

# “Trust in the Lord...”

by D. Brian Boettiger

“Among my favorite Bible verses are these from the Book of Proverbs: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge [God], and [the Shepherd] shall direct your paths.” Proverbs 3:5,6



Working at Wide Horizon in continual support of Christian Science nursing requires unwavering trust in God. You may assume that sometimes such trust has been difficult. On my desk I’ve a card deck; but this is a special deck – one not filled with face cards. This deck was a thoughtful gift. The cover reads: KEEP CALM AND TRUST GOD. So, it’s my “you better keep calm and trust God” deck. It’s filled with 51 cards with scriptural verses and/or inspirational quotes. The cards are divided equally in three colors – blue, cranberry, plum. Each card has one of three crowns. One card has the verses from Proverbs above, concluding: “...He [God] will make your paths straight.” The flipside is from Psalm 103: “The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.” (Although I may be a compassionate man, I wish I could say I’ve been slow to anger and fully filled

with unfailing love all my human experience. Yet I’m grateful our Lord is.) I’ve digressed, the deck has 101 messages to encourage and inspire. Now, if you enjoy movies or math, you may be thinking about “101 Dalmatians” or maybe asking, “Why 101 not 102 messages?” Well, a side of one card is KEEP CALM AND

TRUST GOD. Although I’d consider this message encouraging and inspirational, we’ll go with the 101. The flipside is: “The Lord says, ‘I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.’” I’d say therefore the best course of action in life is to



trust in the Lord, knowing our heavenly Father will guide and guard you, no matter what direction you may take. For me, the path hasn’t

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always seemed straight, but I attribute this to my allowing concerns, worries, and even fear to erroneously influence me. When truly and wholeheartedly trusting God, divine Love, the way has been straight – filled with peace and prosperity. Now sometimes the straightway has had hurdles. Yet Spirit, Love has carried me over them; perhaps at times through them. The key has often been “Am I trusting God with all my heart?” Or, “Am I leaning on man’s opinions rather than listen-

ing and following God’s, divine Mind’s constant care and guidance?” The way grows brighter when I do the former. Pondering Proverbs 3, I’m also grateful for an amazing team of individuals who practice this type of trust at Wide Horizon, which has included board members and volunteers. I also acknowledge the wonderful works of many colleagues at AOCNS (Association of Organizations for Christian

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## 2023 – A Year of Perfect Health

By Leticia Pappoe, Christian Science Nurse

2023 is a year of perfect health:

- I will accept that God sent His Word to heal me. *Christian Science Hymnal* 175: “Lo, He sent His word and healed [me]. Still that Word of God is here.”
- I will praise creative Mind, maker of heaven and earth and not be anxious. And in everything by prayer and supplication and with thanksgiving, I will listen for what Spirit, God has for me. The answer will surely pass all understanding!
- I will know and understand that God created me in His own image and likeness, spiritual and perfect.
- I will know and understand that Christ is the vine and am the branch. That same Spirit flows through me.
- I will know and understand that right now there is no condemnation for me; for I am in Christ, loved by God.
- I will know that Love is the key to perfect health! “Divine love always has met and will always meet every human need.”  
Love heals!
- I will accept and understand that God has given me not the spirit of fear but of power and of a sound mind. That I have dominion over all adversity!
- I will remember, bless and support the men and women of God who pray to help me understand God's holy Word to realize my perfect health. And be healed...
- I will understand that 2023 is the same yesterday, today and forever, and I do live, move and have my being in Christ. The Truth makes free!

*Excerpts from the Holy Bible, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy and from the Christian Science Hymnal.*



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Science Nursing) sister organizations who have demonstrated and do demonstrate unwavering trust in God, particularly during the past three years. I can't imagine doing this work in support of the ministry of Christian Science nursing in any other way but to have complete trust in God. So, dear readers, in all you do, KEEP CALM & TRUST GOD.

P.S. Colleagues at a sister Christian Science nursing organization recently wrote the following that I feel applies to all AOCNS ministries: “...[2022 was] a busy year, full of progressive steps...[with] changes in staff [and more],...yet we always remember that these steps are evidence of progress...so we are grateful. No matter what else is happening...we maintain our purpose, dedication, and devotion to the daily expression of divine Love. We offer a haven of Soul. We provide a place where Christian Science healing is practiced and demonstrated, and where those who may need care as they pray for healing will have full support for their reliance on God to meet every daily need.” And, “Watching what we think is a demand to accept spiritual reality, right where material conditions appear to human thought. This statement made by Mary Baker Eddy to her household certainly applies to Christian Science nursing: ‘This work is not hum-drum, it is growth. It is repeating and defeating, repeating and defeating, repeating and defeating.’ (*We Knew Mary Baker Eddy*, p. 263). The ministry of Christian Science nursing is the embodiment of strong, scientific witnessing while tenderly caring for our fellow man.” (FERN LODGE FOCUS – fernlodge.org)

## Volunteers

Gratitude abounds for Wide Horizon’s volunteer Board of Directors! Jennifer Babcock, President, is in her 6<sup>th</sup> year; Doug Patti, Vice Chair, his 9<sup>th</sup> year; Doug Izmirian, Treasurer, 5<sup>th</sup> year; Neil Kearney, Secretary, 3<sup>rd</sup> year; Lynn Reiff, 3<sup>rd</sup> year; and Cathy Veges, newly elected! So much thanks to all who have and do volunteer – particularly those who provide readings for the testimony meetings every Thursday afternoon – and especially the many house CS practitioners who embrace us daily in Love and prayer.

## Wide Horizon Legacy Community

Wide Horizon Legacy Community members are supporting the future of Christian Science nursing with an estate gift. There are different ways to help:

- Bequest in your will or living trust
- Naming Wide Horizon as a beneficiary (e.g., IRA or life insurance)
- Charitable Trust

These gifts help ensure that Wide Horizon can provide Christian Science nursing care to our community in the years and decades ahead. The right approach is whatever is right for you.

*For more information, please contact Norm Williams at or 303-403-2450. All inquiries will be received in confidence.*

  
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*“Agree with God and be at peace...” Job 22:21 NRSV*

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## Holiday Wishes – A Sampling

- Thank you and the Wide Horizon team. Wishing all of you a happy season filled with love as well!
- Merry Christmas to you and all. We are keeping the Christ in Christmas – up front and personal.
- Thank you for this absolutely lovely card, and for the comforting and inspiring message of Christ... "The divine manifestation of God."
- Thank you for this lovely expression of this momentous, yet humble event in human history. It reminds me that we each have our own part to play, and however humble or inconsequential it may appear at the time, and if it is following Love's lead, it has the potential for seismic blessings of good for mankind. Christmas blessings to you [all]! Love...

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## Christian Science Nurses Come to Colorado

Join the Wide Horizon team of Christian Science nurses! Experienced individuals are encouraged to consider beautiful Colorado to contribute to Wide Horizon's healing ministry. Inspired fresh perspectives are welcome! Competitive salary, housing perk, relocation allowance and other great benefits are included! Be blessed by working at a Mile High in an atmosphere of Love! Contact Sue Wood, Director of Christian Science Nursing, at 303-403-2471.



### True Christmas Gifts

Many years ago [the father of a staff member] gave to the family a small plaque titled "True Christmas Gifts" which [has been] cherished and placed out [in their home] every Christmas Season. His list of "True Christmas Gifts" includes: Love, Patience, Tolerance, Faith, Cooperation, Compassion Encouragement, Respect, Understanding, Quietude, Silence, Gratitude and Forgiveness.

## Nuggets of Gratitude

- Wide Horizon has remained steadfast in turbulent conditions and true to the mission of a Christian Science care facility for many decades that has enabled it "to cleanse and rarefy the atmosphere of material sense and to permeate humanity with purer ideals." (*Science and Health*, p. 37) It is in the spirit of continuing Wide Horizon's mission that the members of First Church, Arvada give this donation to you. With all loving regards...
- I'm always so grateful for our weekly Bible Lessons which invariably provide ideas with which to pray for WH. I loved seeing WH in the Ark last week and also in God's hands. This was really helpful with the fire [in the dryer located in the laundry area]. I'm so deeply grateful for all the good work that goes on under the great leadership [that is provided].
- I wanted to express how thankful I am for your continued business. It is customers like Wide Horizon who keep our business going. Here is to many more business projects and years together! Thank you with great appreciation!
- My family and I want to extend our deep appreciation to you and the entire staff at Wide Horizon for the wonderful care you provided my mom. I know, and hope each of you know, how appreciative she was of each one there, and she raved about that to me. The way everything was done was so gentle, respectful, firm and clear. When you look at the qualifications for a Christian Science nurse, having a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice, thoroughly understanding the practical wisdom necessary in a sick room, and taking proper care of the sick, you all demonstrate those requirements beyond measure. I know we all expected and wanted to see healing, and she truly came there expecting healing—we made sure of that before we stepped foot inside your doors. It's difficult to understand when that doesn't seem to happen like we think it should. But there were some things she was having to work through, and she still gets to work through them on the next plane of her experience.
- While we will miss her daily presence in our lives and her support of the Christian Science community in Colorado and beyond, including reading at Wide Horizon for many years, we want to be sure you know how much we appreciate each of you and what Wide Horizon does for the Christian Science movement. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

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## Hallmark Thank Yous

Thank you again for all the benevolence that was granted to me for my stay at Wide Horizon. Thank you all very much... I look forward to the day when I can contribute to Wide Horizon to help someone else, as you have helped me. Thank you all very much! With love... (2013)

It's hard to put my gratitude into words for your kindness [and benevolence] in satisfying my mom's bill. I have prayed over this for many months and one day 'a still small voice' [provided the answer to my prayers]. God does work in wondrous ways! With gratitude and love (2014)

To all the wonderful people at Wide Horizon. Please accept this check for my deep gratitude for the care given to while at Wide Horizon. I am so grateful! With love (2016)

Subject: Gratitude to All!

My deep appreciation for all the love and care I received during my two-week stay at Wide Horizon. My gratitude is undiminished. Thanks to Sue Wood and Carol Hanauer for keeping things running smoothly. A special thanks to all the 24/7 [Christian Science] nurses who so lovingly cared for me. Having someone read to me when I had a seemingly bad night was a bit of heaven. And, I'll never forget Carol [Zietlow] on the night shift bringing me a glass of orange juice at dawn when she learned I was an early riser. This sweet gesture continued every morning whenever she was on duty – such an expression of love and caring! And how can I express enough appreciation to Jan Dillingham for her endless dedication to the Wide Horizon residents – the

Bible Study hour, hymn sings, creative activities, recreational readings, movie nights, outings, interesting programs and more. What a gift! And much thanks to the dedicated kitchen staff. Such good food and creative menus. Friendly folks giving a warm welcome daily from all was deeply appreciated. Perhaps best of all are the lovely friends I made during my stay. I miss them all!... And, of course, Casey the Cat. Her sweet furry love radiates all over the place. She's 'purrfect'! Also, my appreciation to Lukas who keeps things running and kindly gave me a ride home on my last day. What a treasure! And finally, My heart overflows with words unspoken. Please know that all best love is herein enclosed! Sincerely (2013)



### A NEW YEAR EVERY DAY

**O Life that maketh all things new,**  
The blooming earth, the thoughts of men;  
Our pilgrim feet, wet with Thy dew,  
In gladness hither turn again.

From hand to hand the greeting flows,  
From eye to eye the signals run,  
From heart to heart the bright hope glows,  
The seekers of the Light are one:

One in the freedom of the truth,  
One in the joy of paths untrod,  
One in the heart's perennial youth,  
One in the larger thought of God; –

The freer step, the fuller breath,  
**The wide horizon's grander view;**  
The sense of Life that knows no death, –  
The Life that maketh all things new.

(Samuel Longfellow, *Christian Science Hymnal* 218)

## Benevolence is ...

Benevolence is defined as the disposition to do good, goodwill, kindness, charitableness, and the love for mankind. Wide Horizon and all Christian Science nursing organizations express and practice benevolence each day. The Christian Science nurses and support staff who provide the programs and services at Wide are benevolent people who care about others – most often selflessly, kindly, lovingly – as they do the good works here.

Benevolence is active. It's loving. It goes hand-in-hand with philanthropy as described by Mary Baker Eddy in *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*:



new possibilities, achievements, and energies; it lays the axe at the root of the tree that bringeth not forth good fruit; it touches thought to spiritual issues, systematizes action, and insures success; it starts the wheels of right reason, revelation, justice, and mercy; it unselfs men and pushes on the ages. Love unfolds marvellous good and uncovers hidden evil. The philanthropist or reformer gives little thought to self-defence; his life's incentive and sacrifice need no apology. The good done and the good to do are his ever-present reward." (pp. 287-288) (Spellings as in original; boldface added.)

“Philanthropy is loving, ameliorative, revolutionary; it wakens lofty desires,

With healing for all mankind being desired, Wide Horizon is practicing

and has practiced philanthropy in this way through its continuous benevolent ministry of Christian Science nursing for more than 70 years!



## Employee Updates

There are several employee work anniversaries this year:

- Sue Wood, Director of Christian Science Nursing, 40 years
- Brian Boettiger, Executive Director, 20 years
- Maria Sigala, Housekeeping Co-Manager, 15 years
- John Baca, Facilities Co-Manager, 10 years
- Ian Joseph, Christian Science Nurse, 5 years
- Marcella Nshimiyimana, Christian Science Nurse, 5 years

After 20 years, I can wholeheartedly exclaim, “It’s been so fulfilling working with such remarkable individuals. This includes all of Wide Horizon’s excellent staff. What a great team! Alleluia!”

And, we warmly welcome our newest Christian Science nursing student Ibukun Dawodu from Lagos, Nigeria (add a new flag on the Wide map), who comes to Wide from Principia College.

Wide now is represented by the following countries outside the USA: Canada, Ghana, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya!



***“Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way.”***  
*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 454, Mary Baker Eddy*

## Awake, Awake

*By A Wide Horizon Guest*

I am awake at 2:00 every morning. It is a time to think, pray and write. Today it is the kitchen staff's turn to be part of that writing. Either one of the kitchen's cooks Brian or Will at work – pans banging softly, sweet aromas coming forth – and dishes beautifully decorated and meals so tasty. Every weekday, sweet Jennifer flies by with soup and plates in hand, pats on the shoulder and hugs generously given – as she smiles, saying “There you are mam.” In the evening, happy Velta prepares our trays with care, joy and love. And on the weekends, we are blessed with Elaine who blesses us with Sunday treats, hugs and meeting individual tastes. We love to keep up with family activities as she dishes up a variety of delicious meals from Brian's skills. All in all, it is a coordinated flavor feast every day to each of us. We are so grateful with wordy praise of thanks each day!

*(Nuggets of Gratitude, continued from page 4)*

- Reading at Wide is always a treat for me. I love the gratitude and sense of community that are expressed by everyone. On the drive home afterward, I always feel so uplifted and inspired. Thank you for organizing the readers who volunteer each quarter. This activity certainly blesses all parties involved.

## Activities

Wide Horizon still has an opening in our Activities Department, either as a paid staff member or as a volunteer. Supporting the healing mission of Wide Horizon and Christian Science nursing is a fulfilling endeavor and activity. Our Activities Department staff have many opportunities throughout the day to interact with our residents at Wide Horizon – such as in our morning Bible Lesson study with inspiring discussion of metaphysical ideas, reading activities which include Christian Science periodicals and articles and books of general interest or recreational reading, playing board games, taking walks or wheelchair rides with residents, leading dominion in movement activities, watching movies (both entertaining and educational), and coordinating creative group activities – all of which support our Christian Science nursing staff and the healing mission of Wide Horizon.

Please contact Sue Wood at 303.403.2471 or [swood@widehorizon.org](mailto:swood@widehorizon.org) if you are interested in applying for this position. We look forward to hearing from you!



- I realized that a couple of years ago when reading every week during the period when visitors did not have access to Wide Horizon, that I had pulled back, commenting that our Residents needed to hear other voices read the beautifully prepared lessons. Since then, I have filled in just a few times. When reading it is always with joy and gratitude and very inspiring to not only read but to listen to testimonies of gratitude from our residents.

*Holiday Wishes (continued from page 3)*

- May all of you at Wide Horizon also have a wonderful holiday and a very Merry Christmas!
- Thanks for your message and the encouragement in your latest e-card. I appreciate the quiet and thoughtfulness in it!
- Such a beautiful card and inspiring message. I'm grateful to be at Wide Horizon supporting its holy work. Wishing you and your circle of loved ones a blessed and happy Christmas.
- Thanks much! Have a blessed and joyous time of light at Wide Horizon.
- Thanks for this wonderful card, it was precious. Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks for all you are doing. Much love...
- Thanks to you and all the Staff at Wide Horizon. I appreciate the lively ecard and all the work you do for the practice of Christian Science. Best wishes to all for a joyous Christmas and New Year! Move love...



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