



Desert View News - Fall 2018

**“Let Your Light Shine,
A City Set on a Hill cannot be Hid.”**

*Board President, Joy Mee and
Vice-President, Derek Swire, C.S.*

Each month during the year, except in the summer, a Desert View Board member or staff chooses a topic for our collective prayer. That member then sends out inspiration on the topic, and we pray and respond with our ideas. (In the summer, we share inspiration on whatever we find that fits our individual prayers.) This Board and staff collective prayer is not just for Desert View alone but for the entire practice of Christian Science nursing; for the success and receptivity to Christian Science care everywhere is vital for our facility as well as the training, supervision and availability of Christian Science nurses everywhere. It is a single world-wide ministry which Mary Baker Eddy established for our church. We are part of it through our involvement with AOCSN and various Christian Science nursing conferences which our staff attend and committees on which they serve. We are all supporting each facility, patient and staff member with our prayers.

Topics for our prayers in recent years have included the following: Receptivity, Good Resources are not Limited, Food and Nutrition, Anti-Christ, Supply, Unity, Progress v Discouragement and others. (cont. on pg. 2)

**“Nourished by God to Heal the
Nations: Biblical Models of Caring
with Divine Authority.”**

Annual Meeting 2019

Join us

Saturday, February 23, at 2 pm

**Second Church of Christ, Scientist,
Scottsdale**

We will welcome Dr. Barry Huff, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Principia College, and Bible lecturer, Dr. Huff will bring to life examples throughout the Bible of God nourishing and empowering each of us to heal the nations.

We look forward to seeing you and, of course, will send an invitation as the time draws near.



Dr. Barry Huff

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(cont. from pg. 1)

Derek has chosen our topic for September as "Let Your Light Shine, A City Set on a Hill cannot be Hid." This is for us to be sure to let our light shine and to know that our work will be seen by anyone that needs it as well as those who do not need it, but can share it.

We have recognized two aspects of that fact stated by Jesus that a city set on a hill cannot be hid. One is that the city, and whatever it stands for, is up there, and, as people travel in its vicinity, they will see it. Therefore, the inhabitants of the city should make sure that what is seen is good, that the city is strong and has strong protections; it is clean and beautiful; the inhabitants are happy and prosperous. The second aspect is that the city will be seen. Since it is on a hill, it is up there and visible. It



is not hidden from anyone that is looking for it or passing in the vicinity. Therefore, what that city has to offer will be seen, recognized and contemplated. It cannot be ignored. These are just the facts of a city on a hill.

Jesus also talks about letting the light of that city shine for all in the house and all the world. Our city is Desert View. We, our guests and our supporters are its inhabitants. Are we recognizing that our city is up there on a hill and is being seen? Are we recognizing what is being seen? Are we recognizing that what is there cannot be hidden? Are we letting our light

shine so brightly that we are seen as the light of a clear, pure day? We can do this by being as proud to be a citizen of Desert View as a Roman was proud to be a citizen of Rome. We can do this by expressing the healing, nurturing qualities of Desert View in thought, speech and action.

Our city is a sanctuary; not in a political sense, but in a spiritual sense. It is a holy place of refuge and respite from all acts of materiality, a place of rest and healing, a spiritual expression of peace and home. Each of us is a ray of that great light blessing the world.

Thank you for your love!

In the Christian Science Hymnal #144 "In atmosphere divine of Love we live and move and breathe...."

The moment I entered Desert View facility I certainly felt this loving atmosphere.

Such love, joy and inspiration were always expressed by the Staff.

I am so grateful for this wonderful loving experience.

A recent patient



Joining the Board

Ann Deputy, Treasurer

How does one become a member of the Desert View executive Board? I suspect everyone on this board has followed a different human pathway, but I'm certain that it is the result of reaching out to God and following His guidance. I am the newest addition to the Board, and while I have become increasingly aware of Christian Science nursing activities and Desert View in the last few years, I did not specifically set out to become a board member. In my own recommitment to Christian Science in the last 10 years, I recognize that each one of us who studies, practices, and lives Christian Science has an integral part in seeing its Spirit bless all. "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." (Rom. 12:4, 5)

As I was studying about purpose, duty, and identity, opportunities arose to put what I was learning into practice and the offer to be a board member at Desert View was one of those opportunities. It has made me aware of many needs requiring prayerful support and has given purpose to my prayer. Desert View is a home of healing for all within its sphere. "Working and praying with true motives, your Father will open the way. "Who did hinder you, that ye should not obey the truth?" (SH 326:16-22) There is another opening on the Board waiting to be filled.

Maybe this is the opportunity for you.



Our Ten Year Plan - Year Two

The progress continues! A long list of projects was completed which included adding perimeter lighting and repairing and painting the wall in the backyard. In the front, the old and badly cracked concrete driveway and walkways were replaced with pavers. We also installed a new, insulated garage door. Each project added to the overall security and attractiveness of our grounds. We are again grateful to report the projects are completely paid for, and it's on to Year Three! If you would like to assist with our next steps, contact our administrator, Chris Radel at admin@desertview.us, or (480) 307-6060.



What is International Christian Science Nursing Day(s)? If you have not viewed the video posted on our website's homepage www.desertview.us, it's not too late. (It's in the middle of the page where it says, click to see video.) You will be greeted by participants from all over the world, and even though the event has taken place, it's still fun to see the faces and hear the voices of Christian Science nursing.



Our event, held on Saturday, September 29, was hosted by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Tempe. Director of Christian Science Nursing Cindy Snowden opened with a talk, "Who is a Christian Science nurse?" She recognized present and former Christian Science nurses serving the Arizona field. This was followed by a film presentation from The Effulgence Foundation, *The Helen Wood Bauman Story*. Helen was known to us all as a foundational worker in the Movement.

One purpose of this special event was to recognize Christian Science nursing's role in helping "to maintain the dignity and defense of our Cause" as stated in the *Church Manual* (p. 3). The awakening awareness of the Bylaw (*Manual*, p. 49, Sect. 31.), recognizing that, as members of The Mother Church, we are all called to "[behold] in Science, the perfect man" (S&H pp. 476, 477), prompts us to take this altitude of thought into every activity, therein leading us to cherish Christian Science nursing in ourselves. Truly an inspiring and joy-filled day!



Darrel Dorr,
The Effulgence Foundation &
Cindy Snowden, Desert View DCSN





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