



## **Desert View News - Spring 2023**

***Strengthening, Healing, Building***

***Marcella C. Lehr, Board President***

Spring in the Southwest has been such a joy this year! We have all been recipients of incredible beauty exhibited in the vast varieties of desert flowers and blooming plants that have come to light as a result of the plentiful rains. Not only have the flowers and plants been reviving – but wildlife as well. It is such a moment of hope and blessing that surrounds us all.

Individuals may speak of the drought that still needs to be met in our state; however, as active Christian Scientists, we know that in the midst of any healing – consciously giving gratitude to God for the good shown in one's experience fastens thought on the right side of metaphysical work. Gratitude assists in retaining the good ground gained in a case. Gratitude girds one with the pinions of confidence and hope in their work due to acknowledging the evidence of blessing shown in our lives. Gratitude is listening and responding to God's ever-active communion with His idea; moreover, recognizing and appreciating what it individually means to be God's idea. Finally, gratitude is following God's leading, and joy is the reward of that obedience.

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***“a new thing...” Chris Radel, Administrator***

*Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:18,19.*

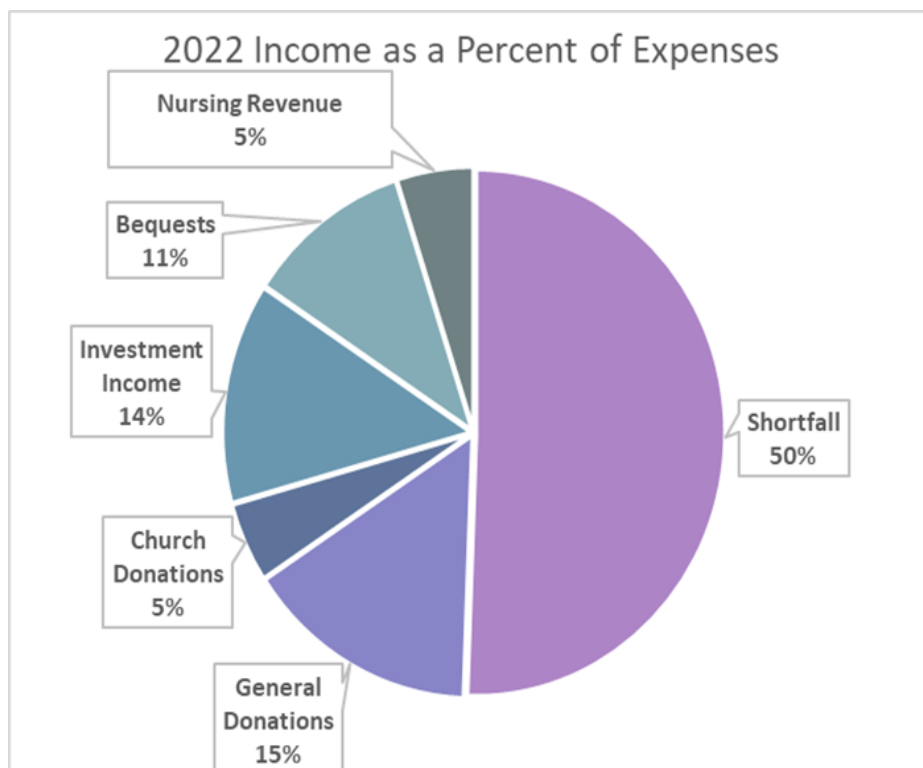
It seems like we were just welcoming Spring, which for many suggests rebirth or newness. And now, Summer is knocking at our door.

Though the seasons don't present the major transitions in Arizona as they do elsewhere, at Desert View we joyfully opened the door to Spring as both a stirring from Winter, and a welcome to “new thing(s).” We took our first steps in offering Christian Science Nursing training, and we look forward to seeing this continue. This will bless both Desert View, and the wider Christian Science Nursing community.

We also introduced the Spiritual Dimension of Care workshop to Arizona branch churches. Our first workshop was held at First Church of Christ, Scientist, Tempe, and was attended by members from 5 area branch churches. Is this workshop about Christian Science nursing? Well, we do talk about Mrs. Eddy's *Manual* provision for the Christian Science Nurse, but the workshop is intended for those interested in healing. It looks at the metaphysical, or spiritual foundation for caring, which is for all of us. If you are interested in learning more, please call our Director of Christian Science Nursing, Cindy Snowden, at (480) 299-0504.

## *Message from Ann Deputy, Treasurer*

The chart here shows that Desert View experienced a 50% shortfall of revenue vs. expenses in 2022. It suggests the false idea that needs are not being met, so it is important that we rise above this material view with acknowledgement of the good already received and the expectation of what we know comes with relying on God's inspiration.



“... progress is the law of God, whose law demands of us only what we can certainly fulfil. In the midst of imperfection, perfection is seen and acknowledged only by degrees. The ages must slowly work up to perfection. How long it must be before we arrive at the demonstration of scientific being, no man knoweth, — not even ‘the Son but the Father;’ but the false claim of error continues its delusions until the goal of goodness is assiduously earned and won.” (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 233:6–15 2nd progress)

One step in this acknowledgment of perfection (needs met) is that because Desert View realized a 26% overage in 2021, that funding sustained us through 2022 without having to draw on our income producing investments. The false claim, however, continues its delusions in 2023 suggesting that Desert View must deplete its resources in order to fulfill its mission of supporting Christian Science healing in the community. We can, however, have faith in His promise, “‘Lo, I am with you always’ — all the way.” Drawing from *Miscellaneous Writings 1883–1896*, p. 39:13–24, we can be certain that “divine Mind,...the saving, exhaustless source” provides “enough of the leaven of Truth to leaven the whole lump.” We at Desert View are listening to and acting on the transforming direction that leads to the fulfilling of all needs, and know that you, our supportive Christian Science community, will respond to this call as well because “it is right to bear ‘one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.’” [ibid]



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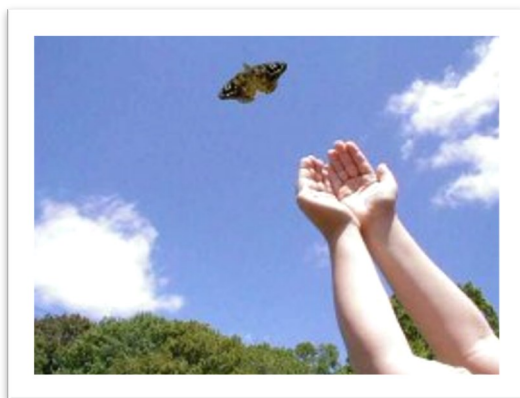
This year, the Board invites you to prayerfully consider a theme: Strengthening, Healing, Building.

**Strengthening:** To build up and nourish. **Healing:** The process of making or becoming sound or healthy again. **Building:** The process or business of constructing something. This theme points to the restorative work of Christian Science practice and Christian Science nursing, which powerfully collaborates in the resuscitating work of Christian Science healing.

We at Desert View are here to serve you specifically in your work as Christian Scientists.

Just as the desert revives with the rains (or even as Job writes "...the scent of water"), we as Christian Scientists know what it means to have felt the power of one good thought regarding God's love for us; one clear truth about who we are as a God's loved child; and that moment of real hope as a result of those two facts consciously held onto, experiencing the spiritual power changing our lives: Bringing a sense of light where there was a shade of darkness; joy where there was sorrow; laughter when tears were being shed; or a watershed of the supply of ideas when human thought felt it had reached an ultimate end for solution on a matter.

The Board wishes to express its gratitude for the healing we have witnessed in these past months. We are so grateful to see our community of Christian Scientists once again using the Desert View facility. We are grateful for the light shown as we all press forward together in service, listening intently for the next steps to take as we go forward as an organization in service to our branch churches and community of Christian Scientists.



### ***Letting Go - Adrienne Skoczylas, Secretary***

"Letting go" not only of things we no longer need as in Spring cleaning, but mostly letting go of past thinking or experiences whether in the form of mistakes made or some unkindness done another, sickness or fear of the liability of it being repeated; lack or loneliness - the list can go on: God loved us into being so we can never be separated from the warmth of that infinite Light. So, we can "let go and let God" and feel safe in "... the shadow of His mighty wing;" (Hymn 207), no matter the circumstance.

## ***From the Desk of Cindy Snowden, Director of Christian Science Nursing***

We are so grateful for the opportunity to serve our community through Visiting Christian Science nursing services, outpatient services, and now in-patient admissions! The support of the community has been felt and manifested.

### **We're happy to share some testimonies from recent patients:**

*I am so grateful a Visiting Christian Science nurse was able to come to my vacation location to bandage a wound. She was accompanied by a Care Committee member from my church. As I was not driving, this provided me with a ride home and at the same time facilitated the return of my car. The church member also bought groceries for me after we arrived home, and Christian Science nurses continued to visit several times a week until I was able to care for myself. Their helpful loving attitude with expectancy of healing supported my progress.*

### **Filled with Gratitude**

*Desert View Christian Science Care was there when I needed them. I called one evening for physical care for myself when I had fallen and had a wound that required cleansing and bandaging. They immediately were able to come to my home and give me the support that relieved me of any concern. I was admitted to the facility to continue with the care and felt Love and Principle fully embracing me.*

*Everyone who worked at the facility gave me care above and beyond what I expected. The meals were prepared with so much love and were delicious. The atmosphere of dedicated Christian Scientists inspired me to study and pray during my 5 day stay. My gratitude for Desert View has increased knowing that we can rely on Christian Science nursing care for healing, in an atmosphere of "Love Divine."*



We are pleased to announce that Bob Burch, a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist - Mesa, Arizona, has joined Desert View's Board. Bob brings many years of service and experience in the Christian Science movement, which includes about 15 years as a member of the Board of Trustees of Fern Lodge, a Christian Science Nursing facility in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Welcome aboard, Bob!



## *Take me out to the ballgame...John Cochran II, CS, Director*

No matter whether a baseball fan, or not: Many are acquainted with that delightful song from 1908, “Take me out to the ballgame.” Other popular baseball phrases such as “Play ball” and “Batter up”, while specifically relating to the game of baseball have come to have a wider meaning in our day-to-day language.

A similar baseball phrase I’ve been using quite a bit is “step up to the plate.” According to Google, this refers to a “readiness to meet a challenge (as by increased effort or improved performance).” Countless times over the past couple of years, whether in praying for myself or praying with others, this idea has come up.



“But in all my (many, many) years as a Christian Scientist I’ve never faced anything like this.” Have you found yourself thinking of a challenge in these terms? Does this mean we’re failing as Christian Scientists? That we’re not “up to the task”? Why, no. It just means that more and/or different effort — in some way, shape or form — is needed. Often it seems time to break out from a “business-as-usual” pattern and consider something from a different perspective. One thing’s for sure, Christian Science doesn’t let us get comfortable in matter, and God, divine Love loves us too much to let us become complacent.

Paul, speaking of the things of life to the Corinthians, compares life to a race. He says, “Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?” Then he counsels them, “So run, that ye may obtain. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air” (I Cor. 9:24, 26.) We know that Paul’s life was not a bed of roses. Many times, he needed a tremendous sense of faith and perseverance to overcome tribulations.

Mary Baker Eddy herself was no stranger to difficulties and hard times. In her primary work, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, she writes, “Every day makes its demands upon us for higher proofs rather than professions of Christian power. These proofs consist solely in the destruction of sin, sickness, and death by the power of Spirit, as Jesus destroyed them. This is an element of progress, and progress is the law of God, whose law demands of us only what we can certainly fulfil” (SH 233:1). And in *The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany*, “Remember, thou canst be brought into no condition, be it ever so severe, where Love has not been before thee and where its tender lesson is not awaiting thee. Therefore despair not nor murmur, for that which seeketh to save, to heal, and to deliver, will guide thee, if thou seekest this guidance” (My. 149:31).

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As followers of Christ Jesus, and students of Christian Science we know that trials await us, and they can seem daunting. How important then to keep steadfast in the faith, and remember promises such as this one: “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

Disciple and student before us have proved the healing efficacy of the Master Christian’s teachings. We too can declare:

*March we forth in the strength of God  
With the banner of Christ unfurled,  
That the light of the glorious Gospel of truth  
May shine throughout the world;  
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,  
To set their captives free,  
That the earth may be filled with  
the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea.*

(Hymn. 82:3)

### Metaphysical Ideas

1. As it does in every Department of life: “There is nothing difficult nor toilsome in this task, when the way is pointed out; but self-denial, sincerity, Christianity, and persistence alone win the prize, as they usually do in every department of life.” (SH 462:15)
2. Divine Love won’t lead us anywhere where She hasn’t been before us and her tender lesson awaits us: “Remember, thou canst be brought into no condition, be it ever so severe, where Love has not been before thee and where its tender lesson is not awaiting thee. Therefore despair not nor murmur, for that which seeketh to save, to heal, and to deliver, will guide thee, if thou seekest this guidance.” (My. 149:31)
3. “...progress is the law of God, and only demands of us what we can certainly fulfill.” (S&H 233: 6)
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**Desert View Annual Meeting 2023**  
**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Scottsdale**  
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*and online*

**Guest Speaker: Bruce Jeffrey**  
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