



# The Observer

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Meeting:

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Location:

**First Christian Church**  
**2102 E. Foothill Dr.**  
**San Bernardino, CA**

Whenever the club meets, telescopes will be set up (weather permitting) for viewing and members will be available to answer questions. Bring your telescope to observe with us.

*No telescope is too humble,  
and beginners are always  
made welcome!*

## Program

*Self Created in Your Own  
Back Yard*



Make sure Tom has your correct e-mail address so that you can keep informed of any club activities — formal or informal.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Your club officers are working on alternatives for activities for 2021. The type of events and the dates will be published as soon as they can be arranged/confirmed.

Meanwhile, stay healthy & safe!

# Dues News

**For calendar year 2021 (and 2021 only), club dues are suspended.**

Owing to the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic, i.e. our loss of regular club meetings and also the financial hardship that some members face, your club officers have opted to suspend dues for the calendar year 2021. It is hoped that we might be able to hold some “unofficial” star parties, etc., but that will remain to be seen. If we are able to plan a safe get-together, it will be announced in your newsletter or via one of Tom’s e-mail flash messages.

## Miscellaneous Stuff for February

**Important note about pre-meeting dinners and regular club meetings: perhaps none will occur until well into 2021. We will keep you posted.**

If you are interested in obtaining a pristine Celestron C9.25 with XLT coatings & including a JMI EV1 2" diagonal focuser and Televue 2" adapter for it, contact your newsletter editor. This is a great setup for astrophotography.



## Things to See While in “Quarantine”



Mar. 4, Asteroid 4 Vesta at opposition, close approach of Jupiter and Mercury

Mar. 5, Moon at last quarter

Mar. 6, Mercury at greatest west elongation

Mar. 8, NGC 3532 (the Pincushion Cluster in Carina) will be well placed from a dark site with a good southern view.

Mar. 9, Close approach of the Moon and Saturn

Mar. 12, C/2020 R4 (Atlas) reaches its brightest.

Mar. 13, New Moon (Let's hope for good weather and a clear night!)

Mar. 14,  $\gamma$ -Normid meteor shower

Mar. 24, 10P/Tempel at perihelion

After peaking at 0.0 mag. In January, Mars is beginning its “fade out” for the year. Get your last, best looks now. Jupiter, Saturn and Mercury will be bright in the pre-dawn sky late this month but you will likely need a very flat horizon to see them. The asteroid Vesta will be hanging around the tail of Leo — check your sky guides for times and positions.

As always, check your sky charts and star guides.