

# Watch Words

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*Wishing everyone much  
joy in the New Year!*

## **Christ Healing — Still Possible Today** *by Don Ingwerson*

To everyone engaged in the current quest for health, the healing works that Christ Jesus did centuries ago invite a search for truth about our own relationship to God and how that relationship directly affects our health. Jesus' influence on life and spirituality still speaks to us, and his success in treating disease remains unparalleled by modern medicine.

For centuries people believed that his healing works couldn't be repeated. But as the age of scientific inquiry dawned, the question inevitably came up: were there scientific laws behind what Jesus did that could be repeatedly demonstrated?

One person whose life was directly affected by Jesus' healing message was Mary Baker Eddy. Almost 2000 years after Christ Jesus, Eddy experienced and consistently demonstrated the same healing power of God and went on to write *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, found the Christian Science church, and profoundly affect the current conversation on health, healing, and mankind's unbroken connection to God by proving that Jesus' healing method continues to be practical today.

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## ACTIVITY

### Published Articles

- ▶ *Christ Healing - Still Possible Today* – Aliso Laguna News, Blogcritics, Laguna Beach Patch, Beverly Hills Patch, Calabasas Patch, Cerritos Patch, Claremont Patch, Lemon Grove Patch, ontrose Patch, Oceanside Patch, Palm Desert Patch, Palos Verdes Patch

### Media Contacts

- ▶ Susan Espenschied – Aliso Laguna News
- ▶ Inday Moses – San Gabriel Valley Examiner
- ▶ Susan Vardon – Laguna Niguel News

### Office Closure

The office will be closed January 2 for the New Year holiday and January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

### Manager's Message

Missed reading the Manager's Message? You can find Rich Evans', Manager, Committees on Publication, message in the December 2016 WatchWords. Look for the tab "Newsletter" at [csinsocal.com](http://csinsocal.com).



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Because of the insights Eddy gained through her study of Christ Jesus' healing works, a new paradigm was presented to spiritual seekers – our divine right to health and harmony. A while back, I published an article on health from this spiritual perspective, and one reader was irate over the description of Mary Baker Eddy as a theologian and religious leader. But as Jesus expressed while teaching the multitudes, “Agree with thine adversary quickly, while thou art in the way with him;” this commenter's animosity was softened when other readers suggested he was unreasonable in his comments. I was grateful for this Christian resolution of a difference in opinion.

What his comment did do was inspire me to explore what others have said in support of Mary Baker Eddy and *Science and Health*. She received many awards and comments about her work and healings. One in particular was by Mitch Horowitz. In *The Atlantic's* “100 Most Influential Americans,” Horowitz put *Science and Health* in the category of thought-provoking books that may change your life. In addition to publishing *Science and Health*, Eddy also founded [\*The Christian Science Monitor\*](#), a

Pulitzer-prize-winning newspaper dedicated to fair and balanced reporting of the news. She continued to emulate Christ Jesus' love for mankind in her writings and her life, as reflected in her statement in *No and Yes*, “True prayer is not asking God for love; it is learning to love, and to include all mankind in one affection.”

These are powerful statements and examples of Eddy's contributions, but probably her most profound contribution was discovering that Christ Jesus' healing method continues to be demonstrable today. She presented her findings in *Science and Health*, taught the healing method she had discovered, and healed many who came to her for help with health issues. A powerful component of these healing results was the voluntary and inspired sharing of healings that helped encourage others to find a higher, more spiritual view of themselves. Perhaps this is one aspect of what Eddy meant when she wrote in *Science and Health*, “...progress is the law of God.” What she accomplished still offers healing answers for anyone looking not only for better health but also for their connection with God, divine Love.

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## CHURCH WORKSHOPS

These workshops for our Bible-based religion are a great way to practice our communication skills, exchange ideas, and support each other in our ongoing quest to be better communicators. The workshop covers correcting impositions in regard to Christian Science in the topics of health, theology, and matter-based science.

Have your assistant committee contact me if your branch church or society would like to host a workshop in 2016/2017.

*Check with church for time before attending.*

First Church, Rancho Santa Fe  
6165 La Flecha  
**Saturday, February 11, at 10 a.m.**

Second Church, Newport Beach  
3100 Pacific View Dr., Corona del Mar  
**TBD**



## REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

*In the December 2016 Watch Words I offered ways assistant committees can support the Committee's office and in turn help their community in reaching out in the following areas: materials available in libraries, interfaith activities, and introductions to local editors and legislators. Here are examples of reports that I have received:*

### **Ontario – Assistant Committee Mike Ingram**

If we are not there, engaging with our brethren of other faiths, the following occurrences would not have happened. It is vitally important that others in the community know who we are and what we believe.

I invited the members of the Interfaith Council to our Thanksgiving Service. In response to my invitation, the Imam from the local Islamic Mosque and one of his associates attended the service and commented on the music. This is the second time a representative from this mosque has attended our service.

After visiting one of our Wednesday meetings, an LDS representative who is the Chairperson of the Interfaith Council commented that there was no personal interpretation from the reader for the service. I explained that Mrs. Eddy appointed the Bible and our textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, as our Pastor. His response was priceless, admiring how this kept the sermon “pure.” He later told me he thought Mrs. Eddy was one “smart lady.”

### **Escondido – Assistant Committee Diana Usrey**

While checking the local library to see if *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy was available to the public, and it was, I found a copy of another Christian Science book that I am not familiar with. I referred this book to the office for review.

### **Thousand Oaks – Assistant Committee Anne Stearns Condon**

At the interfaith meeting for planning the annual Thanksgiving service in our community, one of the facilitators indicated there might not be enough time to include the Lord's Prayer with its spiritual interpretation by Mary Baker Eddy. This had always been a part of the service in past years, so I was disappointed. “Be still, and know that I am God.” (Psalms 46:10). This Bible quote gave me great peace. On the night of the Thanksgiving service Christ Jesus' prayer and Mary Baker Eddy's spiritual interpretation appeared on the opening page of the printed program under the title “Invitation to Prayer.”

### **La Cañada Flintridge – Assistant Committee Rabla Frolich**

An invitation to our Thanksgiving service was extended to eleven neighboring churches and congregations. Each letter was hand signed to give a personal touch.

*It shall be the duty of the Committee on Publication to correct in a Christian manner impositions on the public in regard to Christian Science, injustices done Mrs. Eddy or members of this Church by the daily press, by periodicals or circulated literature of any sort. This Committee on Publication shall be responsible for correcting or having corrected a false newspaper article which has not been replied to by other Scientists, or which has been forwarded to this Committee for the purpose of having him reply to it.*

Article XXXIII, Section 2, Church Manual of The First Church of Christ, Scientist