



THE LEAVES

focus

SPRING 2022

Spring joys!



We are so grateful for a blessed and successful 2021. Now as we find ourselves into 2022, we are filled with joyful expectation. There is so much good going on and so much good planned for the future.

As we embrace the new season of Spring, remodeling, rebuilding and brightening of our campus is evidenced by the new renovations and in the power washing of the facility's exterior. Getting out into the community and hosting workshops is spreading cheer and fellowship. We are so grateful for this time of freshness and inspiration.

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pool renovation



power washing

WHAT PEOPLE LOVE ABOUT OUR CHURCH WORKSHOPS...

questions, history, interaction, hospitality, sharing of healings & experiences, group sharing, round table format, depth, laughter, All the collaboration, handouts, Christ & Christmas, The spiritual insights shared

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workshops



Church Workshops

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THE SPIRITUAL DIMENSION OF CARE

Interactive workshops across Texas

THE SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING

The Leaves is teaming up with the Houston Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service, Green Pastures, and Wellspring Gardens to hold church workshops around Texas. These inspirational, interactive, one-day workshops explore "The Spiritual Dimension of Care" and bring to light the spiritual foundation of Christian Science nursing using the Bible, the theology of Christian Science, and The Church Manual.

Cities visited so far include Dallas and Houston. We've had five star reviews and great feedback, such as:

"I loved it so much. Thanks to The Leaves for providing such an amazing free service to Christian Scientists."

"My favorite part of this workshop were the spiritual insights shared. The deep questions, loving hospitality and fellowship, and friendly, knowledgeable facilitators made participation and comments welcoming and enriching. I feel like every Christian Scientist who wants to be inspired should go!"

"It was not a recruitment workshop, but an informative one."

"I couldn't believe it was already over when the workshop ended. I could have stayed longer in the fellowship."

Join us in Austin, San Antonio, or back in Dallas for more enriching workshops in April.

Dallas	Feb 7, Apr 16
Houston	Feb 12
Austin	Apr 2
San Antonio	Apr 9



The Pioneer and the Future

FRESH INSPIRATION

“The time for thinkers has come,” is one of Mary Baker Eddy’s iconic quotes for Christian Scientists. Mrs. Eddy talks about how to handle the past and the future in two paragraphs on page vii:25 of *Science and Health*. Her frankness comes through as she calls on those spiritual thinkers, like you and me, to toss out “time-honored systems,” “contentment with the past,” and “ignorance of God.” Have you ever continued to do something because “that’s the way it’s always been done?” She’s rallying humanity not just to empty these vessels of false thought, but to fill them up by knowing and understanding God, who is our constant guide and friend.

Mrs. Eddy speaks of the scientific healer’s, the pioneer’s, job as chopping the big oaks and cutting the coarse granite, two jobs that are not just labor intensive, but foundation building. Metaphysically speaking, chopping the big oaks of “time-honored systems,” requires fresh spiritual insight. Does our pioneer work ever stop? The pioneer’s purpose is to clear obstacles in thought and prepare the way for the next right idea. We’ve all been a pioneer for one thing or another, so no, being a pioneer does not stop. Some roads are clearer than others, so what does the next person who picks up the spiritual axe of Truth down the road get to do? “Future ages must declare what the pioneer has accomplished.” The next person down the cleared road affirms the path, by standing firm, rejoicing in Truth, and pointing the way. This may seem harder than that simple sentence asserts, but it is possible!

Jesus cleared the path for his disciples and for each of us to walk down. Humanly, it wasn’t easy for Jesus to clear the obstacles of hatred and fear, and it was no cake walk for the disciples to follow and declare what they witnessed and what it did for them.

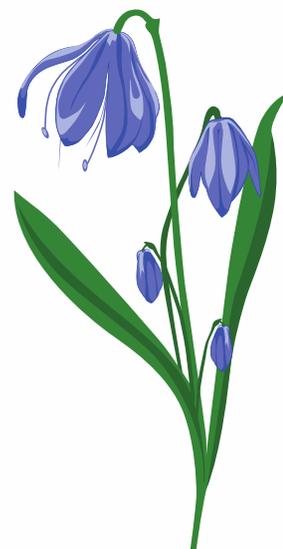
Why is it important to walk the path of spiritual understanding, and affirm and demonstrate it? A path that is not well-used will need another to come and clear it to prepare it for the next. Mary Baker Eddy was a pioneer as well, clearing the way for Christian Science and bringing that truth to light. It’s important to stay the course, continue on the path, and pronounce what Christian Science has accomplished, because it makes us followers of the great Master, Christ Jesus.

Continue to think about this theme as we get ready for The Leaves 2022 Annual Meeting.

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- Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, page vii:25

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Campus Renovations & Improvements

CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDERWAY



modernizing staff apartments

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON:

- ✓ A major renovation of the swimming pool including new tile work, resurfacing and decking of the surrounding pool have breathed new life into this family favorite.
- ✓ The staff apartments are being renovated! These house many of our Christian Science nurses and their families, and it is important that they have a lovely, modern place to call home.
- ✓ The Christian Science nursing auxiliary kitchen, break room, and staff lounge are in the process of being remodeled. We're working hard to make sure our Christian Science nurses have an inspiring and refreshing work atmosphere.
- ✓ The funds for the dishwasher in the main kitchen has been raised! We're excited to replace this 35+ year old appliance!



Staff break room

Swimming Pool





International Food Festival

A TICKETED PICNIC AT THE LEAVES

A global taste adventure!

TO SUPPORT THE LEAVES

Join us May 14th for food and fun!

The Leaves celebrates its staff members from all around the world, and this year, you're invited! Staff members will share cuisine from their home country in a festival booth setting. Reserve your ticket (donations grateful accepted - recommended \$50 value/ticket) grants you admission to the event and food from each of the countries represented from around the world. This is a limited engagement to only the first 50 people who reserve their spots! Come hungry and ready to learn all about the beautiful cultures that enrich our family at The Leaves.

to register visit theleaves.org/foodfestival



Annual Meeting

COMING THIS FALL

Theme: The Future of Christian Science Nursing

This year for Annual Meeting, The Leaves is looking ahead. Get ready as we have a conversation about The Future of Christian Science Nursing with Linda Kohler, Manager of Christian Science Nursing Activities for The Mother Church and Vanessa Campbell, Assistant Manager of Christian Science Nursing Activities for The Mother Church. Sign up on our email list to receive our Annual Meeting video when it comes out in the fall.



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Gratitude

We are so grateful for your continued support of the activities at The Leaves. We rejoice in the progress made and are looking forward to the work that is still to come. Thank you for your contributions of prayer, time, and funds.

We truly lean on God for our daily supplies, and we also look to you - the support that comes from the field we serve. This support shows us that the mission of The Leaves is appreciated and valued for the important role it plays in upholding *The Manual* Bylaw and serving the church community of the southern U.S. and beyond.

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