

50+ Sunday School Class

All Saints Presbyterian Church
Austin, TX

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Because You Asked . . .
Your Questions & Topics

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Winter-Spring 2023

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Winter-Spring 50+ Schedule

Songs of Praise

Prayer

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Winter-Spring 50+ Calendar

- January
 - **Tue, 1/24 – Lunch & Tour of KMFA Radio – 11:45-3:30**
- February
 - **Fri, 2/10 – Dinners for 9+ - 6:30-9 – Pot Luck & BYOB**
- March
 - **Sun, 3/5 – Max McLean's C.S. Lewis On Stage, 3 pm**
 - **Mon, 3/20– Community 1st Village Tour & Lunch – 10:30am**
- April
 - **Sun, 4/2 – BYO Lunch in the Tent**
 - **Mon, 4/17 – Retreat at Balcones Springs – 10am thru Dinner Overnight option thru Lunch Tuesday. Registration soon!**
- May
 - **5/13 – Lake Travis Lunch & Hike – Noon to 4 at the Nicols**

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

(Chorus)

*Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me
(Repeat)*

*Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord.
Take not our Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.*

(Chorus)

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks unto the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
(Repeat)

And now, let the weak say I am strong,
Let the poor say I am rich,
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
(Repeat)

Give thanks!



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- 1/8 – Guest Teacher: Jeff Springer
- 1/15 - *Because You Asked #1*–Xmas; J’s Mo+Yr Born; # of Nails.
- 1/22 - *Because You Asked #2*–ImmacConcep; BC/AD; Imprec Ps
- 1/29 – Guest Teacher: David Vilches - *Hospitality*

- 2/5 – *Because You Asked #3*-Gospel comparisons;
- 2/12 - *Because You Asked #4*-NT authors; Womens’ ministry
- **2/19 – *Because You Asked #5***-Womens’ role; Slavery; Images
- 2/26 – *Because You Asked #6*

- 3/5 – Guest Teacher: Rev. Michael Barber
- 3/12 – No Class – Spring Break
- 3/19 – *Because You Asked #7*
- 3/26 – *Because You Asked #8*

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- 4/2 – *Because You Asked #9*
- 4/9 – No Class – Easter
- 4/16 – Guest Teacher:
- 4/23 – *Because You Asked #10*
- 4/30 – *Because You Asked #11*

- 5/7 – *Because You Asked #12*
- 5/14 – *Because You Asked #13*
- 5/21 – Guest Teacher:
- 5/28 – *Because You Asked #14*

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- Over 45 questions! ... and counting ...
- 6 Categories
 - Trivia (3)
 - **Bible & Interpretation (10)**
 - Theology (17)
 - Sacraments (3)
 - Church History (8)
 - Our Church (6)

Bible & Interpretation

Q11 – What's a woman's role in ministry in light of 1 Timothy 2.12?

Q12 – How do we reconcile Scripture's apparent approval of slavery (Lev 25) with its evil institution in our nation's history?

Q13 – Does Scripture preclude making any images of Jesus (e.g., paintings, film, children's Bible or teaching curriculum)?

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- 1 Tim 3.14-15 – I am writing these things to you so that...you may know **how one ought to behave in the household of God**

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- **PCA 2017 Study Report** on Women Serving in Ministry (63 pgs)
 - Especially pages: 16-21, 51, 56-57, 59
 - pcahistory.org – PCA Digest & Studies – 1973-2021 (over 40)

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- **Latitude for Women Teaching in the PCA in Non-Worship**
—Allows 3 interpretations of “authoritative teaching”—
 - 1 – Only teach women and/or children under the authority of church leadership (Session)
 - 2 – Teach mixed adult gender groups with her husband or an elder present, and under the Session’s authority
 - 3 – Teach mixed adult gender groups under the Session’s authority.
- #2 and/or #3 - the practice of All Saints, UT RUF, PCPC, et al

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 - Priscilla taught Apollos outside of Eucharistic worship
 - Some: Priscilla's name preceding her husband possibly indicates some sort of priority
 - ☐ Priscilla taught Apollos Scripture without transgressing Paul's admonition in 1 Tim 2 (like a Sunday morning class)

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- Teaching by women is within the bounds we've discussed
- Diaconal service by women (deaconesses) is within PCA bounds
- Public Worship involvement by women is within PCA bounds
 - E.g., leading in singing, reading Scripture, praying, distributing the Lord's Supper, offerings, making announcements, greeting, ushering

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Q & A / Discussion

Next Class on 2/26/23

Prayer Requests