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Change Your Thinking, Change Your Life

By Dr. Arthur Chang



Thought rules the world. Trying to live with wrong thoughts is like trying to walk in quicksand. It will bog you down and kill your optimism and shrink your field of infinite possibilities into a prison cell of bad experiences. On the other hand, right thought will free

you for the exciting journey of your life. Right thinking is miraculous because you become what you think about most of the time. That is the power of your word. Your word is your deepest thought believed in and which actualizes as your life experiences. The Hebrew prophet, Isaiah, understood this and said, "So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11) And so it is, there is power in your word and it will not return to you empty but will achieve its purpose.

Prayer is a major form the power of your word takes. Prayer is a great way to change your thinking and change your life. Through faith, prayer will link you directly to your Infinite Source. This is why an effective prayer is a life altering affair. Though your good may manifest through people and things, your source is still God. The story of the widow and the Hebrew prophet Elisha is a good example of how the Source works through a person whose consciousness is attuned to it. The widow's two sons were about to be taken as slaves to pay the debts of her deceased husband, when she appealed to Elisha for help. The widow had nothing of value in her house but a small vial of oil. Through the power of his word, Elisha got her to pour, miraculously, several jars-full of oil from her miniscule vial and used the increased quantities of oil to pay off her debt with much to spare. In the widow's case, Isaiah's word-power took the form of chang-

Founder's Church Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary

By Rev. Dr. Arthur W. Chang

The Golden Anniversary of Founder's

Founder's celebrated its 50th Anniversary on January 3, 2010. Over its first twenty-five years, Founder's functioned as the movement's Mother Church, its axis mundi, its immovable spot, its Holy Ground. Founder's provided the meeting place for the annual conventions, which was attended by delegates all over the world.

The Founder's Changeless Circle

Paul Williams, then, the foremost African American architect in the world, designed Founder's to Dr. Holmes' specifications—a circle to symbolize God, who is perfect, without beginning or end. At the back wall of the choir loft, a curtain opens revealing a mural of sacred sym-

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ing her thinking from lack and limitation to abundance and changed her life.

The principle this account teaches is that what is true of the widow is true of you. You don't have to be imprisoned by limiting thoughts of your present situation. You can change them, first by changing your thinking. Indeed, as it is said, "You are the master of your fate, the captain of your ship."

The story is told of a stranger who settled in a town and asked his neighbor, "What are the people around here like?"

The neighbor, a Quaker, replied quietly with a question, "What were the people like where thee came from?"

The newcomer answered, "I have come from such and such a town. The people there were mean and dishonest."

The Quaker answered, "I'm afraid thee will find them all here."

A third person who had overheard the conversation joined by remarking, "This surprises me because I have come from the same town, and I found them a very kind and friendly lot of people." And the old Quaker, turning to him, said, "Thee will find them all here too."

The principle is, what you think is what you will find.

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Where Culture Meets Spirituality
and Dreams Become Reality

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for Positive Spirituality

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The power of your word can bring about your greatest freedom, happiness, health, wealth and relationship and it can make this life a living hell. You are creating your heaven or hell by your thinking.

Heart Thinking

"As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." This familiar and enduring insight on the power of heart-thinking by Solomon touches deeply your spoken, believed in, or embodied word. When your thoughts become an embodied pattern, made firm by your emotions, commitment or faith, this pattern will spontaneously begin to produce the world according to its kind.

Your embodied thoughts are your word made flesh, to use the metaphor of the Gospel of John. So awesome is the power of the embodied word that Ernest Holmes asserts: "Thoughts are things." If that is true, then things are thoughts actualized. Things are congealed thoughts and thoughts are liquid things or as Emerson stated it, "Man sees the world as solid fact, but God see the world as liquid law." Quantum physics tells us that energy and information form the physical universe. Energy is like water, and information or thought is the mold that gives form to what is made.

Jesus gave further clarity to the power of your word in saying, "Whatever you prayer for, believe you shall have them and you will receive them." This is a remarkably simple but pow-

erful statement and is a key to our understanding the power of our word.

The Book of Genesis quickly establishes the power of the word as God creates through word-power. Humans

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are a reflection of God's power of consciousness to create; thus, we are individual power-centers with immense power to change our lives.

"P," the scholar designated as the priestly writer of Genesis 1, expressed God's word power as follows: "In the

beginning God created the heaven and the earth. The earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." [Genesis 1:1-3].

Our Most Creative Tool

Affirmative acceptance of our good allows us to put this immense infinite intelligence to work for us in the best possible way. It is the power to change your life by changing your thinking. Through word-power God called forth from the liquid state of Pure Potential the state of actual experience by means of the light of God's inner thought. Similarly, at the local level of your own consciousness, you can change your life by going to the same source the universe goes to create your desires. The universe produces for us according to the felt pattern of our thoughts. Therefore, if you don't like the experience of your life, you have to change your thinking.

After praying, we should not feel the need to force anything to happen. We should relax and know that it is already done in mind. A woman I know was concerned with finding the right home to purchase for herself and her boyfriend. Though she comes to it prayerfully, she is filled with anxiety and winces when she loses an opportunity because someone outbids her.

That is not the way to approach getting what you desire. I recall some

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Helping Families in El Salvador

By Moises Martinez

With the help of the East L.A. Lions Club and along with my wife Mayra, I undertook the fund raising to support 18 doctors from Mexico, South America and the United States to do a cleft lip and palate surgery and eye prosthesis campaign in the Republic of El Salvador from October 25 through 31 in 2009.

Through the East L.A. Lions Club, I organized the fund raising to sponsor the doctors' travel expenses and the cost of the surgical material. The doctors volunteered to do the surgeries free of charge and El Salvador provided hospital facilities, nurses and lots of volunteers to help on the campaign. Used clothing and eyeglasses were collected throughout the city and from various donors from Founder's Church and friends.

This was a profound experience for all of us who participated in this campaign. The lives of many people were changed dramatically. Small children, teenagers, adults and older people who suffered from harelip were operated



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Ernest Holmes Contemplates a Church Building

(Editor's Note: The events leading up to the birth in mind of a Founder's Church building were described in the book Ernest Holmes: His Life and Times, authored by Ernest's brother Fenwicke. An excerpt from the book relating to that time is printed below.)

The board of trustees had made the decision to erect a great modern church building on the grounds of the extensive institute holdings at Sixth and New Hampshire Streets, where once was the willow tree, the running brook and the marsh.

Holmes Yields to the Idea

Ernest had given the matter prayerful thought. There were beautiful religious Science churches now throughout the nation. The institute had none. Services for its congregation

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still packed the Wiltern Theater to hear Dr. William Hornaday, but, said Dr. Hornaday to Dr. Ernest, “Think of our need for a place to work socially. Apart from Sunday services, we need a chapel, a dining room, kitchen, Sun-

day school facilities. At present we add people on Sunday only to subtract them on Monday.



Ernest thought. He hesitated. He thought again.... He yielded. “I am tempted to a wider service, and we can meet the challenge,” he said.

Later, he said he remembered a sign I told him of having seen in England. Over the sanctuary door there was a chiseled in stone, “This is the gate of Heaven,” but beneath it was a hand-lettered sign, “Please go around the other way.”

“I’ve come to the conclusion that the sanctuary door should be there, and be open. We’ll make sure the Presence is inside,” he said. “I avoided the word religious and the word church, until I came to realize that the world is more interested in the spiritual than the mental. It yearns for a religious faith and an experience with God. Psychiatric terminology and idealistic philosophy are useful in their place but Science of Mind is a doorway to the Real and the Eternal.”

His personal interest fired the enthusiasm of the Board of Trustees. A building committee was appointed, headed by Paul Graham, a successful industrialist, who declared to the church, “Now we will work together, pray together, plan together.”

Holmes' Vision

Caught up in the determination to realize this bigger “body” for the Idea,

Ernest visualized many of the details. Prior to the ground-breaking ceremonies he could be seen spreading out newspapers on the site to demonstrate the pastor’s study, the organ to be named after Hazel, and the walled gardens around the building. “What we raise here will be beautiful”; he affirmed, “it will bless people of all faiths just to see the building.”

Ernest lectured several times at the Wiltern Theater services in 1958 and 1959 expressing his pleasure in the prospect of “a magnificent symbol of our spiritual convictions; a thing of beauty forever -- an adequate edifice for our Sunday worship and midweek activities.”

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- Give yourself a “space cushion” on all sides
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- The more space you allow between your car and the car ahead, the more time you will have to see a hazard and the more time you will have to stop or avoid the hazard
- Don’t be a tailgater, most rear accidents are caused by tailgating





The Real You: Accepting Your Good

By Rev. Larry Barber

The great premise of Science of Mind is that we are surrounded

by an Infinite Intelligence that responds to us according to our belief.

Therefore, the key to employing this principle in the best possible way is by organizing our thoughts, attitudes and beliefs in an affirmative direction; to be consistently in the mode of actively accepting the good we desire. That good is our real nature; that good is the real You.

Ernest Holmes said, "We can see the necessity of providing a greater concept of life, a bigger idea of ourselves, and a more expanded concept of the Universe in which we live. This is a matter of inner growth together with the enlarging of all lines of thought and activity."

Do we want something better in our life? Then we need to make a decision to do something about it and move accordingly. Frequently people get accustomed to living in a state of limitation or lack and it becomes difficult for them to bring themselves to a point of being affirmative, of making a positive decision.

Waiting Too Long by the Pool

This is what happened to the man in the Bible in chapter five of the gospel of John. This man had been beside the pool of Bethesda along with many others who were infirm, waiting for the moving of the water. Because it was said that an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred the water; and whosoever then first stepped in, after the stirring of the water, would be made whole.

This man had been there for 38 years. When Jesus came along, he said to the man: Will you be made whole?

The man said, "Sir, I have no one when the water is stirred, to put me into the pool: and while I am trying to get there, another steps down before me." Jesus simply said: "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made whole and took up his bed and walked.

It is the temptation of all of us to put blocks in our way of accomplishing what needs to be done. Someone else needs to do something before our good can reach us. We are just out there by

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the pool. We won't make a decision, won't flow with an idea when it comes. We're waiting for someone else to get us started. Part of Accepting our Good is cleansing our mental barriers.

If we can get in touch with the higher part of our Mind, represented in this story by Jesus, then we can regain a glimpse of the wholeness of life--that is the perspective from which Affirmative Acceptance of our Good arises. "Will you be made whole?" says Jesus to the man. And when we are in touch with this inner Christ awareness, we begin to feel once more that sense of the wholeness of life.

Declaring Our Good

What makes the difference in how we operate? To devise a way of looking at life which perceives and declares and accepts the good that arises from our Real Nature.

Author W. Clement Stone tells a story about a young bride who traveled with her husband to the California desert during World War II. Because she had grown up in the East, the desert seemed remote and desolate to her. Where they lived didn't make it any easier. The only housing they could find was a tiny house near a village of Native Americans, none of whom spoke English. She spent a lot of time there alone, waiting out the sweltering heat each day.

Finally, when her husband was gone for a long period, she became despondent and wrote her mother to say she was returning home. A few days later, she received this reply from her mother:

*Two men looked from prison bars,
One saw mud, the other stars.*

The young woman read those words and something awakened in her. She began to see things differently. She decided to look at herself in a new way. She started to make friends with her Native American neighbors, she began working with them on weaving and pottery, and she took time to explore the desert and she started to discover its natural beauty. All of a sudden, she was living in a new world--and the only thing that had changed was her view of things. She had started to think affirmatively.

Ralph Emerson said, "We lie open on one side to the infinite." And again Emerson said, "We are sitting in the lap of an immense intelligence."

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We have an amazing capacity to imagine, conceive and believe in a wonderful life for ourselves. What are we doing with that capacity?

Financial magnate Bernard Baruch tells the story that he went to his fa-

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The Origin of Founder's

Editor's Note: The following is an edited version of an article by Helen Brenner which appeared in a prior issue of The Word on the early history of Founder's.

In the Beginning

On the first Sunday of June 1951 Dr. William Hornaday, who had for the previous six months conducted the Institute Radio Program, began his Religious Science ministry at the Belmont Theater on Vermont Avenue at the request of Dr. Ernest Holmes.

Two short months later, the congregation was in a new and larger location in the Fox Uptown Theater. This, too, proved only to be a temporary stay. Eight months later, on April 6, 1952, the crowds overflowed the Wiltern, one of the city's largest theaters, for the Palm Sunday service. It was a wonderful first day in what was to be the congregation's home for the next eight years.

A Dream Becomes Reality

Ever in Dr. Hornaday's mind, and in the tone of his persuasive voice, was the dream of a permanent home for the congregation. Dr. Bill discussed his vision for Religious Science with



Holmes & Hornaday inspect construction site

Dr. Holmes. At first, Dr. Holmes was hesitant, but it didn't take long for Dr. Holmes to see the beauty of a Mother Church and what a symbol it would be for all. A gentleman's agreement was reached and began to take tan-

gible form when ground for Founder's Church was broken in 1958 at Sixth and Berendo Streets.

On October 18, 1958, Dr. Holmes, assisted by Dr. Norman van Valkenburg, board members and staff, laid the cornerstone and time capsule to



Paul Williams, architect for Founder's

be opened in the year 2059. Items included in the capsule were the Holy Bible, a Science of Mind textbook, the October issue of Science of Mind magazine, and a special message from Dr. Bill.

On January 3, 1960 the dedication of Founder's Church took place. Dr. Ernest Holmes gave the dedication address on the auspicious day. Dr. Hornaday and Dr. Reginald Armor assisted him.

However, the sounds of the hammers and the swish of the paint brushes had hardly faded when on April 11, 1960, the congregation, staff, and the world said goodbye to our beloved Founder Ernest Holmes in the first memorial service held in the Cathedral of Truth that bore his name.

Founder's Church continued to grow and prosper. By the summer of 1963, plans were under way to finish the lower level which was only a barren concrete shell. The announcement was made to the congregation that it would be ready for use by Easter. Though not quite completed, overflow crowds participated in the Easter Service in the Holmes Memorial Chapel and Hornaday Hall through closed circuit television. Only July 26, 1964, Holmes Memorial Chapel was dedicated "to the light of God in man, in which Light he walks."

Changing Times

Founder's continued to serve the community and work with the International Headquarters but change was in the wind. The United Church was growing and the International Board of Trustees, which also served

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years ago, my wife and I were pursuing a home we loved and it slipped away from us on three separate occasions. When we finally had another chance at it, we came up with the highest offer, but our real estate agent was late in presenting it and it seemed we lost what we loved. The truth is, something far better came along and we got it.

Do not under estimate the power of prayer. We didn't give into thinking we lost something. Like us, you can simply declare something better will come along and it will. The small oil of our belief turned into jugs of greater resources.

The Power of Your Word is in your ability to change Universal Substance from potential to actuality through your believing thought.

Genesis reveals that the Creative Word is the embodied thought that allows the life we are living to come through us. As God creates effortlessly, so can we. Ernest Holmes says, "If you are making the same effort after praying as you did before praying, then you have not prayed aright." We don't have to force things to happen; we need to find the natural way by aligning our thinking with the experiences we desire.

The power of your word is your ability to call forth the good that already exists in potential in the Infinite Creative Mind of God.

If you are to create the life you desire, then, your responsibility is to speak your word, your prayer, believingly and let this awesome power work to bring into your life, the good you desire. The key is to remember that you can change your thoughts and change your life. Think right and use the Power of your word.

bols of the major religions of the world. By this means, Dr. Holmes demonstrated the Science of Mind was the culmination of the best insights of truth from all spiritual sources, and drew, as well, upon literature, science and philosophy. Dr. Holmes' original purpose was not to found a religion but to provide people a means by which they could access the power and freedom inherent in all of the great religions of the world and to use that power to make their lives successful.



The meaning of the Science of Mind resounds in the circular configuration of Founder's. Mind means God, whose characteristics are omniscience, omnipresence and omnipotence. Science means the way things work. In short, the Science of Mind means the way God works in the world, which is through mental and spiritual laws or principles that can be directed by thought. Founder's, then, represents the power of the circle of completeness that is evoked by the causal consciousness of Love and Law and through which thought is converted into the things of the world. Love, of course, as the Epistle of John in the Christian Bible points out, is another synonym for God.

Drs. Ernest S. Holmes and William D. Hornaday formally dedicated the Fabulous Founder's edifice on January 3, 1960. It was a magnificent event for our movement and for



Dr. Hornaday's overflow Wiltern congregation, who largely funded the Founder's building project and whose home-church Founder's would be. For this achievement of their magnificent dream becoming a reality, Founder's

newly minted members and friends had the priceless gifts of having the inspiring sermons of Dr. Hornaday at 9:00 a.m. and Dr. Holmes at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday, until Dr. Holmes' last sermon on February 21, 1960. Founder's exemplary architectural design provided the Religious Science movement with a fitting spiritual icon symbolizing the movement's coming of age, its bar mitzvah. In short, the Founder's cathedral indicated that Religious Science had successfully completed its rites of passage and now had taken its place among the religions of the world.

These were the early glory years of Religious Science, when Founder's gladly functioned as a department of the headquarters of United Church of Religious Science. As such, Founder's contributed 100% of its income to support and grow our movement for about 25 years. In turn, Founder's

received an operating budget from our International board of trustees.

As an auspicious center, Founder's helped our movement spread and promote Religious Science. This was a new and wonderfully relevant spirituality that was practical, mystical and principle-centered. It was available to any person wishing to fulfill his or her life. Dr. Holmes said of his spiritual philosophy,

"I consider Religious Science a thing of destiny or I wouldn't be here. I have given my life to it. I never even made a living out of it, because it doesn't interest me in that way. I think it is a thing of destiny. I believe that the evolutionary process, periodically in history, pushes something forward as a new emergence to meet a new demand."

So it was that the great spiritual synthesizer, Ernest Holmes, visited the Pantheon of all religions and extrapolated the best spiritual knowledge from them all. Then, using the thinking of Ralph Waldo Emerson and Thomas Troward as his focal lens, Dr. Holmes left us a legacy of spiritual thought and practice that were life changing and life vivifying.

In 1949, Dr. Holmes began to host what became a popular weekly radio program, "This Thing Called Life," on the Mutual Broadcasting System. He began each broadcast with the words, "There is a power for good in the universe greater than you are and you can use it." Dr. Holmes turned over the reins of the radio program to Dr. Hornaday (Dr. Bill) during the period that Dr. Bill was studying with him. Dr. Bill, telling how this came about, said,

"It was then I enrolled in the courses of the Science of Mind and continued to read everything that was suggested by Ernest Holmes, or by the teachers of the various classes. By the time I completed the basic courses, I knew I had found that for which I had been searching and I enrolled in the advanced courses which would lead to the ministry.

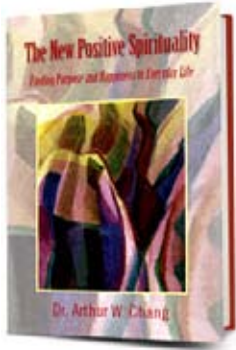
During this period, Ernest called me to his office and said, "I need you. I've been looking for someone to take over my radio program, 'This Thing Called Life.' You have the enthusiasm, and a wonderful voice. Will you do it?"

The Changes within the Unchanging Circle

In 1993, when I became Founder's second senior minister, I inherited the radio program. Today the program has maintained an on-air radio presence as "The Enlightened Life." In addition, we have an online podcasting called,



“Positive Spirituality with Wisdom and Healing for everyday Life,” a virtual newsletter called “Founder’s Happenings,” a Founder’s website and a website for my book, *Positive Spirituality, Finding Purpose and Happiness in Everyday Life.*”



Today, the vision of Founder’s is to dream the dream onward, as Carl Jung advised all people to do. Dr. Holmes knew that every person was a revealer of truth and deliberately left the Science of Mind open at the top. Founder’s is committed to continue to teach and practice, in fresh ways, the positive spirituality Dr. Holmes spoke of when he said,

“Now what do we teach? It is very simple: God is all there is. There isn’t anything else; there never was and never will be. When the psychological reaction of condemnation is done away with in the world, Hell will have cooled off; the Devil will be out of business; present-day evangelism will have been rolled up like a scroll and numbered with the things that were once thought to be real.”

Along with the teachings of the Science of Mind, I have challenged the theological position of Augustine, whose misrendering of the meaning of the story of Adam and Eve is “original sin.” Because this notion deflects Jesus’s mysticism away from the teachings of the church and confines Christianity to primarily a moralistic religion, I believe Augustine’s assertion must be challenged.

Like Dr. Holmes I believe a positive spirituality must in-

clude the best of psychology. Some of the most important insights into truth have come from the recent movement of Positive Psychology. Its founder, Dr. Martin Seligman, sees positive psychology as moving people towards their genius. It is a psychology that helps people not merely to survive, but to thrive and flourish. This, also, is my position. Further, I have described genius as the way the kingdom of God is localized in each person.

Founder’s is dedicated to work mystically and practically in the world. We wish to help people find the divine spark within them, and to be empowered to bring about a happy, optimistic, successful and harmonious life for themselves and others. This, then, is the great work of consciousness—that we heighten our awareness of wholeness to such degree that Spirit will flow freely through us as we work to bring into our physical universe, the heaven within us.

The Mending of the Split

We are ecstatic about the mending of the “split” of Religious Science into two organizations in 1954. Bravo to all who have helped to reestablish union in what is now known as the Centers for Spiritual Living.

It is fitting that the dream of Ernest Holmes, symbolized by the Founder’s circle, indicating unity or oneness, is now the song of our Science of Mind spheres. It is time to face the 21st Century boldly, united with the vision that God is “Whole, Perfect and Complete.” As love begins at home, so must unity. As we are whole to ourselves, so will we be better pointers of the way of wholeness for others.

On this occasion of our Golden Jubilee, the consciousness of Founder’s and our movement, the Centers for Spiritual Living, have stuck gold.



Christmas Time at Founder’s



Candlelight Service and Volunteer Luncheon



A Prayer for Each Day of the Week

Sunday—Infinite Flow

I recognize that I am in the infinite flow of the all-good that God is. I am now open to being the clear and divine vessel through which the Spirit of God flows with encumbrance. I am forever in the flow of God.

Monday—Fully in the Moment

I know that here and now the all-good of God is my very life. I am the instrument of God's vision for my life. I am free in this moment of pure bliss to recognize that right where I am, God is.

Tuesday—My Needs Met

I recognize the power, the presence and the love of God as it reveals itself in all things, including me. It is in this awareness that I accept that all my needs are met now. I am grateful.

Wednesday—Being Loved

I am loved by God. And as I move

into this awareness, I allow myself to be loved by all who know me. I am the beloved of God in whom God is well pleased.

Thursday—In Harmony

It is my great joy to recognize that I am in perfect harmony with all that is. Spirit is that Presence which is everywhere and Spirit is always in harmony with itself. I center myself in Spirit's harmonious power.

Friday—Confidence

I am filled with the confidence of Divine Intelligence. God's power is opposed by nothing in the world. I am aligned with the power of the indwelling Divinity and so I know that nothing opposes my goals conceived with only good intent.

Saturday—Abundance

How good it is to realize that God's self-sustaining power supplies me with everything I require. I live in the joy of feeling fed and maintained by all the good things in life. My life overflows with good.

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One Mind
One Body
One Organization



Together Again!

Founder's will host an
Integration Meeting

**Friday, January 15th
6-9 P.M.**

All are encouraged to come
and hear the details of our
historic rejoining.

See you there!

Call office for details

on and their lives will never be the same. There were also those who had lost an eye because of an accident or illness who received an eye prosthesis. The moment the prosthesis was put in place their appearance and confidence were transformed.

We visited the remote villages where they came from and Mayra made sure they all received clothing and eyeglasses if



they needed them.

We are grateful to everyone who made this worthy cause possible, especially the miracle working doctors, the donors for their generosity and all the volunteers for making a difference in so many people's lives without asking anything in return.

Your Board on the Move!

by Trustee Board President

Patricia Gentry, R.Sc.P.

"The Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silent before Him."

With these words, Dr. Ernest Holmes opened the first service held in our sanctuary on Sunday, January 3, 1960. According to Dr. Hornaday, this service marked the realization of a vision long held by Dr. Holmes to "have a great temple rise representing all of the churches of Religious Science, but representing, too, all peoples and all faiths."

January of this year, 2010, marks the fifty year since the dedication of our sanctuary by Dr. Ernest Holmes and Dr. William H.D. Hornaday. On this occasion, it is good to remember our history.

Ernest's brother, Fenwick Holmes, in his book Ernest Holmes, *His Life and Times*, writes of Ernest's desire for the building of a sanctuary and the



sanctuary was to be called Founder's Church. In several lectures he gave at the Wiltern Theater, he spoke of the proposed sanctuary as "a magnificent symbol of our spiritual convictions; a thing of beauty forever." He also said, "We are building a round church to symbolize that our arms embrace the whole world...the essence is universality. The pattern oneness."

We are rededicating our church at this 50 year mark in a celebration of the reunification of our movement with the presence and participation of both United and International Centers for Spiritual Living knowing that this renewed unity would be a cause for joy for Dr. Holmes and a true mirror of

his vision.

Ernest did spiritual mind treatment for each phase of construction and then went back to the Institute to do fund raising for the completion of Founder's. When the cornerstone was dedicated in October 1959, he placed in it a letter to be opened by the church in 2059 stating his belief that over the next hundred years Religious Science would find an acceptance in the hearts of men and that the age-old yoke of fear, superstition and dogma will have disappeared.

As we mark the halfway point of that message, we have an opportunity to assess ourselves and our world and see how far we have come down that path. We can celebrate that Founder's Center for Positive Spirituality is right on track toward manifesting Dr. Holmes' prediction. Our present Senior Minister, Dr. Arthur Chang teaches us about a world that is not fallen but declared "good"; he teaches that mistakes will be made but that we go forward from them. Especially, he teaches that heaven is here now within our being and God is always with us. Fifty years after the placing of our cornerstone and its messages we can say without a doubt that Ernest Holmes would be very proud of Founder's message today.

When the day of dedication came, Ernest called himself "a sentimental old fool" because tears came to his eyes when he took his first peek into the completed sanctuary. He gave the first sermon himself. In it he said, "We are consecrating this beautiful, this magnificent edifice to the teaching, in simplicity but with profoundness, that every man has access to all the Power that there is, to all the Presence that there is, to the only Life that there is and that he discovers the only God that there is in the secret place of the Most High, within himself."

This is the legacy and also the charge of Dr. Ernest Holmes to Founder's Church. It is now for us to dream, pray and carry it forward so that this magnificent edifice can be a beacon of positive spirituality for the many decades to come.

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ther long ago to tell him that he had made his first million. His father did not seem impressed. The son said, I told him "I am not even thirty years old and I have already made my first million, and you're not even happy about it?" The father said, "No son, I'm not impressed. What I want to know is: How will you spend it?"

Ernest Holmes says: "If there is a Principle of Mind that reacts to our thinking or to our belief, it naturally follows that if we say, "It can not" then It can not because we do not let It. If we say, "It won't," then it won't because we do not permit It. And if we limit It to a little good, It cannot give us a greater good. The Power Itself is Absolute; the way we use it is relative.

We can practice believing because thoughts are things, and when we say, "I believe," and "There is no doubt in me," we do two things: we affirm our belief and by so doing build a positive acceptance in the mind; and at the same time we reject our doubts by denying them. This is the way thought works."

Next, we need to bring ourselves to believe that we possess the good we desire even though we do not see any possible way for it to happen. You can say to yourself: "I do accept this good. I do believe my prayer is answered. I do affirm the presence of love, friendship, happiness, prosperity, health, peace and nothing in me denies, rejects or refutes it. I do accept it." That's the way you have to talk to yourself. That's the kind of self-talk in which you must engage.

Thinking affirmatively from Your Essential Nature is a process of asking for what you want in life with an expectancy that you will receive it.

It's like the story of a little boy named Brian who was at a birthday party. It came time to serve the cake. Brian immediately blurted out: "I want the biggest piece!" His mother quickly scolded him and said, "Brian it's not polite to ask for the biggest piece." Looking confused but still confident, Brian declared, "Well, how are you supposed to get it then?"

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Meets every Thursday (except during August) at 7:00 p.m.
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as Founder's board, was preoccupied with many projects. It became evident that the day had arrived for Founder's to have its own board and follow in the steps of those congregations that had become individual independent churches.

A proposal was made to the International Board and it was agreed upon and presented to the General Convention in 1982. By United Church's resolution, Founder's was independent and a Board was appointed to guide Founder's into a new future.

The details of property ownership, utilization, and sharing of parking had to be worked out and, once settled, paved the way for Founder's to begin again.

Founder's initial fund raiser in 1958 was started by a young girl who, after hearing Dr. Bill talk about his dream of a new church during a service at the Wiltern, told her parents that she wanted to talk to him. The little girl was introduced to Dr. Bill and she joyfully handed him three pennies from her purse and said commandingly, "Build your church." The rest is history and Founder's started as a testimony of the faith of a child and the power of the Spirit in action.

Much has changed around Founder's since that cornerstone was laid on October 18, 1958 but the teaching remains the same. The dream of Dr. Holmes, the efforts of Dr. Bill, and now the vision and dream of Dr. Arthur Chang, are all intertwined, active and continuing to come into realization.

**If not you,
who?
If not now,
when?**

Our Vision

Our vision is to help individuals understand and use positive spiritual principles to bring their dreams into reality for their personal growth and fulfillment and for the good of the community as a whole.

Our Mission

- We teach The Science of Mind and Positive Spirituality, taking truth from all sources.
- We seek to unite people of all ages, races, and cultures in a caring community.
- We help people bring their dreams into reality.
- We teach personal responsibility and self-mastery.
- We teach health and healing in the spiritual, mental, physical, social/emotional, and environmental areas.
- We teach people how to develop their genius and to thrive and flourish.
- We help in the development of children and hold life in trust for the future generations.
- We serve our community in the areas of our strengths.
- We encourage the arts.
- We work at manifesting the highest level of spiritual awareness every day.

Positive Spirituality

Dr. Arthur Chang, author of “The New Positive Spirituality: Finding Purpose and Happiness in Everyday Life,” defines positive spirituality as the practice of positively embodying God’s attributes of love and law and using them in our lives to bring our desires into physical reality. Positive spirituality is for thriving and flourishing, not just surviving. It is for growing vigorously along your chosen path, not for tolerating unhappy circumstances. Dr. Chang says that positive spirituality incorporates Dr. Holmes philosophy, as stated in the Science of Mind, for remaining “open at the top.” Positive Spirituality is open to the revelation of deeper mystic understanding and other 21st century insights.

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- 8:30 a.m.** Bible Study Group - Alvin Turner, RScP - Armor Lounge
- 9:00 a.m.** Spanish Service - Ann Doherty, RScP - Holmes Chapel
- 9:30 a.m.** Meditation - Emmer Beard, RScP - Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m.** Organ Prelude - Bob Ralston - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary**
- 10:00 a.m.** Junior Church (3 - 12 years) - Armor Lounge
- 10:00 a.m.** Youth Church (13 - 18 years) - Hornaday Hall

Wednesdays

- 6:45 p.m.** Mid-week Meditation - Dr. Arthur Chang - Hornaday Hall
- 7:00 p.m.** Wisdom & Healing Service - Dr. Arthur Chang - Hornaday Hall

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- Jan 03 *Rededicating to a Consciousness of Success*
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Jan 17 *What Religious Science Does for You*
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Jan 31 *Religious Science in Your Life*

Sundays in February

Theme: A Founder's Pilgrimage: Part II

- Feb 07 *How to Pray Effectively*
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