., La Canada Flintridge

Prayer: Practical Solutions in Economic Hard Times

April 30th at 7 p.m. hear Ron Ballard, international speaker, practitioner, and teacher of Christian Science at the Beal Memorial Library Auditorium. You'll explore how a deeper understanding of God and our relationship with Him can change our perceptions and reveal resources that may be overlooked, and how to look for and unleash your divine resources. Free to the public, and child care is provided for young children. Sponsored by Christian Science Churches in Bakersfield and Delano.

More info: 661.324.6938 or 661.323.1806

Upcoming Events - Meetings, Workshops and Lectures continued

Realize Your Potential

May 4th at 7 p.m. hear Evan Mehlenbacher, Christian Science practitioner and teacher, speak on how living true to your spirituality conquers limits and enables you to realize your potential for living a happy, healthy, whole life. The lecture will be held at the Santa Barbara Public Library. Free childcare will be provided, and city parking is adjacent. Sponsored by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Santa Barbara

More info: 805.966.4007, www.christiansciencesantabarbara.com
40 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara

Screening of “Who Shall be Called? The Pleasant View Household: Working and Watching.”

May 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. see the newest documentary from Longyear Museum at the Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist edifice.

More info: 562.434.0669, FifthChurchLB@aol.com
5871 Naples Plaza, Long Beach 90803

Finding Home ... “On earth as it is in heaven”

May 21st at 7:30 p.m. hear Christian Science Practitioner Ginny Luedeman at the Pacific Palisades Christian Science Church.

More info: 310.454.2547
15201 Bestor Blvd. at Monument, Pacific Palisades

God’s Law of Abundance Available in ANY Economy

May 23rd at 11:00 a.m. hear Marta Greenwood, a Christian Science practitioner, teacher, and member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship at Twenty-eighth Church of Christ, Scientist, Los Angeles in Westwood Village.

More info: 310.208.3814, <http://28ccs.com/>
1018 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles

Monthly Meeting of The Christian Science Committee on Institutional Work in Greater Los Angeles

May 30th at 9:30 a.m. The Christian Science Committee on Institutional Work in Greater Los Angeles, which works in State and Federal institutions around Los Angeles, invites you to join the next monthly telephone conference call. Reports from Christian Science chaplains who work at Terminal Island and Metropolitan Detention Center, both Federal facilities, and at the State prison in Lancaster are on the agenda. You can phone in toll-free beginning at 9:15 a.m. at **1.800.371.8200** using the access code **73180**. All are welcome to join in. The topic for prayerful discussion is “All are the sons and daughters of God.”

Remove the Mask and See the Child of God

Hear and see Tim Myers, a Christian Science practitioner and lecturer, giving this inspired talk at Forty-third Church of Christ, Scientist, Woodland Hills by going to this website:
www.christiansciencewoodlandhills.com

Upcoming Events - Youth and Young Adult Focus

Christian Science Organization HooHa

April 18th – 19th starting at 1:00 p.m. The HooHa is a great opportunity for Christian Science college students in Southern CA to unite and share experiences. The UCLA ORG President, Marshall Thomas will be hosting it in Laguna Beach, and it is a pool, beach, bonfire, inspirational Christian Science talk, sleepover with church at Laguna Beach on Sunday, and a BBQ by the pool at Marshall's to finish the weekend. Bring a sleeping bag and \$25 for the four meals.

More info/directions and to RSVP: 949.244.8851, mnthomas@ucla.edu

Finding a job, what to do next? A spiritual approach

April 30th at 6:30 pm. hear Evan Mehlenbacher, Christian Science practitioner and teacher give a talk on campus at USC. Paid primarily through TMCYouth. The theme of the lecture will be about finding your path after college and how to take a spiritual approach to your job search. High school seniors through college seniors are welcomed to attend. Contact Greg Heining, CSO President, USC for more details.

More info/directions: 774.283.1117, heining@usc.edu

Young Adult Discussions Meetings

Second Sundays at 7:00 p.m. 20/30-somethings are invited to meet at the San Juan Capistrano Society to join others their age discuss issues they are dealing with – through a spiritual, Christian Science, lens.

More info: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ssinsanjuan/>
31897 Del Obispo, Suite 120, San Juan Capistrano

Operation Testimony Meeting (OTM)

On the **first Wednesday** of the month, join a group of young adult “church hoppers” who visit different testimony meetings around Los Angeles. All Christian Science young adults and their friends are welcome!

More info: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/discoverybound>

Purpose: Letting your brilliance shine through

May 16th at 1st Church of Christ, Scientist, Glendale:

1:45 - 2:45 p.m. snacks will be served.

3:00 lecture starts promptly.

Tom McElroy, a Christian Science practitioner and lecturer, will be giving an inspirational talk for young people. Everyone up to the age of 30 is welcome to attend this free talk. Parents or adults accompanying a minor may also attend. Child care and parking are provided at no charge.

More info: 818.241.4107, www.fccsglendale.com
1320 North Brand Blvd., Glendale

Upcoming Events - Youth focus continued

10 Commandments 10 Promises

May 24th at Twenty-eighth Church of Christ, Scientist, Los Angeles:

11:15 a.m. Sunday School Open House with pizza

12:00 p.m. Special youth talk on 10 Commandments for those 8 and younger.

12:30 p.m. 10 Commandments – 10 Promises Sunday School lecture

Marta Greenwood, a practitioner and teacher of Christian Science healing will be giving these special talks for youth. Child care is provided for the youngest children and free parking is available. Invite your friends and family!

More info: 310.208.3814, <http://28ccs.com/>

1018 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles

Realizing Your Full Potential

June 22nd at 7:00 p.m. hear Christian Science Lecturer, Evan Mehlenbacher give an informal talk over pizza at the Christian Science Reading Room of Westlake Village. This talk is for **young adults ages 20-35**, and child care is available if needed. Sponsored by the Christian Science Churches in Ventura County.

More info: 805.495.8208, evancsb@verizon.net, <http://www.findevan.com>, and

www.prayerthatheals.org/youth

2900 Townsgate Road, Westlake Village

How You Can Heal with Your Prayers

June 23rd at 6:30 p.m. hear Christian Science Lecturer, Evan Mehlenbacher give an informal talk over pizza. This talk is for **teens only, ages 13-19**. Sponsored by the Christian Science Churches in Ventura County.

More info/directions: 805.492.7896, evancsb@verizon.net, <http://www.findevan.com>, and

www.prayerthatheals.org/youth

Venidas actos en Español

Sesiones Testimoniales en Español

Los viernes a las 7:30 de la tarde las juntas en el Salón de Lectura son reuniones informales para estudiar La Biblia relative a *Ciencia y Salud con Clave a la Sagrada Escritura*. Compartan sus experiencias de gratitud y curación, participien en conversación, y comprendan mejor nuestra relación con Dios.

Más información: 866.374.3747 (GRATIS)
6218-B, West Manchester Ave., Westchester

Servicios de la Christian Science en ESPAÑOL Y INGLÉS

Allí se puede oír personas que hablan de sus experiencias de curación por medio de la oración en Christian Science: **Los miércoles** a las 7 de la tarde en Third Church of Christ, Scientist.

Más información: En el internet hay servicios dominicales de la Christian Science en ESPAÑOL vaya a www.csdirectoryespanol.com (se puede oírlos por teléfono) favor de llamar 213.623.2185
730 South Hope Street, Los Angeles

Problemas Humanos – Soluciones Espirituales

El sabado, abril 18 a las 3 de la tarde oír Eberhard Lasch, CSB, Miembro del cuerpo de conferenciantes de la Ciencia Cristiana, en el Sociedad de la Ciencia Cristiana de Encinitas. En sus charlas Lasch explica como muchas personas han mejorado sus vidas por confiar en Dios.

Más información: 866.374.3747 (GRATIS)
514 2nd Street, Encinitas

¡Escuche! **EDICIÓN RADIAL**

Entrevistas pensativas de personas que han descubierto como el amor de Dios responde a todas nuestras necesidades y sana todos los problemas y las enfermedades en **KHJ – La Ranchera**, en el **930** de su dial A.M., **todos los domingos** a las 7 de la mañana

abril 19 El poder del hogar (*The power of home*)

abril 26 La Biblia: ideas que nos liberan (*The Bible: freeing Ideas*)

Spanish Outreach Committee / Christian Science Joint Media Committee

Más información: favor de llamar gratis a 866.374.3747, www.elheradlocs.com,
www.espiritualidad.com

¡Y Más!

Desde La Iglesia Madre se transmite por el Internet cada día de la semana el servicio **todos los domingos** grabado en español. Para escucharlo copiarse lo siguiente en la ventanilla buscadora del Internet: http://www.tfccs.com/bostonactivities/spanish_sundayservice.jhtml.

También, entrando al Internet por <http://www.csdirectoryespanol.com> conseguirá el título "Iglesia Interactiva." Debajo ese título, haga clic donde dice y abra las instrucciones en español que explican como escuchar el servicio en español cuando se actualice los domingos a las 11:30 A.M. hora de California.

DONATION FORM

If you enjoy this spiritual resource, and would like to help us continue to serve the Greater Los Angeles community, your monetary donation would be much appreciated! Please consider becoming a member of the Committee of 500!

Several years ago, members of the JMCSRRLA Committee figured that if 500 people in the Los Angeles area contributed an annual amount of \$120, or a monthly amount of \$10, that the JMCSRRLA would be able to completely meet its financial responsibilities every month. The idea took off, and the name "Committee of 500" stuck.

Unfortunately, the Committee of 500 has never reached the full potential of its name. But, with your help, we can change that. Would you be able to give at least \$120 a year, or at least \$10 a month? Could you help spread the word by sharing this "Friends of the JMCSRRLA Newsletter" with at least one more person? Thank you for taking this opportunity to actively support the JMCSRRLA!

You are invited to make checks out to JMCSRRLA, or consider using your Visa, MasterCard, or American Express credit card for your tax-deductible gift.

Please complete the information below and fax it to: 213.928.0920, or mail it to: JMCSRRLA, 350 S. Grand Ave., Ste. R-1B, Los Angeles, CA 90071-3461.

"The systematized centres of Christian Science are life-giving fountains of truth."

Mary Baker Eddy, page 113:28 of Miscellaneous Writings

I wish to **JOIN** the Committee of 500

I wish to **RENEW** my annual/monthly membership in the Committee of 500

Please write clearly:

Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

Address: _____

Best phone number to reach you: _____

Payment options:

1) Included is a *check* for: _____ [OR]

2) I authorize the JMCSRRLA to debit my *credit card (or debit card)* as follows:

Amount: _____ **Circle when:** Monthly on the 15th, this month only

Circle kind of card: Visa MC AmEx **Expiration date:** _____

Account number: _____

Signature: _____

Today's Date: _____