

Christian Science Communications Committee of North Texas

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Ongoing Committee Activities

- **Weekly Bible Lesson, KTXA**
Ch 21, 5:30-6:00 am Tuesdays
- **Sentinel Radio Edition, WRR**
101.1 FM, 8:00 am on Sundays
- 1-800-227-2036
- **Website:**
www.ChristianScienceTexas.org

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Metroplex Lecture Activities

In summer 2003, lecture committee members from many Dallas-area churches met to share ideas and coordinate lecture activities in the fall. Representatives of these churches were involved: Third, Fifth, and Seventh Churches of Dallas, First Church of Richardson, and First Church of Irving.

The idea was to focus on the three-week period when the State Fair of Texas would be held, and here was the result during that time – seven lectures by three lecturers! There were two lectures on the SMU campus (one to a religious studies class and one for the CSO at SMU), two at Christian Science Reading Rooms, one at a bookstore, one at Vickery Towers, and one at a school (open to the public).

Most of these lectures were presented in a workshop-

type format, and they included a fee for participation. Part of the fee was for purchase of *Science and Health*, and everyone attending was referred to specific citations in the book during the workshop. In addition to the lecturer's initial presentation, a working question and answer session was a part of each workshop. This allowed attendees to dig into the book to find answers that pertain to the circumstances that are current challenges in their own lives.

Now, looking ahead to lecture activity in 2004, these lecture coordination meetings continue. A couple of meetings were held late in 2003, and representatives from Fort Worth-area churches were added to the group. The latest meeting was held on January 19, with another scheduled for February 2nd.

Additionally, the Fort Worth and mid-cities-area churches are scheduled (as we go to press) to meet on January 24 to discuss coordination of "metroplex-west" lecture activities.

Concentrating these lecture activities allows us to save expenses (by reducing lecturer's travel expenses and possibly working out a reduction in fees for multiple lectures) and increase awareness (by using a lecturer's "down time" between lectures for interviews and by coordinating and sharing publicity fees).

The opportunities abound!

If you are interested in lecture activities but are not yet in the loop to attend these coordination meetings, let us know! We'll put you in touch with someone who can fill you in on the details.

JOIN A HEART-TO-HEART CONFERENCE CALL

February 17, March 16, April 13, May 18, June 15 (at 10 AM, 2 and 9 PM CT)

Call 1-800-775-2775 at least 24 hours in advance to sign up for the call.

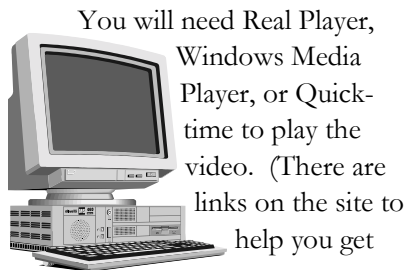
Weekly Bible Lesson Now Online as Web Cast!

If you don't get up at 5:30 AM and you can't seem to remember when the *Weekly Bible Lesson* broadcast is on in this area, and if you have Internet access, we might have some good news for you.

The *Weekly Bible Lesson* is now accessible anytime from The Mother Church website. You can find it at this link:

www.tfccs.com/weeklybiblelesson/

(or you can go to our website, www.ChristianScienceTexas.org and click on the link you'll find there).



You will need Real Player, Windows Media Player, or Quick-time to play the video. (There are links on the site to help you get

any of these free pieces of software if you don't already have one of them.)

You can "play" this broadcast just as you would play a VCR tape. Pause, play, fast forward, rewind. Now all you need is Internet access to be able to see and listen to the current week's *Weekly Bible Lesson* whenever you please.

Now that's convenient!

Final Survey Results

We have put together the final survey results. 99 people gave their feedback to the CSCC, and we really appreciate your support. If you'd like a copy of the survey results, just let us know.

As we move forward in 2004, we will use your comments to guide us about what topics you would like to hear more about. Please continue to communicate with us! Call, e-mail, or "snail mail" – we appreciate it all.

New Texas Committee on Publication Begins Work Jan 1

William H. Hill, CSB, has accepted the appointment of Committee on Publication for Texas beginning January 1, 2004.

Bill has devoted much of his life to serving the Cause of Christian Science:

- He was Committee on Publication for the province of British Columbia, Canada, from 1970 to 1974.
- He has been a Christian Science Practitioner since 1975 and a Teacher of Christian Science since 1982.
- He was a Field Assistant for The Mother Church.

- He was a Christian Science Lecturer from 1988 to 1994.
- He was a member of The Christian Science Board of Directors from 1994 to 1998, during which time he was Manager of The Christian Science Publishing Society.

Bill currently lives in Dallas.

The Committee office will remain in Dallas, and the address, e-mail address, and phone number will stay the same. Paula Shick-Heath who has served the office so ably and faithfully for many years has agreed to continue as administrative assistant and so help provide continuity to the office.

Certainly we can all be grateful for the wonderful tenure of John Hueffner, CSB., as Texas Committee. His unflagging enthusiasm and original thinking, his kindness and care touched us all. Now we welcome Bill Hill to continue this loving service to the Christian Science community and the state.

Here is contact information for the Texas Committee office:

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510 Midway Tower
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Spotlight on: The Hamilton Fund

Charlie Hamilton was a Texan from the Houston area who loved Christian Science. In 1971, he set up a fund to be used "for the promotion and extension of Christian Science in Texas." He placed no conditions about the specific way the funds should be used. Some churches have used Hamilton funds for lectures and other activities. The Treasurer of the Mother Church administers the Hamilton Fund.

Recently, the Hamilton Fund provided Texas branch churches and communications committees with about \$600,000 for broadcasts and "response activities" such as second lectures, the State Fair *Science and Health* booth and similar projects.

The Christian Science Communi-



cations Committee of North Texas relies on support from the Hamilton Fund to pay a majority of the costs of broadcasting the *Weekly Bible Lesson* on TV and the *Christian Science Sentinel Radio Edition* in the North Texas area.

Each fall, our committee makes application to the Treasurer for this support. Once more, the Treasurer agreed to assist with funding our broadcast activities in

2004. We look forward to continuing to broadcast the *Weekly Bible Lesson* and the *Sentinel Radio Edition* throughout the year.

After thirty years, the Fund is greatly depleted. The value of the Fund has declined while the number of requests increased, as more Texas branch churches and committees are increasing their efforts to advance Christian Science in our communities.

As a consequence of this increased activity, our committee is working to find other ways to pay for our broadcasts after 2004.

While we look for additional funding sources, we can all continue to express our appreciation for the gift that Mr. Hamilton provided three decades ago that is still helping us today.

Calendar

Let us know about your events. We'll publish them here and on our website, www.ChristianScienceTexas.org. More details are available on the website.

Recurring Activities

Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM, Sentinel Radio on WRR 101.1

Second Tuesdays at noon and 7:00 PM, Science and Health Discussion Group at Third Church Reading Room

Tuesday mornings at 5:30 AM, Weekly Bible Lesson on KTXA TV, Channel 21

Special Events

Bible Study, Third Church Dallas Reading Room, *Subject*: Jacob's sons and their notable descendents. Open to the community (bring your lunch!). These Mondays at noon: Jan 26, Feb 9, Feb 23, March 8. Call 214-352-5250 for more details.

Informal Bible study/discussion at Richardson Reading Room, *Subject*: Hebrews. Tuesdays at noon through Feb 10.

DiscoveryBound Ski and Snowboarding Weekend for 8th-12th graders. February 13 to 16. For info and to register, see www.discoverybound.org.

DiscoveryBound Spring Break Angel Fire Ski/Snowboard Trip, March 13 to 18. Contact jdinsmore1025@aol.com or call 817-430-5111/817-808-4415 for details.

Member Churches and Representatives

PARTICIPATING CHURCHES	REPRESENTATIVES
Arlington, First Church	Suzanne Davis, Harriet Hay
Dallas, Third	Sharon Wootton, Peggy Williams
Dallas, Fifth	Tim McCutcheon, Ann Bagley
Dallas, Seventh	Ron Higgins, Sandra Wheeler
Denton, First	Chyrelle Orndoff
Fort Worth, Second	Sher Orpen, [open]
Irving, First	Pam Woodward, [open]
North Richland Hills, First.....	Jim Dinsmore, Cynthia Nolen
Plano, First	Mark Varhaug, [open]
Richardson, First.....	Diane Beebe, [open]

CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES

Fort Worth, First	Rich Marcotte
Garland, First	

COMMITTEE SECRETARYJennifer Pellegrini

Committee meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Currently, the meetings are being held at Third Church Reading Room (5600 W. Lovers Lane, Suite 114, Dallas 75209). Please call 1-800-227-2036 to verify the meeting date if you're planning to visit.

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