



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

Our Purpose Newsletter

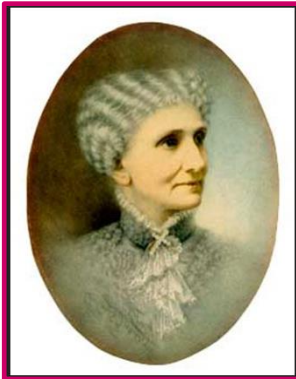
“Our watchwords are Truth and Love; and if we abide in these, they will abound in us, and we shall be one in heart, — one in motive, purpose, pursuit.”

– Miscellaneous Writings 135:5-7 by Mary Baker Eddy

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MOMENTS WITH OUR BELOVED LEADER MARY BAKER EDDY



{Eddy} “did write about US laws and their relation to the history of the country, both before and after her discovery of Christian Science. In *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, she compared the teachings of Christian Science to the American Declaration of Independence: Like our nation, Christian Science has its Declaration of Independence. God has endowed man with inalienable rights, among which are self-government, reason, and conscience. Man is properly self-governed only when he is guided rightly and governed by his Maker, divine Truth and Love. Eddy also saw special significance in the coincidence of her discovery of Christian Science in 1866 with the Civil War and the end of American chattel slavery in 1865: The voice of God in behalf of the African slave was still echoing in our land, when the voice of the herald of this new crusade sounded the keynote of universal freedom, asking a fuller acknowledgment of the rights of man as a Son of God, demanding that the fetters of sin, sickness, and death be stricken from the human mind and that its freedom be won, not through human warfare, not with bayonet and blood, but through Christ’s divine Science.” [Christian Science and the Constitution - Mary Baker Eddy Library](#)



TMC College Summit 2026 at Principia College
Friday, October 23, 2026

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 14
Executive Board Meeting

September 27
11:15 AM
Church Membership Meeting

October 24
Doors Open Riverside

November 1
2:00 PM
Regional SoCal Joint Media Committee Presentation by Media President Christine Negley

February 20, 2027
2:00 PM
Anne Cooling’s Committee Talk
“Opportunities to Grow in a Christian Manner” for members of The Mother Church, branch churches and regular church attendees.



THE MOTHER CHURCH READING ROOM EVENTS

[Reading Room Events - Christian Science](#)
Free, inspiring community events.
Seven days a week.

“Join with other spiritual thinkers in person at the Reading Room or online to read, listen, learn more about, and discuss the resources we have. Each daily event is unique. No RSVP needed.”

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 by the 15th of each month. Enjoy!



Riverside Doors Open
Date: Saturday, October 24, 2026
1:00pm - 5:00pm

Tour our Church and explore other captivating historic sites and architectural gems and increase awareness of our community’s collective heritage.

MONTHLY METAPHYSICAL TOPIC
“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”
Matthew 5:6



“Citizens of the world, accept the “glorious liberty of the children of God,” and be free! This is your divine right.”
(Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 227:24–26)