

50+ Retreat

All Saints Presbyterian Church
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The Retreat at Balcones Springs

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*Passing on Our Spiritual Legacy—
Understanding the Next Generations*

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April 25, 2022

Guest Speaker: Rev. Josh Keller

Schedule

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| 10:00 am | Welcome, Psalms & Songs |
| 10:15 am | Session 1 – with Josh Keller |
| 11:45 am | Lunch |
| 1:30 pm | Session 2 – Q&A with Josh |
| 3:00 pm | Cabin Check-In & Free Time
... Rest, Reflect, Read, Explore |
| 4:30 pm | Happy Hour |
| 5:30 pm | Dinner |

PSALM 145

1 I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and
ever.

2 Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and
ever.

3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be
praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

4 One generation shall commend your
works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

5 On the glorious splendor of your
majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will
meditate.

6 They shall speak of the might of your
awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

7 They shall pour forth the fame of
your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your
righteousness.

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.

9 The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has
made.

10 All your works shall give thanks to
you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!

11 They shall speak of the glory of your
kingdom

and tell of your power,
12 to make known to the children of man
your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your
kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting
kingdom,
and your dominion endures
throughout all generations.

[The Lord is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.]

14 The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

15 The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due
season.

16 You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living
thing.

17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.

18 The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear
him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.

20 The Lord preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

21 My mouth will speak the praise of the
Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name
forever and ever.

HYMNS



FAIREST LORD JESUS

Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior!
Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

10:15 am Session 1 – with Josh Keller

Outline to Follow with Audio

- Introduction – Anxiety with Our Culture
 - Our World’s Changing Relationship with Christianity
 - A New Understanding of Our World At Large
 - The Good News of the Gospel
- Our World’s Changing Relationship with Christianity
(“*Three Worlds of Evangelicalism*” by Aaron Renn in *First Things*)
 - Positive to Christianity – Pre-1994 – e.g., Gary Hart
 - Neutral to Christianity – 1994-2014
 - Engagement within Cities – e.g., Tim Keller
 - Seeker Movement – e.g., Willow Creek & Saddleback
 - Negative to Christianity – Post 2014
 - The Church has been here before!

Outline to Follow with Audio

- A New Understanding of Our World At Large – The Digital Age
 - Andy Crouch, *The Tech-Wise Family & The Life We Are Looking For*
 - “The Inner Pandemic—Teens & Mental Health”, *NY Times*
- The Good News of the Gospel
 - Emphasis in the Greco-Roman World
 - Emphasis in the Germanic-Scandinavian Tribes
 - Emphasis in the Reformation
- Pressure Points in the Next Generation(s)
 - Anxious Times
 - Chaotic World
 - Despair

11:45 am Lunch

PSALM 63

1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
 my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
 as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
 beholding your power and glory.
3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
4 So I will bless you as long as I live;
 in your name I will lift up my hands.
5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed,
 and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
7 for you have been my help,
 and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
8 My soul clings to you;
 your right hand upholds me.
9 But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth;
10 they shall be given over to the power of the sword;
 they shall be a portion for jackals.
11 But the king shall rejoice in God;
 all who swear by him shall exult,
 for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

PSALM 73

1 Truly God is good to Israel,
 to those who are pure in heart.
2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,
 my steps had nearly slipped.
3 For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
4 For they have no pangs until death;
 their bodies are fat and sleek.
5 They are not in trouble as others are;
 they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.
6 Therefore pride is their necklace;
 violence covers them as a garment.
7 Their eyes swell out through fatness;
 their hearts overflow with follies.
8 They scoff and speak with malice;
 loftily they threaten oppression.
9 They set their mouths against the heavens,
 and their tongue struts through the earth.
10 Therefore his people turn back to them,
 and find no fault in them.
11 And they say, "How can God know?
 Is there knowledge in the Most High?"
12 Behold, these are the wicked;
 always at ease, they increase in riches.
13 All in vain have I kept my heart clean
 and washed my hands in innocence.

SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto You
Allelu, alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened into you
Allelu, alleluia

1:30 pm Session 2 – Q&A with Josh

Q&A Outline to Follow with Audio

- Question 1 (Stephen Hurd) – What does our generation have wrong with the Gospel? What can we learn from the next generation(s)?
 - Success. Prosperity. Accumulation. Independence. Certainty.
 - Today's view: nothing is certain.
- Question 2 (Josh to us) – What have you learned from younger generations?
 - Social justice. Sense of mission.
 - Alan Jacobs, *The Art of Thinking*. ?, *Think Again*.

Q&A Outline to Follow with Audio

- Question 3 (Daryl Dorsey) – What kind of world have we left for them?
 - Social media makes us more aware of negative info. Thus, be a non-anxious presence in their lives.
 - Today's Psychological/Therapeutic Man (you are what you feel) is not true for the Christian.
- Question 4 (Joan Molbert) – How do we negotiate the digital world?
 - Delay and boundaries for use of technology
 - Prepare alternative activities with opportunities for Q&A/discussion
 - Share your own stories, failures, transformation. Offer grace. Listen.

Q&A Outline to Follow with Audio

- Question 5 – How will cell phone culture end, or will it?
 - Like cigarettes? (Marketing/education of the danger)
 - Take the good; discern and reject the bad.
 - Provide alternative experiences (e.g., cooking together)
- Question 6 – What is to be our relationship with our neighbor(s)?
 - Hospitality. Real love. Humility. No surprise when sinners act like sinners.
- Question 7 (Pat Nicol) – How to handle adult son and his girlfriend coming to stay?
 - Communicate your expectation and reasoning.
 - Love as Self-Giving vs. Love as Self-Satisfaction
 - Fire within the Fireplace vs. Fire outside the Fireplace

Q&A Outline to Follow with Audio

- Question 8 (Bill Laughlin) – How can the church avoid the temptation of political policy as the solution to fix the world?
 - Be attune to what's happening in my heart and with my neighbor
 - Be people of joy (especially when our policy is rejected)
 - See the Westminster Larger Catechism: live a life showing the positive implications for each of the 10 Commandments

BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art:
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom,
and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling,
and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven,
my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright
heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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- 5:30 pm Dinner
- 6:30 pm Drive Safely ... Watch for Deer!
- 7:00 am Coffee
- 7:45 am Breakfast
- 11:00 am Check Out