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## Our Purpose Newsletter

"Our watchwords are Truth and Love; and if we abide in these, they will abound in us, and we shall be one in heart, — one in motive, purpose, pursuit."  
— Miscellaneous Writings 135:5-7 by Mary Baker Eddy

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### MOMENTS WITH OUR BELOVED LEADER MARY BAKER EDDY



**MONTHLY  
METAPHYSICAL TOPIC**  
**In divine Science,  
God and the real  
man are inseparable  
as divine Principle  
and idea.** Mary Baker Eddy

"...in Irving Tomlinson's *Twelve Years with Mary Baker Eddy*. A Universalist clergyman before he learned of Christian Science, Tomlinson served on Eddy's staff and assisted her in other ways from about 1898 to 1910. He included these recollections: It has often been asked, Why did Mary Baker Eddy found a separate denomination? Why did she not remain in the old church and help it with whatever good she had discovered? Originally Mrs. Eddy had no plans for establishing a new denomination, for, as I heard her say many times, she confidently expected that the Christian church would welcome her discovery and adopt the healing ministry as an integral part of its activity, even as the early church for three centuries after the resurrection had utilized spiritual means to heal the sick...The reception which her discovery encountered in the church was not foreseen by Mrs. Eddy, for she had hopefully looked forward to its immediate acceptance, as is seen by her own words (found on page 330 of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*): "Until the author of this book learned the vastness of Christian Science, the fixedness of mortal illusions, and the human hatred of Truth, she cherished sanguine hopes that Christian Science would meet with immediate and universal acceptance."...It was only natural, then, that Mrs. Eddy and her followers should seek to have a church of their own which would permit them to re-establish Jesus' healing ministry by doing his works.... This resulted in the establishment in Boston, in August, 1879, of the Church of Christ, Scientist, under a Massachusetts State charter, whose purpose it was to "reinstat primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing." It is interesting to note that Eddy led the first Christian Science church services in June 1875 in Lynn, Massachusetts. In the first edition of *Science and Health*, published in October of that same year, she shared these thoughts: "Because Christendom may resist the word science, we shall lose no faith in Christianity, and because we shall apply this word to Truth, Christianity will lose no hold on us." [Did Mary Baker Eddy intend to form a church? - Mary Baker Eddy Library](#)



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, January 25**  
**Annual Membership Meeting**  
**11:15 AM**



**UPON THIS ROCK  
I WILL BUILD  
MY CHURCH**

AND THE GATES OF HADES WILL NOT OVERPOWER IT  
Matthew 16:18  
PlainBibleTeaching.com



**CHURCH. The structure of Truth and Love; whatever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle.**

**The Church is that institution, which affords proof of its utility and is found elevating the race, rousing the dormant understanding from material beliefs to the apprehension of spiritual ideas and the demonstration of divine Science, thereby casting out devils, or error, and healing the sick.**

*Welcome to Our Purpose  
Newsletter*  
"Our Purpose" church newsletter is designed to inform, motivate and inspire all readers. In addition to listing upcoming church activities, this newsletter will also include historical reflections of our dear Leader Mary Baker Eddy and the Christian Science Movement. All Church members are welcome to submit articles and testimonies to Church member Joyce Warhop at [jewarhop@yahoo.com](mailto:jewarhop@yahoo.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Enjoy!



**Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God...**

Acts 20:28