

# CHRISTIAN SCIENCE COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL WORK IN TEXAS

Giving a “cup of cold water in Christ’s name” in state, federal, county, juvenile, substance abuse, as well as nursing facilities, and never fearing the consequences.

## What you should know about January – June 2021

- ❖ We have a bulk subscription for 600 copies of the Quarterly Bible Lesson digital edition currently being mailed to 67 different facilities
- ❖ 19 new names were added to the mailing list for the Bible Lesson mailing; 24 were removed
- ❖ We have 202 *Christian Science Sentinel* subscriptions
- ❖ We have 383 subscriptions to *The Christian Science Monitor*
- ❖ This office distributed 120 *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*; 138 Bibles; 812 items from the Reading Room including Concordances and Bible reference material; 85 Prose Works; 131 biographies; 71 Hymnals; 126 Manuals
- ❖ Spanish material distributed: 13 *Science and Health*; 9 Bibles; 249 *Heralds*; 245 Spanish Full Text; 68 Spanish translated biographies or other writings by Mary Baker Eddy
- ❖ 56 donated periodicals were mailed to individuals
- ❖ 452 letters written from State Committee office
- ❖ Six new applications for membership in The Mother Church
- ❖ Austin Zone volunteers served Gardner Betts Juvenile facility by sharing periodicals and has one “mentor through mail” volunteer
- ❖ DFW Zone volunteers provided support as “mentors through mail” as all facilities were closed. They also held Zoom mentoring meetings with men re-entering society.
- ❖ Houston Zone volunteers remained very active writing letters. They also support a group of men that have re-entered society with study sessions each week.
- ❖ San Antonio Zone provided continued support as “mentor through mail” volunteers.
- ❖ Individuals in Abilene, Amarillo, El Paso, Georgetown, Lubbock, Midland, and Tyler have been writing letters as well!

## NEWS TO REPORT

1. The Houston Zone volunteers have begun Sunday services again at the Ramsey Unit!
2. While facilities were closed to volunteers, the healing message of the Christ, Truth as given in Christian Science was a constant presence. The weekly Bible Lesson sermon mailings and periodicals from the Christian Science Publishing Society continued uninterrupted. Requests for material come daily due to the wonderful foundation in place with the men sharing with one another.



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2021 State Committee  
Annual Meeting at  
First Church of Christ,  
Scientist, New Braunfels,  
137 E. Mill St., 78130  
Saturday, October 9<sup>TH</sup>  
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
in person and via Zoom  
Guest speaker Brian Hall  
Chaplain (Major) USAR

3. The Principle Foundation is offering support for incarcerated Christian Scientists. Funds are available for basic needs like fans, clothing, shoes or hygiene items. For the citizens newly released, funding for housing, bus transportation, and food allowances will be made on a case by case basis. Contact – Jeff Harbin

## GRATITUDE FROM INSIDE

A. M., McConnell Unit – “I never heard of Christian Science until I came here and a friend of mine that I met here presented me with a copy of Science and Health. From the first time I read a few pages from it, it touched my spirit and I knew I wasn’t reading “no bull” .... It refers to me as a physician, spiritual and mental being. I ask myself one question: if Christian Science is healing and restoring people to their actual nature as God’s/Mind’s reflection without the use of matter or material things, why is it not popular or most talked about, not that I’m saying it for the fame or recognition but out of the “miracles” and healing Mind power that are being done?”

R. F., Estelle Unit – In a letter thanking us for a *Sentinel* subscription he writes, “I have been in my cell for over three weeks with an individual whom I hold nothing in common and I feel like I could do this for years. I have been very fortunate to feel the true spiritual nature of Life, but before Christian Science I had no knowledge of how Truth, Life, Love, God really worked in my life, or my place within Life. It’s a good place.”

R. B., Ramsey Unit – In a thank you note for services, periodicals and gratitude for being a member of TMC writes, “I was first introduced to Christian Science by a young man by the name B.G.D. Since then, the Love of Christ became very clear to me by the many volunteer chaplains that have embraced me. Mr. & Mrs. W. and Mr. & Mrs. B. showed me the true meaning of reflecting the Love of Christ. Please thank the financial donors for me. They are truly a help in my spiritual growth. Now that I finally understand who God is, I finally understand what He is saying. If there is anything that I can do please feel free to ask.”

K. H., Sr., Estelle Unit – writes, “I knew from my study of Christian Science that it was best to pay attention to God, not be fixed on a problem. For me this included being careful not to examine myself in the mirror so that the physical evidence wouldn’t grab my attention or impress me. Science and Health. The effect of mortal mind on health and happiness is seen in this if one turns away from the body with such absorbed interest as to forget it, the body experiences no pain.”

D. E., Cleveland Unit - “I received your letter with inspiration, “Watch and Be Ready” (a Daily Lift). I enjoyed that. It is something I try to do every day, thru out the day. I start into reading Science and Health, my Bible and other things like the Sentinel and I find things that I know is right because of the way it makes me feel. It gives me an uplift, a start for the day. A good one I found in Science and Health pg. 261, ‘We should forget our bodies in remembering good and the human race. Good demands of man every hour in which to work out the problem of being.’ This gets to a point that says we have to always be working towards the good, the more you do the more you know; can feel it, with God that we are doing something right.”



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- Write letters
- Attend training to be a volunteer chaplain
- Make a donation



Be a light shining in the darkness!

If you would like to read more of the gratitude from the men and women we serve and/or volunteer chaplain reports, please email the Executive Secretary Elizabeth Arnett at [elizarnett@att.net](mailto:elizarnett@att.net) to sign up for quarterly updates.