

50+ Ministry

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60+ *Legacies*

Sunday Class

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All Saints Presbyterian Church
Austin, TX

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***** *Sit UP FRONT & TOGETHER, PLEASE***

Kingdom Parables

Understanding & Applying

All Saints Presbyterian Church

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Austin, TX

Fall 2025

Taught by Rev. Craig Chapman

50+60+ Schedule – 2025

Songs of Praise

Prayer & Scripture

“Kingdom Parables”

9/7/25

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June

- Sun, 6/29 – **Last Class** until 8/17.

July

- Fri, 7/4 – **Patriotic Pool Party** – 6:00 PM at the Chapmans' home. With Unidos & Young Adults. BYOB + Appetizer or Dessert. Burgers & hot dogs provided.

August

- Fri, 8/8 – **Dinners for 7+** – 6:30-9:30 PM. Various locations.
- Sun, 8/17 – **Class Resumes** – 10:15 AM in Room 210.



July 4, 2025





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September

- Sun, 9/21 – **Fall Kick-off Lunch** – 11:45 AM-2:45 PM, at The Chapmans' home. Please **register now!**

October

- Mon, 10/13 – **Supper & Swing Dancing** – 7-9 PM. Big Band Bash at the Lakeway Activity Center. BYOB & Food.

November

- Fri, 11/7 – **Chili Cook-Off** – 6-9 PM at All Saints. BYOB + Chili, Cornbread, &/or Cobbler. Prizes in each category.

December

- Fri, Dec 5 – **Christmas Party** – 6:30-9:30 PM. BYOB + Appetizer or Dessert.



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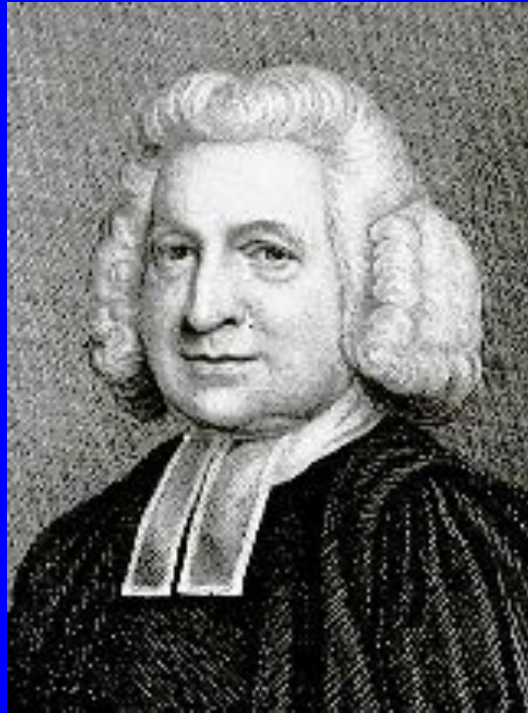
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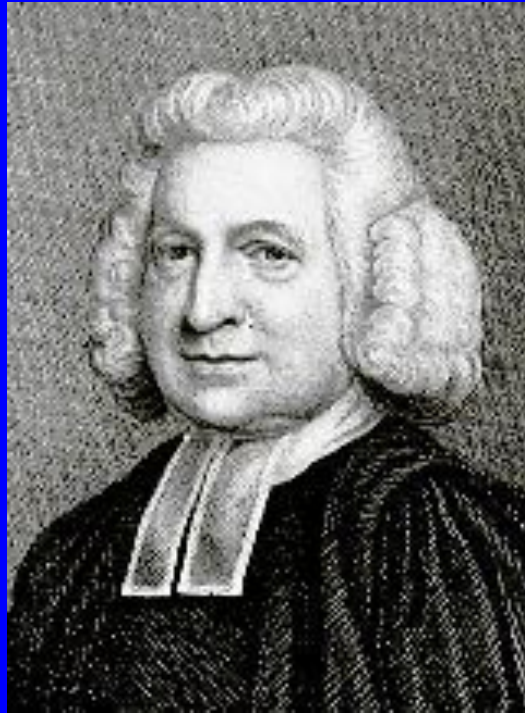
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Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

Acts 5:31

*God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior,
to give repentance ... and forgiveness of sins.*

1 Thessalonians 4:16

*the Lord...will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the
voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.
And the dead in Christ will rise first.*

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Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains, He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal home:
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Hebrews 11:1,6

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen....*

*Without faith it is impossible to please God,
for he who comes to God must believe that He is,
and that He is a rewarder of those
who diligently seek Him.*

(ESV)

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- Matthew 22:37-40

And [Jesus] said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

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Loving the Lord God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength is the first great branch of Christian righteousness. You shall delight yourself in the Lord your God; seeking and finding all happiness in Him. You shall hear and fulfill His word, “My son, give me your heart.” And having given Him your inmost soul to reign there without a rival, you may well cry out in the fulness of your heart, “I will love You, O my Lord, my strength. The Lord is my strong rock; my Savior, my God, in whom I trust.”

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The second commandment, the second great branch of Christian righteousness, is closely and inseparably connected with the first: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love—embrace with the most tender goodwill, the most earnest and cordial affection, the most inflamed desires of preventing or removing all evil and bringing every possible good. Your neighbor—not only your friends, kinfolk, or acquaintances; not only the virtuous ones who regard you, who extend or return your kindness, but every person, not excluding those you have never seen or know by name; not excluding those you know to be evil and unthankful, those who despitefully use you. Even those you shall love as yourself with the same invariable thirst after their happiness. Use the same unwearied care to screen them from whatever might grieve or hurt either their soul or body. This is love.

9/7/25

- 5/4–**New Series: Kingdom Parables**–Mt 6.25-33—Birds & Lilies
- 5/11 – (Mother's Day) – Guest Teacher: Daniel Pope
- 5/18 – Kingdom Parables - Mt 13.24-43—Wheat, Seed & Leaven
- 5/25 – Memorial Day Weekend (No Class)
- 6/1 – Kingdom Parables - Mt 13.24-43-Wheat, Seed & Leaven 2
- 6/8 – Kingdom Parables-Mt 13.44-50-Treasure, Pearl, & Net
- 6/15 – (Craig away) Guest Teacher: Bo White
- 6/22 – Kingdom Parables-Mt 18.23-35-Unforgiving Servant
- 6/29–Kingdom Parables–Mt 20.1-16-Workers in the Vineyard
- 8/17 – Guest Teacher: Erin Holcomb
- 8/24 – Guest Teacher: Bo White
- 8/31 – Labor Day Weekend (No Class)
- **9/7 – Kingdom Parables – Lk 14.15-24 – Master Gives A Feast**
- 9/14–Kingdom Parables–Mt 22.1-14-King Gives Wedding Banquet
- 9/21 – Guest Teacher: Bill Laughlin
- 9/28 – Kingdom Parables – Mt 25:1-13 – Ten Virgins

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Kingdom Parables

- **Kingdom of God**

= a realm, not like on earth

= wherever God's light and royal will is reigning

= includes the Church, but it's more

- **Parable**

(Greek: *parabole*)

= comparison ~ metaphor ~ picture ~ illustration

= concrete depiction of a cosmic truth

= a story with symbolic, spiritual meaning



Kingdom Parables

- Jesus says, “... *the kingdom of heaven* is like ...” at least 10 times in Matthew, often when introducing a *parable...*
- 13:24 – ... a man who sowed good seed (Weeds & Wheat)
13:31 – ... a mustard seed ...
13:33 – ... leaven ...
- 13:44 – ... treasure hidden in a field ...
13:45 – ... a merchant seeking fine pearls ...
13:47 – ... a net ...
- 18:23-35 – ...king settling accounts
(Unforgiving Servant)



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- 25:1-13 – ... *ten virgins* ...
- 25:14-30 – ... *a man going on a journey* ... (Talents)



Kingdom Parables



Lessons

- NOT: how to run a business
 - Left: need fair labor laws
 - Right: will ruin the labor pool
- God's Kingdom Economy
 - Opposite & upside down
 - Not about rule-keeping
 - Not about what's Fair
 - It's about His Grace & Mercy
 - He's never less than fair
 - He's often radically generous
 - None get less than promised
 - Many get more than deserved
- Who are those hired early? Late?

Matthew 20:1-16

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Diagnostic Questions

- Does God owe you anything?
 - God does not owe us for anything we've done.
 - Danger for Religious People
 - None of us measure up
 - Do you begrudge God's generosity to another?
 - Do you only want your rights?
- Are you superior to any other?
 - 'I'm not as bad as _____'
 - 'I've always been a Christian'
 - 'I can't believe she's a Christian'
 - What did you contribute to being adopted into God's Kingdom?

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Harry Blamires

In the Christian life, nothing at all can be purchased at the Do-It-Yourself shop.



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Frederick Dale Brunner

Lasts become firsts in this story, not because they have done enough good works, but because they have a good Lord.



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Quotes

Larry Norman,
In Another Land



I am a servant
getting ready for my part.
There's been a change,
a rearrangement in my heart.
At last I'm learning
there's no returning once I start.
To live is a privilege,
to love is such an art.
But I need your help to start.
Please purify my heart.
I am your servant.

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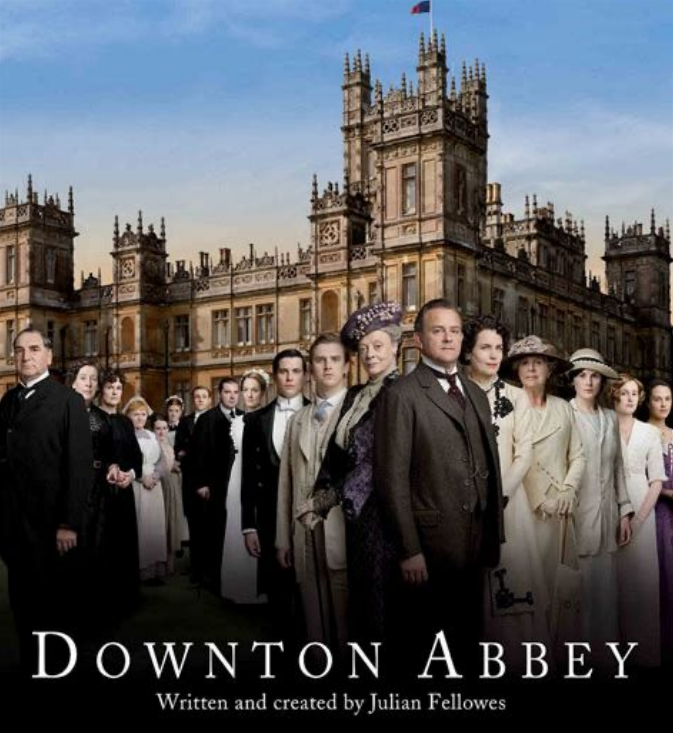
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- v.18-21—Excuses for Declining
- v.21b-23—Call for Others
- v.23—Master's Reaction
 - *compel* ~ ANE courtesy

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