



Olive Glen

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Olive Glen has a brand-new website. You may visit our website at www.oliveglen.org



Opening Message

Since Olive Glen has not published a newsletter in quite a while, we thought it would be helpful to catch you up on all our news and highlight our activities, progress, on-going needs, and gratitude for all the support we receive from the Christian Science community. There are many wonderful things happening at Olive Glen. Inside this newsletter you will find a special message from the new Administrator, Margaret Lawrence. There is a report from the new Director of Christian Science Nursing, Sandy Frost. Also you will learn about all the wonderful activities that are going on at Olive Glen as well as how you can become involved with helping out by giving your "Time, Talent, and Treasure." There is so much more that is taking place which cannot fit in this first newsletter. That is why we will be publishing a newsletter once a quarter. We want to keep you as informed as possible in your prayerful support of the wonderful healing that we are witnessing here.



Message from Margaret, Administrator

In 1988, after leaving my former job and praying about what I would do next, my aunt from Sacramento called to let me know that a Christian Science nursing facility was opening. They were looking for individuals who were interested in Christian Science nursing training. Although I had not previously considered a ministry in Christian Science nursing, in turning to God I decided to come for an interview and was accepted, – becoming the first nurse

trained at Olive Glen. I have loved being here ever since. When Dick Morse retired last August, I stepped in as interim Administrator. In January I was very pleased to be hired as Olive Glen’s new administrator.

Last September we received a letter from Medi-Cal informing us they would be discontinuing our license as a Medi-Cal provider until we receive a site inspection from Medicare. This inspection has been held up due to lack of Federal funding. Olive Glen doesn’t currently have the longterm funding structure to support several of our residents until either Medi-Cal funding is restored or a large increase of benevolence donations are received from the field.

Please join us as we prayerfully consider our benevolence funding. Olive Glen’s purpose is to support Christian Science healing in our community. We know that our work here is supported by divine Love embracing us all in its care individually and collectively. In II Cor. 8:14 Paul says, “But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality:”

On May 12-14 Olive Glen hosted the Annual Meeting of the Association of Christian Science Nursing at the Holiday Inn on J Street in Sacramento, California. Representatives from our sister Christian Science facilities joined us from England, Switzerland, Vancouver, BC, and the US—eighty-one attendees! The conference began with retired Colonel Janet Horton as our keynote speaker followed by a number of other important talks and presentations. The essence of the annual conference is the uniting in thought of all those involved in supporting Christian Science nursing and its progressive sustainability around the world. At least fifty attendees toured Olive Glen on the second evening. We sat under the trees in the moonlight visiting and eating dessert accompanied by Jane Mattson’s lovely harp music. Much gratitude and appreciation were expressed.



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Nola Cox
 Roy Moore
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 Tom and Donna Wardlaw
 Chris Cheney

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Open Invitation to Pray

In our efforts to educate, attract, and inspire, we love to work with our leader's spiritual definition of oil from the glossary of our textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy.

Oil. consecration; charity; gentleness; prayer; heavenly inspiration. S&H 592:25

Olive Glen staff takes 15 minutes three times a day to pray. We invite you to pray along side us during the same times. These moments are spent praying for Olive Glen, the Ministry of Christian Science nursing, the movement of Christian Science, and the world!

Prayer times:

11 AM to 11:15 AM

4 PM to 4:15 PM

Anytime during the night shift

**Report from Sandy Frost,
Director of Christian
Science Nursing**



I began my nursing ministry in 1977 at Twelveacres, Inc. as a nurse's aide with no experience except being a mom. In my thirteen years serving there I received valuable on-the-job-training from graduate and journal-listed nurses. In 1990 my husband and I moved to the Sacramento area and I began working at Olive Glen. In 2002 I received my Journal listing and served as assistant Director of Christian Science Nursing until this year. As of January I stepped into the new role as Director of Christian Science Nursing at Olive Glen.

We are blessed with a wonderful nursing staff and I'm so grateful to each of them. We are pleased to announce that Mali Thomas, who joined our staff in December 2009, and Kate Chapman, who joined us in March 2013, have both become Journal-listed in the past year.

Currently, Olive Glen is fully occupied and there is a waiting list. Because every room is filled, all of our nursing staff, board members, and our house practitioners are giving prayerful attention to the need for more nursing staff. Recently, we have hired several Christian Science contract nurses from various locations around the country to assist us temporarily in meeting this demand.

In Hilltop house we recently have completed an out-patient bandaging room. It provides a private, professional location for meeting out-patient needs. We are so grateful for this addition!

Since Olive Glen is all about healing and providing a healing atmosphere, I would like to share a few healings that we have witnessed.

- An individual entering Olive Glen as a bed patient was able to leave on the arm of a family member and return home.
- A current resident who was often highly anxious and agitated is now expressing a marked softening of character and is now offering gentle hugs and tenderly expressed gratitude for the nursing care she receives.
- We also have witnessed several instances of skin regeneration in the past year.

It is an ongoing joyful pleasure to be here at Olive Glen.

The New Bus!

We are pleased to announce that we have received enough funds specifically earmarked from grant money to purchase a new bus for Olive Glen. This bus can better serve our residents by accommodating as many as four wheelchairs or up to ten passengers for transportation to church and other activities. Two grants were

received that covered most of the cost and we joyously received from Love's provision the remaining funds through specific contributions earmarked for the bus.



Activities

At Olive Glen we love to think of activity as the demonstration of life in Spirit. We begin each week with a group exploration of the Bible Lesson which grounds all our activity for the week as we work to see the “perfect man” in everyone. All of our activities help us to claim our freedom from

limitation whether we are picnicking at Folsom Lake, attending the County Fair, cooking, singing, playing games, or meeting in a prayer group to address community issues.



Spring Tea

In early March Olive Glen hosted its annual fundraiser, the Spring Tea Party. Guests were served a variety of delicious sandwiches and cakes as well as copious amounts of hot tea in colorful porcelain teapots. Lending an air of propriety to the occasion Board President Chris Cheney was dressed in his tux and white gloves. All the staff pitched in to make it a gala event! Jane Mattson's lovely harp music wafted in from just outside the open doors and spring flowers were in bloom everywhere. If you haven't attended the tea in the past, please plan on joining the fun while helping to support Olive Glen next Spring.

The 3 T's - Time, Talent, and Treasure

There are many ways that you can give to Olive Glen. Everyone has something to give be it your *Time, Talent or your Treasure*, or all three. Here is a list of some ideas...

- Reading aloud to interested residents
- Donating your time by helping in our garden
- Visiting residents; taking them for wheelchair walks
- Music and other performance arts
- Donating home furnishings in good condition
- Helping with resident outings
- Hosting parties, picnics, movies, or other events at your home
- Making financial donations: even the most modest donations are always appreciated and welcomed
- Things that you are inspired to do that we haven't even thought of!





Jane Mattson, the instructor for new Christian Science nurses at Olive Glen

Hi! I'm Jane Mattson, the instructor for new Christian Science nurses at Olive Glen. I began my nurse's training at Olive Glen in 2003. Prior to that time I had always resisted suggestions that I would make a good nurse, although I had done quite a bit of volunteer work in a couple of facilities and even responded to an ad for non-technical assistance to an individual. Today, I find myself instructing others who are considering a ministry in nursing. I guess sometimes others can see better than we ourselves what may be our real calling.

In February Margaret and I went to Tenacre, the Christian Science nursing facility in Princeton, NJ, to learn a new system of training Christian Science nurses that was developed by Gisi Kitchingham, a Christian Science nurse from Germany. La Verger, the Christian Science nursing facility in Switzerland, first adopted this approach. Our instructors at Tenacre traveled from La Verger and introduced us to the Socratic questioning method of teaching.

The instruction for nurses is comprised of three courses – Basic, Advanced, and Extension – and is taught only on a one-on-one basis. The Basic course includes ethics, personal care, rest and movement, mobility, nourishment and safety. The Advanced course includes bandaging and working with more difficult cases while the Extension course covers training and management. The student is taught through following the provisions for Christian Science nurses outlined in the Manual of the Mother Church and by acknowledging the qualities of nursing that are within us all. The course focuses on asking questions of the student, teaching the student to think for himself. The instructor expects to learn right along with the students. God is recognized as being the real instructor of all. The course also includes word study using the Bible and Mrs. Eddy's writings.

There are two weeks of classroom work followed by a six-eight week mentoring period adapted to an individual's readiness to work alone. Primarily, the instructor does mentoring but other nurses mentor the student as well. We are fortunate to have our first student, Mimi Lofgren. Olive Glen is the first facility in the United States to use this system of training which we think is pretty exciting!

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The Annual Meeting Talk

Marjorie Dagnall delivered this year's annual meeting talk. Please enjoy a copy of the excerpts. If you'd like to listen to the talk in its entirety, you may visit our website at www.oliveglen.org and click on the [talks](#) link.

Why can't we just kill the lie?

by Marjorie Dagnall

Thank you very much for sharing your wonderful day with me. I certainly have enjoyed being here with you at Olive Glen. I would like to begin by sharing a story with you which really bases today's talk.



My 5-year-old son and I went on a holiday involving a three hour drive. Into the car's audio system we popped the "Sing and Shine" CD (put out by the Publishing Society) and off we went. This was a new CD to us but immediately we responded to the songs about Jehoshaphat, Joshua, Noah being a listener, and references to angels. Colin, who was not enrolled in Sunday School at that time, enjoyed being introduced to these biblical heroes and the scientific thought about them. We listened and sang along with the singers for the three straight hours it took to reach our destination. Then two days later we returned home again listening to three more hours of these songs. Once home, Colin asked if I would watch him play with his construction trucks and toys. After some play it became clear to me that he was building a network of roads to drive some monsters away. Home-schooled, living without TV, and having few playmates, it was hard to see just where he learned about these monsters. It was evident, however, that he did know about them and that they were definitely here needing to be removed. After several rather frantic moments of building to get rid of the monsters, he suddenly stopped, looked up and said, "Wait just a minute. If God is everywhere, then this is not really going on."

This is not going on!

So we looked at exactly what was going on and we see that it was far more than what appeared on the surface. It was certainly not about a cute little boy who was starting to get a basic dose of metaphysics, although that was what it looked like.

What was really happening here?

Truth, one of the synonyms used by Mary Baker Eddy to define God, was presenting itself as it always does as the reality that dispels the illusion, – not by doing something, but by being what it is. Truth removed the error that was taking the form of monsters of destruction and violence; it did so, not by brandishing a sword and demanding an end to the illusion, but by simply being what it always is. After all, Truth doesn't do anything to anyone or any situation, – not really – it just is, and that “is-ness” removes whatever is offensive to Truth itself. In watching Colin's activity my first thought was of heartfelt gratitude that Truth would not allow such activity even in a child's play. How Truth preserves innocency! In thinking about this two things stand out:

Number 1: There was no delay or period of waiting. Truth did not say, “Well, he is just a kid. I'll wait until he is older and knows more and then I'll come and by; then he will be ready for me to show him how to detect illusion and how to see what is really going on.

Number 2: There was no lack of importance, no insignificant aspect here. Truth did not say, “Well, I'll just hang around and see how this develops. After all he is not really dealing with monsters. These are only pretend. I'll come back when he is dealing with real monsters like disease, lack, depression, failure, disturbed relationships, and economic reversals. These are the real monsters”.

What was really going on?

Truth was being truthful and in so doing showed the nothingness of error. In short it was “Truth urging on mortals its resisted claims,” just as our Leader tells us on page 223 of Science and Health. It does so every moment, everywhere, but mostly we are unaware of its presence. What I think enabled us to experience this appearance of Truth was the listening to and singing statements of Truth in the car for those six-plus hours – keeping our violin in tune, you might say, as we have been urged to do. But do remember, we did not start out to do this. We did not start out to learn more about God, Truth, or to heal any condition, or to learn how to practice Christian Science correctly. We were just having fun. But we saw Truth anyway, not in spite of our having fun but more than likely, because of it! In short this experience enabled us clearly to see that Truth doesn't hang around not doing anything. Truth is Truth, “beez” you might say, and in this case the illusion of monsters was seen as nothing and innocency was protected. Now, a few minutes ago I remarked that Truth is always removing what is offensive, by its very presence; if that is so, why do we not always see it? Why would there sometimes appear to be a delay in declaring or knowing the Truth and experiencing it? In thinking about that, I recalled an insightful question a friend asked herself when she noted a delay between Elijah's promise of rain in I Kings chapter 18 and the actual appearing of rain. Elijah promised rain and many verses followed before that rain actually came. She wanted to know what was happening between the promise and the fulfillment of the promise.

What was happening?

Well, when she looked it up, she saw that Elijah was killing the false prophets. In other words the presence of Truth was dissolving the lie, a lie that took the form of ignorance and willful individuals who refused to admit the power and presence of the one God. The rain that had been there all the time was finally evidenced. We know all about those false prophets who took Elijah's time, thought, and experience. What about the false prophets that take our time, our thought, and experience? Do we kill them off or do we just let them hang around not quite believing that they will really do anything when, in fact, they are actively shaping our lives, determining our futures, defining our being, outlining our experiences, and shaping our bodies? Unlike Elijah we generally put up with them and fail to kill them off. They appear so vocal and in our face that we fail to see that we are mesmerized by their very persistence. Sometimes we laugh them off, complain about them, and point out their absurdity. But in so doing we continue to entertain them, forgetting that they have no power because Truth has killed their lie. Failing to realize this fact we fall under their influence and thus – unknowingly mesmerized – we entertain them. If we are not alert to see that Truth has already exposed, and thereby removed the offensiveness of these prophets, we will begin to accept their lies, define ourselves by their ignorance, participate in their old theology, and live in their godless reality. Above all we will think we need to fix them, correct them, instruct them, and even heal them! False prophets need not be listened to, straightened out, nor fixed in any way. They need to be killed.

Some of you might remember this story. It is one of my favorites and I often tell it. I would like to share part of it with you today: A Christian Scientist working in the British War Office during WWII declared daily his love for all men, including what appeared to be the enemy. He prayed to recognize clearly the protection and intelligence of the one Mind and to be at peace with all men. You can imagine his absolute dismay at returning to his flat one day and finding it totally destroyed by enemy bombs. He later reported that his shock was almost overwhelming. After some time he felt directed to call a Christian Science practitioner and amazingly he found a phone that was still in operation. After pouring out his heart to the practitioner his shock dissipated somewhat and he was able to follow her request to find a quiet place to sit and listen. He did so and what came to his thought were two lines he had learned as a boy in school. They were a parody from a poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson, which said, "Yours is not to reason why. Yours is but to do or die." This came to him as, "Yours is not to reason why. Yours is but to kill the lie". He immediately realized that he must refuse to believe that his flat had been blown to smithereens, that he had no place to live, that all his personal things were gone, nor could he accept that an enemy had done this. Instead he maintained his love for all men and refused to see an enemy. As he walked rather aimlessly in the rubble, a friend of his approached him asking what it was that made him look so dazed. Upon hearing what had happened the friend offered to have him stay in his flat, which was standing untouched, while he was out of the area for a few weeks. Actually, the friend remained away until the end of the war. This provided a wonderful sense of home to the Christian Scientist. After the war his demolished flat was one of the first to be rebuilt. This was a wonderful working out for a man who did not reason why, but did indeed kill the lie.

“Yours is not to reason why, Yours is but to kill the lie.”

In Pulpit and Press Mrs. Eddy writes: “An unjust, unmerciful, and oppressive priesthood must perish, for false prophets in the present as in the past stumble onward to their doom:” Note *their* doom, not ours. False prophets would invade the permanently established universe of Spirit and trespass on your rights as one of its citizens. For this they receive the penalty due the crime as Mrs. Eddy states on page 106 of Science and Health. *They* receive the penalty – we don’t. Never suffer for mortal mind! Just what are these false prophets that seem to be so prevailing and persuading? They are the real monsters that Truth is continually destroying as in Colin’s experience. While they seem to be everywhere in the news, the government, the experiences of friends and family, they are in reality not many but just one – the monstrous lie of duality – the belief of a secondary power, creating another world with its own rules and then telling us that we are in that world and must bow down to those rules.

So then what is happening?

Truth is removing the illusion of a world defined by false prophets just as it did in Colin’s make believe world. It is the world that has been defined by that which is false. We are not doomed, nor in that world, and we have not been defined by a false power. We are subordinate alone to our Maker.

Elijah’s dealing with the false prophets seemed to occupy him for some time and the rain came only when the last Prophet was gone. But the rain was there all the time. He did not have to create it, or manufacture it, nor did he have to wait for some miracle to happen to bring it about. Again, it was there all the time.

What was happening?

Why could he finally see it? The only thing that happened was that the so-called duplicitous thought was removed and then that which was true was clearly seen to be going on right there where the waiting seemed to be. There was really no waiting there. The Truth was at work the whole time! Remember Daniel’s experience in Daniel, Chapter 10, when he was mourning for three weeks and not eating or drinking for three days by the River Hiddekel. Finally, an angel message came to him, “Fear not Daniel, for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days, but lo! Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia”. Here again Daniel, like Elijah, seemed to wait for Truth’s appearing; and what was happening during this wait? Could it have been that the Prince of Persia, standing for the belief of a materialistic world, was so aggressive at that point that Michael

was called in to help put it right? When this materialistic thought was disposed of, as in the case of the false prophets, Daniel was free to entertain the angel message which had been there all the time. What a reassuring message, for the angel explained that everything was already all right. Delay in seeing the truth evidenced does not mean that something is wrong or that the Truth is not there. It is always there and it always does the work as our Leader points out in our textbook. From the first time he set his heart to understand and to chasten himself before God, his words were heard and the angel came because of those words. Oh, that *we* would wait with such confidence and conviction! But what about the impotent man who waited beside the pool of Bethsaida for over thirty years? That is quite a bit of waiting. I suspect that very few false prophets were being disposed of during that time. The fact is that this man was waiting for them to do something for him and indeed they did! False prophets were so active in thought that he was mesmerized into inactivity – so potent had they become in thought that he became impotent.

The false prophets, so full of themselves, boast that they have filled us with false information, that we have taken it in, and are acting it out, and that it causes ill health, sleepless nights, disturbed thinking, difficult decision making. These things happen only if we forget that we have been saved from their operating in our experience. They can never touch us if we go back to Truth's immediate removal of that which is offensive. Right there at the very time those lying monsters were stalking us, Truth was removing them lie-by-lie and so we were protected and remain protected. Remember this and do not believe that you could ever be touched by "the false" because only "the Truth" has been there – only the Truth is true about you. Truth has and always will protect your innocency just as it did a little boy who was trying his best to stop the monsters in his childish play. Just as it does in yours, Truth stopped those monsters right there without any delay in this boy's consciousness. Listen to Truth. Trust its removal of that which is a lie because that, my friend, is the only thing that is really going on. Remember, it is only the Truth of Love. That kills the lie – not our personal sense of love, but Love itself, the Love that is without self. The biggest lie of all is that we have a selfhood apart from this Love.

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