

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

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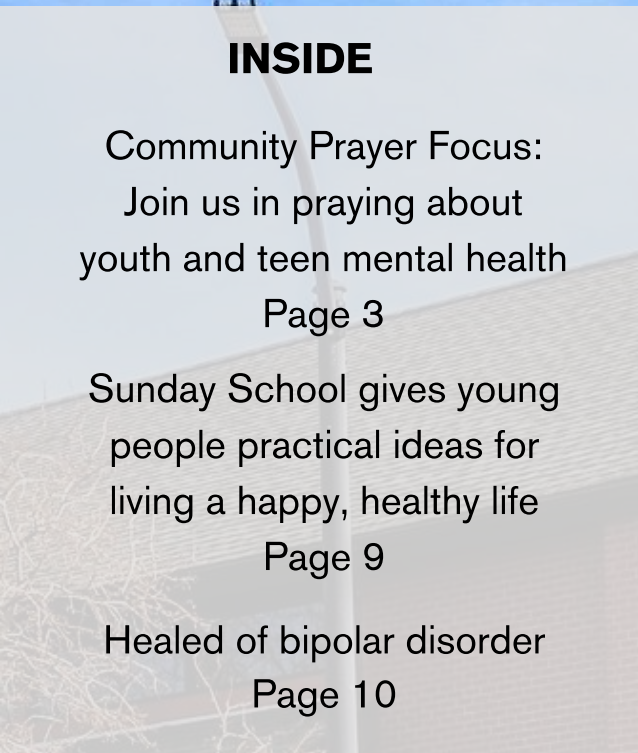
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*We are all children of God - God is Love*





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**Dear Reader,**

**2024 marks a special milestone year for our Church. First Church of Christ, Scientist Boise was established 125 years ago!**

**As we reflect on the profound contributions made by the many Christian Scientists in Boise before us, we gratefully look ahead.**

**Launching the next 125 years of healing in our beloved city means being both engaged in our community and a resource for our community.**

**We invite you to celebrate with us, learn with us, and grow with us in your Spiritual journey!  
Know that you are always welcome here!**

**With Love,  
The Members of First Church of Christ,  
Scientist, Boise**

# PRAY WITH US!

## YOUTH & TEEN MENTAL HEALTH

In the wake of recent tragedies at nearby schools, people of all ages are searching for ways to help our friends and neighbors who are struggling with mental health challenges. Many feel at a loss for what they can do.

Billions of people past and present have turned to faith in a higher power, God, to help them overcome every type of challenge humanly imaginable.

God, also known as divine Love, is a very present help in trouble. Prayer is an effective tool and solution that is available to all of God's children - each and every one of us!

### How to Pray:

Join us at our weekly Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services, visit our Christian Science Reading Room (222 N 10th St. at Bannock), pray at your own house of worship, or talk and listen to God any time, anywhere!

Mark your calendar and help spread the word about an inspiring talk on mental health, **"Be Set Free"** by Nicole Virgil, CSB on Sunday, May 5th, at 2:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church

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# EVENT CALENDAR

## For Adults:

Sundays: weekly church service 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Wednesdays: weekly testimony meeting 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Bible Study Group - Join us every 1st & 3rd Saturday 10:00 to 11:30am at the Christian Science Reading Room 222 N 10th St. Boise

## For Youth and Teens:

Sundays: weekly Sunday School 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Wednesdays: weekly testimony meeting 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Summer Bible Camp: Summer 2024, Dates TBD

## For All Ages:

Community Prayer Gathering Sunday, February 25th at 1:30 pm

Easter Service Sunday, March 31st at 10:00 am

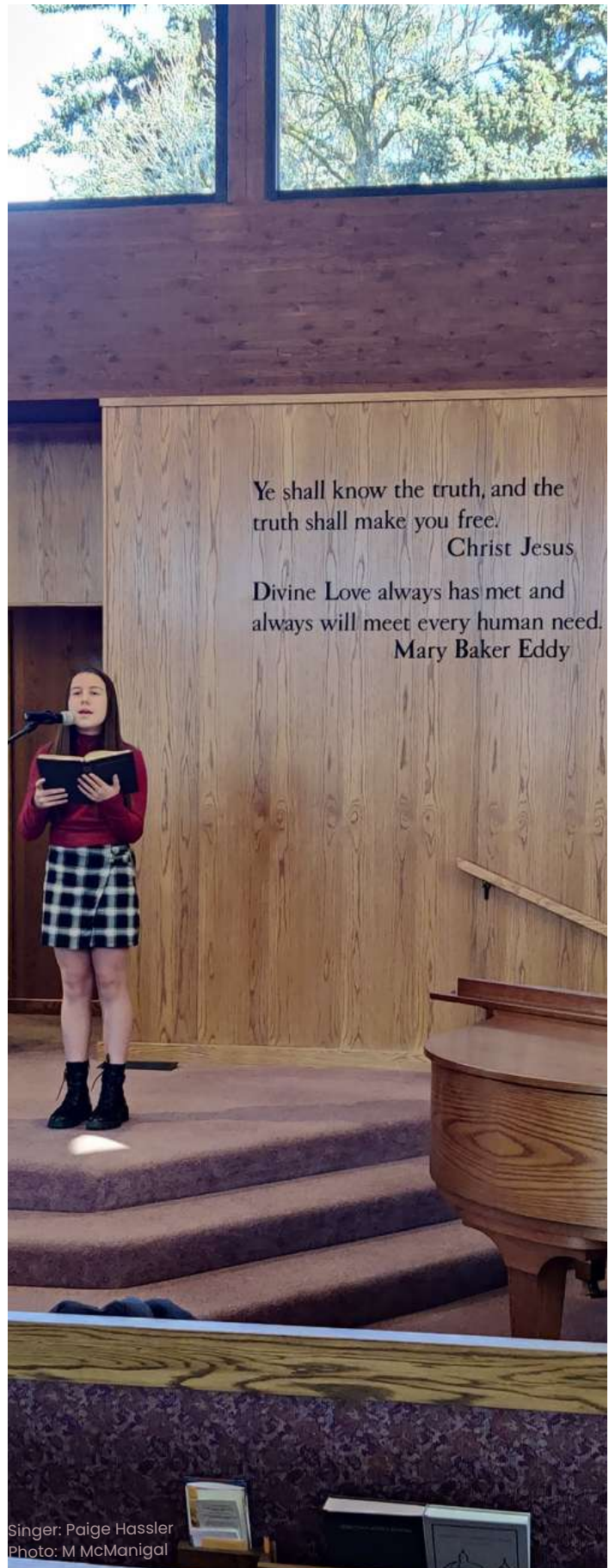
“Be Set Free” Public Talk given by Nicole Virgil, CS - Sunday, May 5th 2:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church 950 W State St. Boise

Thanksgiving Service Thursday, November 28th at 10:00 am

Christmas Sing - Sunday, December 22nd directly following Church service at 11:15 am

**For updates and more information, visit [cschurchboise.org](https://cschurchboise.org)**

YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE. - CHRIST JESUS JOHN 8:32



Singer: Paige Hassler  
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A Christian Science talk:

# Be Set Free

Youth • Teens • Adults

Sunday,  
May 5th  
2:00 pm

First  
Presbyterian  
Church

950 W State St  
Boise

We can feel trapped by circumstances,  
but living a spiritual sense of God-given  
liberty opens the way to overcome  
what binds us.

**All Are Welcome!**

Childcare available

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[cschurchboise.org](http://cschurchboise.org)

**Nicole Virgil, CS**

Christian Science Practitioner  
Member of the Christian Science  
Board of Lectureship



**Freedom is yours when you know where to look for it.**

## ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Many are curious about what Christian Science is and what those that practice Christian Science believe. The following are the Tenets of Christian Science from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 497:3–27

1. As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life.
2. We acknowledge and adore one supreme and infinite God. We acknowledge His Son, one Christ; the Holy Ghost or divine Comforter; and man in God's image and likeness.
3. We acknowledge God's forgiveness of sin in the destruction of sin and the spiritual understanding that casts out evil as unreal. But the belief in sin is punished so long as the belief lasts.

**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boise, established in 1899, is a branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.**



Original Boise Church edifice  
completed in 1904,  
dedicated October 1907

4. We acknowledge Jesus' atonement as the evidence of divine, efficacious Love, unfolding man's unity with God through Christ Jesus the Way-shower; and we acknowledge that man is saved through Christ, through Truth, Life, and Love as demonstrated by the Galilean Prophet in healing the sick and overcoming sin and death.
5. We acknowledge that the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection served to uplift faith to understand eternal Life, even the allness of Soul, Spirit, and the nothingness of matter.
6. And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and to be merciful, just, and pure.



Interior of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boise  
Approximately 1907





# CHURCH SERVICES



CS Church Boise

## SUNDAYS 10 AM - 11 AM

You're warmly invited to attend Sunday services with us, where you'll hear music, singing, scriptural readings, prayer, and a sermon. The sermon is based on a weekly Bible lesson from our Pastor: the Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy.

## WEDNESDAYS 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Wednesday meetings are similar to the Sunday services, but the scriptural selections are customized to the needs of the congregation and occasion. You'll also hear fellow attendees share insights, experiences, and healings they've had as a result of their prayer and study of Christian Science.

**SERVICES TAKE PLACE AT 880 W. STATE ST. BOISE. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Hearing accessibility available. Services also available via Zoom (audio only) - visit [cschurchboise.org](https://www.cschurchboise.org) for Zoom link. We provide childcare for all services. Sunday school is provided for children, teens, and young adults up to the age of 20 at the same time as Sunday services.



A Christian Science Reading Room is a place where lives can be changed.

Similar to a library or bookstore, a Reading Room offers a place to read, pray, and get inspired. It's a space where many have found resolution and healing by studying the lessons of the Bible and nurturing a connection with God. It is an open door to the public willing to explore, inquire and expand a sense of possibility by learning more about your relationship with an all-loving God.

A Reading Room is a gathering place for those interested in spiritual healing. Hundreds of thousands of individuals have found answers to life's most challenging problems by reading and studying the inspired word of the Bible with its companion book: *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy. You'll find these books, a wide variety of Bible Resource materials, and all the writings of Mary Baker Eddy available to read, borrow, or purchase. In addition, you'll find a complete library of publications from the Christian Science Publishing Society. Publications which contain more than 150 years of verified accounts of healing accomplished through prayer. Church members from Boise have contributed many such accounts over the years.

Boise's Reading Room, opened in May 1900, is the oldest such business in continuous operation in downtown Boise. It is maintained by First Church of Christ, Scientist - a church that has been part of the Boise community since 1899.

# Visit our Reading Room!

222 N 10th St. at Bannock

10 am - 4 pm Mon - Sat

[cchurchboise.org/reading-room](http://cchurchboise.org/reading-room)





**TEENS • YOUTHS • KIDS**

**Resources and tools to live a happy, healthy life!**



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**Bible-based Sunday school for youths up to age 20**

**God is Love, and we are all children of God!  
God is an ever-present help in trouble - 24/7!**



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**Come learn about your relationship to God!**

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**

**Sunday School: every Sunday, 10 am - 11 am**

880 W. State St. Boise

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# I was healed of bipolar disorder

Andy Crump  
January 16, 2024

My freshman year of college, I learned about some major world problems and was really disturbed by them. Feeling that I'd lost all hope, I suffered a mental breakdown and threatened to end my life.

Over the next few months, I transferred among several different hospitals and housing situations. I was diagnosed with bipolar disorder and was prescribed various medications to treat the aggressive symptoms. Though I was sometimes required to take the pills, I resisted, because I didn't like how they made me feel.

## I suffered a mental breakdown and threatened to end my life.

I grew up attending Christian Science Sunday School, so I also turned to Christian Science for help at various times during this period. I called several different Christian Science practitioners, and they were all very helpful. But I wasn't always receptive.

After I moved back home, I went back to my local Christian Science Sunday School. My teacher was shocked by the way I was acting—so unlike myself. He knew me well, and he refused to believe that the Andy he remembered could exhibit this disturbing behavior.

I'm convinced that his commitment to seeing me as I really am—seeing my true, spiritual nature and character—accelerated my progress. By the next Sunday, I was calmer and more receptive to spiritual ideas. This was a turning point for me.

One idea that kept coming to thought during this time was something Mary Baker Eddy wrote: "If you wish to be happy, argue with yourself on the side of happiness; take the side you wish to carry, and be careful not to talk on both sides, or to argue stronger for sorrow than for joy" (Christian Healing, p. 10). Sadness seemed so appealing at the time because it allowed me to be a victim and blame the world for my problems. I realized, though, that I did want to be happy. After all, who really wants to be sad?

I thought about this a lot and about how I needed to actively argue for—spiritually stand up for—my own happiness. To me this meant understanding that I truly am happy because God, who is all good, made me in His image (see [Genesis 1:27](#)). Joy isn't a temporary emotion; it's a quality that permanently belongs to us as God's reflection. The more I thought about this, the more light I could see through the darkness.

I also realized that I wanted to go back to school, be with my friends, and finish my degree—and I knew that was possible.

## I understand so much better now that sorrow is not more powerful than joy and that nothing can separate me, or anyone, from God's love.





The improvement didn't happen overnight, but by the end of the summer I was completely free from the symptoms and have been ever since—over a decade now. I was admitted back to my college and was even able to graduate with my class.

This passage from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mrs. Eddy shines light on how I was healed: "It is ignorance and false belief, based on a material sense of things, which hide spiritual beauty and goodness.

Understanding this, Paul said: 'Neither death, nor life, . . . nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God.' This is the doctrine of Christian Science: that divine Love cannot be deprived of its manifestation, or object; that joy cannot be turned into sorrow, for sorrow is not the master of joy; that good can never produce evil; that matter can never produce mind nor life result in death" (p. 304).

I understand so much better now that sorrow is not more powerful than joy and that nothing can separate me, or anyone, from God's love. And if I do find myself feeling sad or overwhelmed by events in the world, I remember that God is permanent and infinite good. So the spiritual reality of things—the goodness of God's creation—is always present. I can see it by turning to God in prayer and acknowledging what I know to be true.

I'm so grateful for everyone who supported me during this difficult time. I'm also grateful for Jesus, who demonstrated that healing is always possible and for Mrs. Eddy, who discovered the Science that shows us how to do it.

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**RESOURCES**

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST**  
**BOISE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Teen Connect**  
**Healing Ideas! For Teens, By Teens**



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# GOD IS LOVE

## We are all God's Children

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**Teen Connect**  
**Healing Ideas!**  
**For Teens, By Teens**



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## Child of God

Child of God, where are you going?  
Child of God your shepherd is showing  
you the way to go, and how to know  
you're the child of God.

Child of God what are you seeing?  
Child of God, you'll see that you're  
being only one with God.

You can't be flawed - you are the child  
of God

Father-Mother loves you so.  
And now, don't fear, your perfectness  
appears.

Right now, right here, no need for any  
fear. Child of God, what are you  
hearing? Child of God, have you been  
fearing that it's all too real, and do you  
feel that you're not  
the Child of God?

But now, right here, your God is near,  
your ever Father-Mother loves you so.

So now don't fear your perfectness  
appears right now, right here, no need  
for any fear.

Child of God what are you knowing?  
Child of God, know that you're growing  
more and more in Love and that's  
because you are the Child of God!

**Beloved Child of God!**

Music and Lyrics by Deborah Ann Offenhauser, BMI

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