



EBlast of September 21, 2019

First Church of Christ, Scientist

San Juan Capistrano

Founding Purpose

Our purpose is to promote unconditional love, spiritual growth and healing based on the Bible and the writings of Mary Baker Eddy.

*Brood o'er us with Thy sheltering wing, Neath which our spirits blend
Like brother birds that soar and sing, And on the same branch bend....*
Hymn 30, by Mary Baker Eddy

September Tithing Recipient

First Church, San Juan, tithes 10% of the collections received each month to a specific local, national, or international organization whose mission the membership has chosen to support. Even more important than our monetary contributions is our support of the recipient's mission through our individual and collective prayers. The prayerful needs of each month's recipient are announced at our services. Our 2019 September Tithing Recipient is:

WIN - Worldwide Impact Now

Worldwide Impact Now - or WIN. WIN has stood with pro-democracy ethnic groups of Burma since 2004. These ethnic groups – American friends since WWII – now face destruction at the hands of the Burmese generals backed by China. With the understanding that “freedom in our land depends on freedom in their land,” WIN works with these indigenous people of Burma and their supporters to promote solutions by which all sides in Burma will be blessed. For more information, go to: www.worldwide-impact-now.org. Tim Heinemann, founder and member, will give an update on WIN after church, Sunday, September 29th.

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are requested to know....

- that ethnic leaders will not to be coerced and corrupted by personal fears and greed
- that Burmese generals will see that together with ethnics their diversity can make them a strong nation
- that the U.S. government will be alert to the strategic importance of taking a moral stand for ethnic rights
- that U.S. corporations will take a moral stand; will not empower Burmese generals because it is profitable

Petals of Africa School Update

On the last 2 pages of this EBlast, you will read about the progress of a grateful graduate, Mitchele Atieno, as well as other improvements in the school and on the grounds from another of our tithing partners that we have supported for many years ---

Petals of Africa School in Kenya



Jesus taught and proved that what feeds a few feeds all.
My. 303:20-21





Local Lecture this Sunday

A New View of God and its Effect on Well-being

by Philip Hockley, CS

Sunday afternoon, September 22nd at 2 p.m., you and your guests are invited to hear a talk given by

Christian Science lecturer, Philip Hockley, at
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Laguna Beach

635 High Drive

Laguna Beach, CA 92651

949-494-3040

To listen by phone, call 605-313-5105, Access Code: 947426#



In bird, in sunbeam, light and flower

Thy grace and goodness may be seen.

Hymn 45

Inspirational Meeting Monday

This coming Monday evening, September 23rd at 7 p.m. will be our monthly inspirational meeting when we will share unfoldment and inspiration on the 2 topics we've been studying and praying about this past month. The first, from the Committee on Publication for southern California, was to *heal and counter the misperception that Christian Science is irrelevant*. The 2nd topic we have been praying about has been *safety*. You are welcome to join us for this meeting which will take place solely on our teleconference line. Just call 805-309-2350 and put in Access Code 12111#.



Give us this day our daily bread

Give us grace for to-day; feed the famished affections;

The Lord's Prayer & its spiritual sense, by Mary Baker Eddy, S&H 17



Written by Members

Christian Science healing, a unique approach, by Deborah Huebsch

Christian Science Sentinel, September 16, 2019

<https://sentinel.christianscience.com/issues/2019/9/121-37/christian-science-healing-a-unique-approach>

The worst/best freshman year ever, by Kaily Johnson

Christian Science Sentinel, September 9, 2019

<https://sentinel.christianscience.com/web-originals/2019/the-worst-best-freshman-year-ever>

It's a sweet dance when God leads, by Tien Langlois

The Daily Lift, July 10, 2019

<https://castbox.fm/episode/It's-a-sweet-dance-when-God-leads-id1073187-id169309529?country=us>

A youth's prayers and a grandfather's healing, by C. Warren Gruenig

Christian Science Journal, March 1, 2019

<https://jsh.christianscience.com/content/search?SearchText=Gruenig&PrimarySort=2>



A mother's love is whole no matter how many times divided.

Robert Brault





Freedom Sunday

Please join churches all over the world on September 29th when prayers from many faith communities will be offered to the world in support of freedom from modern slavery --- whether in terms of human trafficking, organ trafficking, forced labor or prostitution. We can also pray in general for freedom from all sin, from fear, from drugs, from depression, from whatever would hold mankind in bondage.



*As bird voices mingle in joyful refrain,
So God's loving children in concord remain. Hymn 236*

Upcoming Date to Note

Broadview's 2019 Annual Meeting

Growth in Grace

Saturday, September 28th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Presentations as well as a lecture by Philip Hockley, CS

<https://csbroadview.org/>

A light lunch will be served in the garden following the program.



*Thou Love that guards the nestling's faltering flight!
Keep Thou my child on upward wing tonight. Hymn 207*



Welcome New Members!

- ❖ Jewel Fredrickson, St. Louis, MO
- ❖ Maryanne Hendrie, South Pasadena, CA
- ❖ Roger & Penny Strelow, Newport Beach, CA



*Lord,
Your lovingkindness is a wondrous thing;
We will shelter safely underneath Your wing.
Hymn 528*

Lola Kristine at The Ranch

Come, dine, and hear one of our favorite soloists, Lola Kristine, sing and play keyboard at *The Ranch* in Laguna Beach on these dates:

- ❖ Friday, October 25, 2019 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- ❖ Friday, November 15, 2019 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm



Look at the birds in the air, they do not sow or reap or store into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more valuable than they? Matthew 6





Fruitage from a service in our local jails

A gentleman in one of our services confessed that he was not able to read at all. However, during the service he was listening very attentively. When he heard a verse, in part, from Psalm 41, "...thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face forever...". He simply looked up and uttered, "Wow". This is such a great example of Truth reaching our attendees and beyond. The Bible Lesson—the "inaudible voice of Truth" (*Science and Health*, page 559) does speak; that's what it was designed to do.



*Spirit duly feeds and clothes every object, as it appears in the line
Of spiritual creation, thus tenderly expressing the fatherhood and
motherhood of God.*
S&H 507:3-6

Our Reading Room — so much more!

Our Christian Science Reading Room is not just for Christian Scientists. It is a center for exploring spirituality and healing, a community bookstore, a lending library and much more! The Reading Room in the church is open on Tuesdays from 10 am to 1 pm and on Thursdays from 1 pm to 4 pm. It is open right after our Wednesday and Sunday services as well. The Reading Room is also available on our Teleconference line --- Monday, Friday and Saturdays between 12 noon and 1 pm as well as on Wednesday afternoons from 1 pm to 3 pm and on Thursdays from 9 am to 10 am.



*Like a bird protecting its young, God will cover you with His feathers, will protect
you under His great wings.*
Psalms 91



Join us for any of these weekly meetings:

Tuesday Prayer for the World:	12:00 pm - Teleconference only
Wednesday Evening Meetings:	7:30 pm - Room, Teleconference and the Internet
Thursday Bible Lesson Study:	10:30 am - Teleconference only
Sunday Service & Sunday School:	10:00 am - Room, Teleconference and the Internet
Sunday Sermon on the Mount:	6:10 pm - Teleconference only



One touch of nature makes the whole world kin. **William Shakespeare**

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Childcare is offered at all our services.



*Beneath the shadow
of His mighty wing;
In that sweet secret
of the narrow way,
Seeking and finding,
with the angels sing:*

*"Lo, I am with you
always,"—watch and pray.*

Hymn 207
by Mary Baker Eddy





Petals of Africa School News



Meet Petals Graduate Mitchele Atieno

After four years at Petals of Africa School, Mitchele graduated in 2015. She is now in her final year at Kapsabet Girls Secondary School and exceling academically. Mitchele and her four siblings are being raised by a single mom. Her father was killed in 2008 during the post-election violence in Naivasha, where he was working at a flower farm.

Mitchele's mother is a subsistence farmer, growing enough to feed her family and selling any surplus to help meet the needs of her family.

Mitchele took advantage of her time at Petals, working hard and finishing as the top student in her 8th grade class. Thanks to a generous sponsor, she was able to attend high school, and her grades have been consistently outstanding. Her report cards usually include remarks like this one: "Excellent work. Keep it up to maintain these encouraging results."

Mitchele has never failed to write her sponsor thank you letters several times a year, and she is grateful for the opportunity she has been given. Recently she wrote, "Thank you for your support all this time. I think I am the luckiest of people on this planet. From the bottom of my heart and much sincerity, I am grateful."

As a reminder, only \$250 allows an orphan to live and be schooled at Petals for one year.



A kind donor recently supplied Petals with new balls.

There have been big improvements to the infrastructure at Petals, including new toilets and showers for the girls, repairing cracks in buildings and



stabilizing foundations, re-cementing floors, painting classrooms and roofs, adding water tanks and gutters, repairing playground equipment, and more.

We're so grateful to an anonymous donor for making all this possible!

Thanks to WIN, Petals now has two grain silos that will each hold 45 bags of grain. This not only provides safe storage for the maize, but will allow Petals to buy maize when prices are low, helping the school to save on food costs.



Students in one of the temporary classrooms. Petals has begun planning for a new classroom block.