Friends and supporters came from near and far to gather under the big tent and canopy of stately oaks to hear the good news of Daystar's progress since our last Annual Meeting.

from the Board of Directors
President Geri Fill began and ended with gratitude to God for His bountiful gifts and how Daystar is one of those wonderful gifts to mankind, focusing on the Christian Scientists' method of spiritual healing and demonstrating the highest of Truth's health care program.

SUPPLY:
The Board's focus has been on God’s law of infinite supply, including the patients' supply. Mrs. Eddy states in Miscellaneous Writings, page 300, “Christian Science demonstrates that the patient who pays whatever he is able to pay for being healed, is more apt to recover than he who withholds a slight equivalent for health. Healing morally and physically are one.”
**FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY:**
The Board’s stand to “owe no man” led to the sale of two annuities to pay off the bank loan taken in 2007 for the renovation of the facility. We continue to make monthly payments to the contractor. Our goal is to pay off all debts and eliminate a negative balance at the end of each month. Administration, including our nursing staff, continues to look for cost-saving measures in the day-to-day operations. No stone is left unturned. As a matter of fact, Administration was able to reduce expenses by $105,000 and the deficit by almost $102,000. We recently closed the Daystar Foundation and transferred all assets to Daystar, Inc., saving us approximately $3,000 a year in various expenses related to the Foundation.

**GRATITUDE:**
The new sign at the south entrance was paid for by a donation from the Homestead church. Grants from the Isabel Foundation and the C. LeRoy Miller Charitable Foundation paid for the installation of the new generator. Plus we have seen God’s blessing pour forth in the form of a large bequest restricted to expenses related to the training of Christian Science nurses.

**YOUR HELP NEEDED:**
As churches decline and/or close, it becomes even more important for individuals to support this healing ministry through monthly contributions. Daystar is here for you if there is a need. Won’t you “pay forward” to support those needing that assistance now?

**APPRECIATION:**
We so lovingly appreciate your continued prayers and contributions, and in turn you are rewarded by infinite Love. Our love and appreciation also extends to those that keep Daystar oiled and running smoothly.

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**from the Administrator**

Beverly Luttrell expressed her gratitude for everyone who attended, then went on to outline Daystar’s services, volunteers, and the meaning behind our name.

**About the Residential program:**

It has grown this year. We have two ladies living in single rooms and two in double room suites.
Here are comments from some of the residents:...

In addition to the residents inside the facility, there are four available apartments on the campus. If you or someone you know would be interested in retiring here, please give Kathy or me a call and we can discuss all the details.

About the staff:
Every year we acknowledge staff members who have been here for five, ten or fifteen years. Jack Egan in Maintenance received his ten year pin late last year. This year two people have earned their five year pins: Denise Bynes, in Housekeeping, and Sammy Muiruri, a Journal-listed Christian Science nurse. We also welcomed two new Christian Science nurses to our staff — Pat Mandel and Joyce Gembe.

Church Services:
Through the years we have had many volunteers who read for both Wednesday and Sunday services. This past year, John Rivers, from the Boca church, faithfully read for most of the Wednesday services. A big thank you to John!

And the Fort Lauderdale church is now providing the Sunday services by way of Skype. The entire service, from organ prelude to the postlude, is heard in the chapel as well as being piped into patient rooms through our sound system. We are so grateful to the Fort Lauderdale church.

Fund Raising:
Jenni Hebert, the program director from the Isabel Foundation, visited Daystar last month. The foundation now accepts applications once every three years and awards annual grants. Daystar anticipates receiving a grant for capital improvements and matching grants in the following two years. As the time grows near, we’ll announce the beginning of the matching campaign. I’m sure everyone will appreciate seeing their donation doubled.

What’s in a name? At times, I’ve wondered how or why the name Daystar was chosen for our facility. Daystar is defined as: a poetic word for the sun or another word for the morning star.

A Bible dictionary says:
That which precedes and accompanies the sun-rising. It’s found only in 2nd Peter, where it denotes the manifestation of Christ to the soul, imparting spiritual light and comfort. He (Christ) is the "bright and morning star" of Revelation. Isn’t that great—the manifest-
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There is no better place for a Christian Scientist to be, either for Rest & Study or for help in overcoming any false claim. The atmosphere of love here is greater than being at home with relatives. There is so much of healing references available in the library. I always go home more advanced in my spiritual journey.

How is this manifestation achieved? Through the Christian Science nurses—who impart spiritual light and comfort through their words and actions; at all times supporting the metaphysical work of the patient’s practitioner. That’s the best part of my position as Administrator--witnessing the healing work.

from the Director of Christian Science Nursing

Charles Mwanga, Director and "surrogate father" to the Christian Science nursing staff opened his report with a welcoming greeting and description of Daystar as a shelter and an expression of man’s caring love for his fellow Christian Scientist.

What is Christian Science nursing care? It is care given to individuals who radically rely on Christian Science healing. This is a special moment of the individual’s communion with God. The patient works with a Christian Science practitioner who does prayerful work, and with the Christian Science nurse who takes care of the patient’s physical needs as well as giving spiritual support.

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Christian Science nursing is proof of God’s care.
A couple of years ago, on an airplane, I was asked once again, “What do you do?” This time, as I opened my mouth, I heard myself say, “I’m in the Kingdom Business.” I was just as surprised as my seat-mate was! I’ve paid attention to what that means in the months and years since. And I love what I keep learning about it.

It’s easy on a day like today and in this beautiful setting, with friends and nature surrounding us, to think about the Kingdom Business! But it’s not always quite so easy as it is here this morning. Still, in the midst of challenges of the worst kinds, there are those whose voices of encouragement, comfort, expectation, promise, healing, rise above the din of discouragement, hopelessness, fear. Because they listened to angels and then shared with the world.

John is a great example. When he saw the “new heaven” and the “new earth” he was in prison – a cave with no window and a rock for his pillow. But that didn’t stop him from seeing what God saw and hearing what God spoke; it didn’t stop him from writing about the kingdom, despite what appeared so real to everyone else. John knew that others had caught glimpses of this as well – prophets and spiritual leaders like Moses, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel and Paul.

I think of the work that John and his predecessors did as “the kingdom business” – it’s all about realizing the presence and power of the kingdom within. This kingdom business, another name for Christianity, is not for wimps! It’s for strong metaphysicians who are willing to build on a rock. Everything looks different from that standpoint of rock-solid understanding and demonstration.

*Everything looks different from God’s point of view.*

The kingdom business never leaves us where it finds us; it moves us. It moves us forward. And it helps us move others forward.

Moses is another example of a worker in the kingdom business – he had to look beyond the picture that the material senses presented.

Several years ago in the midst of a challenging situation, it became clear to me in a flash that often “it gets messy in the middle of demonstration!” The Bible is full of examples including the well-read accounts of Abraham, Moses, Job, Elijah, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, Esther, and Paul. Of course, it also got very messy in the middle of Jesus’ demonstration!

Had any of these people done anything wrong to bring these storms upon their houses? No! In fact, they’d done everything right. They chose to build their houses on the rock, and they chose to stay there in spite of the storms. They didn’t fall for the suggestion that they were to blame. They knew there was no one and nothing to blame – except the lying suggestion that God was not all good, ever-present, omnipotent and able to lead, save, and deliver. All those
Bible characters we’ve mentioned had caught glimpses that they were not mortals, but immortals!

Mortality is not another creation. Mortal mind is not a creator; it’s a limited view of the one creation! Mortal man is not another creation; it’s just a limited view of the only man there is, God’s image and likeness. It’s as if we’re looking through a peep hole at the ocean or at the Rocky Mountains or at the night sky! There’s so much more than what we see through a peep hole the size of a dime!

*Mortality is a mis-perception.*

If things look out of whack, if something seems wrong or missing (like health or joy or love or goodness), if we experience problems as we look through this peep hole view, it’s not that anything needs to be changed or that anything’s amiss! It’s just a “vision” problem. It’s an opportunity to look again and see a broader view.

Mrs. Eddy uses the word “mortal” to mean a “limited” or “limiting” sense. She writes in *Science and Health* (255:11-14): Mortal man has made a covenant with his eyes to belittle Deity with human conceptions. In league with material sense, mortals take limited views of all things.

John just refused to look at things through the peep hole that mortality handed him. And he left an amazing message for us to ponder for millennia! Mrs. Eddy labored to give us Christian Science to help us stretch our vision beyond the peep hole … to realize the dominion that God gave man. We are being called to establish the truth, the gospel, and the Science which are necessary to the salvation of the world from error, sin, disease, and death.

**What does all this have to do with Daystar, Christian Science Nursing, and Us?**

This is BIG! And it has everything to do with Christian Science nursing and what’s going on here at Daystar. I’ve learned more and more about BIG, thanks in large measure to being so involved with the ministry of Christian Science Nursing. Christian Science nursing is Big love. Big blessings. Big thinking. Big healing. Big spiritual growth. There’s nothing limited or limiting about it. It’s an important aspect of the kingdom business, and we’re all going to get to practice it – in fact, it’s so big that we have to stretch to embrace it!

The world looks at nursing through a peep hole, so its concept of nursing is very small, limited and limiting. It suggests that because nurses deal with people with problems, it must be discouraging or difficult work. Mrs. Eddy’s given us a model for nursing that turns the world’s concept “upside down.” (see Acts 17:6) Christian Science nursing is freeing, healing, and promotes spiritual growth in a very big way. Nursing really has nothing to do with sickness, limitation, problems – except turning them upside down to reveal the truth of being!

Mrs. Eddy wrote some very interesting things about her *Church Manual* in an article entitled, “Mental Digestion” in *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*. (My. 230:9):—“This church is impartial. Its rules apply not to one member only, but to one and all equally. Of this I am sure, that each Rule and By-law in this Manual will increase the spirituality of him who obeys it, invigorate his capacity to heal the sick, to comfort such as mourn, and to awaken the sinner.”

The *Church Manual* is a guidebook for our church family as workers in the kingdom! It doesn’t limit our work, but frees us to engage in the kingdom business without hindrance from personal sense! It doesn’t
stifle, but invigorates our capacity to heal, comfort, awaken!

But what about this bylaw for “The Christian Science Nurse” – Art. VIII, Sect. 31?

Some people don’t think this bylaw belongs with all the rest. I’ve talked with long-time Christian Scientists who don’t get why it’s even in the Manual, much less what it has to do with them! Nursing is an aspect of reality. It’s forever. Just listen to how the dictionary defines the verb, to nurse: nourish; to promote the growth, development, or progress of; to cause to develop; to hold in one’s heart or mind; to hold or grasp carefully or firmly. Synonyms: cultivate, nurture, foster, cherish.

How could any spiritual idea not nourish? Spiritual ideas always promote growth and progress – that’s the law of God! It’s not possible to practice Christian Science without nursing. Nursing is an aspect of all true being – of our identity. It’s forever. Every spiritual idea nurtures, blesses, promotes growth. These are divinely natural activities and they always accompany reality, healing and spiritual growth. No exceptions!

Several decades ago, an angel told me that wherever there’s healing, there’s nursing. Shortly afterwards, I had a healing that sealed the lesson for me. And since then, I’ve noticed that Jesus’ healing work was always accompanied by or expressed as this BIG sense of nursing – as well as the practical manifestation of it. There are lots of examples of his nursing practice. He fed the multitudes, told those who stood by in awe at the raising of Jairus’ daughter to “give her something to eat”, pulled the disciples aside to give them rest, taught them patiently, washed their feet, made sure Mary would be cared for after he was gone, returned after the resurrection to encourage the disciples to get out and do what he’d taught them to do and stayed with them until they were ready to do so.

Mrs. Eddy opens her chapter on “Christian Science Practice” in Science and Health with six pages of discussion about this big concept of nursing as the essential foundation for one’s healing practice. Take a look and see what’s there – including “the tender word and Christian encouragement of an invalid, pitiful patience with his fears and the removal of them…,” “the poor suffering heart needs its rightful nutriment, such as peace, patience in tribulation, and a priceless sense of the dear Father’s lovingkindness.” And consider how much our church and the world needs this nurturing Principle of Christian Science practice to be understood, lived, and demonstrated by each one of us! It takes practice, and it must undergird our healing work!

And, in the same chapter on “Christian Science Practice,” she lists qualities requisite for nurses, identifying these qualities in the marginal heading Aids in sickness: “cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith, receptive to Truth and Love.” Do you see how each one of these qualities requires the practice of Christian Science and are required of every practitioner of this Science?

It’s up to us to see that Christian Science nursing is not an accommodation, not a compromise, not a concession, and not merely a health care system. Christian Science nursing is not a temporary fix. It’s not really any of these. It is a call to each member of The Mother Church: to learn to love like Gabriel and to fight like Michael.

Loving like Gabriel and fighting like Michael increases our spirituality, invigorates our capacity to heal, while blessing the world with living love! When we – all
of us! — practice nursing in this way, when we let our forever identity as Love’s likeness be expressed in practical ways, the false concepts of “self” and of “labor” and of “care” get blown away! This demonstration of life and love breaks through limits! It’s a very important aspect of the kingdom business!

Christian Science nursing is not about ‘taking care of another’ until we get the healing part of our practice right! It’s not about compensating for missing the mark … or about waiting it out until we awake to spiritual perfection. Because nursing is not a temporary thing! It’s not based in imperfection, neither does it condone imperfection. Nursing is forever. It springs directly from divine Love. It’s pure and perfect. It’s really about right identification of all being.

Christian Science nursing is a ministry which every student of Christian Science should embrace and support — and in which more Christian Scientists can and should participate now! I am convinced that Mrs. Eddy gave it to us, at least in part, to call forth the remembrance and demonstration of who and what we are! I’m also convinced that she gave it to each one of us — not to some subset of us! — to help our families, our neighbors, fellow church members, and the world through what seem like difficult periods when we’re tempted to indulge in blame or self-pity. She gave it to us as a help when we find ourselves believing in mortal mind’s “peep hole view of things.”

Christian Science nursing is a very important aspect of “the kingdom business!”

It involves knowing and loving and being grateful for God’s law of progress, healing, joy, and perfection — right here and now, no matter what the picture! Because sometimes it gets messy in the middle of demonstration!

In the Amplified Edition of Christian Healer (pp 234-235), there’s an excerpt from a letter Mrs. Eddy wrote to Judge Hanna when he was struggling with what was to him a serious physical condition. Here’s part of what you’ll find there: “You dear one, are God’s appointed… Not but you can go apart to pray — this we all need to do, and I want you to do it. But note this, do not go where, if you get frightened, you have no one well-skilled in truth to encourage you and neutralize error with Truth.”

This was written to him in 1897 — more than ten years before she’d added the bylaw for the Christian Science nurse. But she’s telling him to get the help of someone who will stand by him — just like the Christian Science nurse in each of us and which she describes in her bylaw.

Watching with and helping others actually lifts us up.

Let’s nurture God’s nature in ourselves and in each other! Let’s practice the nursing arts of encouragement, reassurance; let’s put to practice the skills of patience, meekness, love and good deeds. Let’s reflect the Comforter as comforters who are needed much, of Christlike touch. Christian Science nursing and practice are as one in this kingdom business. That’s what the kingdom business is all about — being God’s witnesses right in the midst of a challenge! And Daystar is fully invested in helping each one of us be successful workers in this business.

Thank you for joining this “kingdom business” of blessing the world!