

50+ Ministry

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60+ *Legacies*

Sunday Class

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All Saints Presbyterian Church
Austin, TX

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******NAME TAGS, 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”

9/14/25

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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

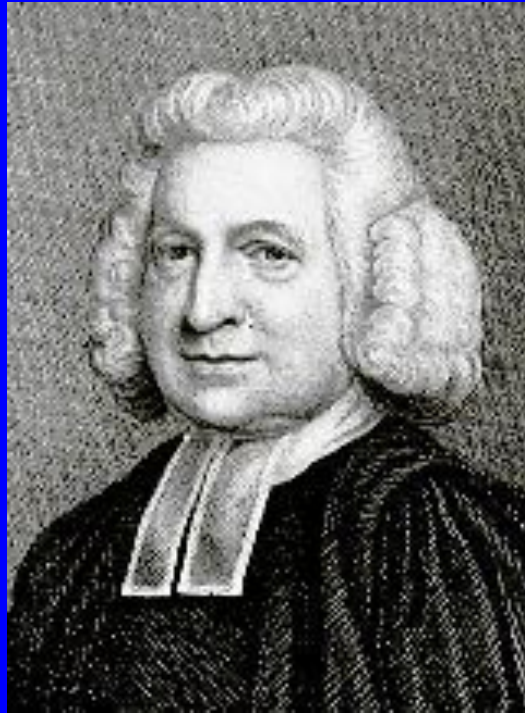
- Fri, 11/7 – **Chili Cook-Off** – 6-9 PM at All Saints. BYOB + Chili, Cornbread, &/or Cobbler. Prizes in each category.

December

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

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

Charles Wesley (1744)



Philippians 4:4

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

Acts 5:31

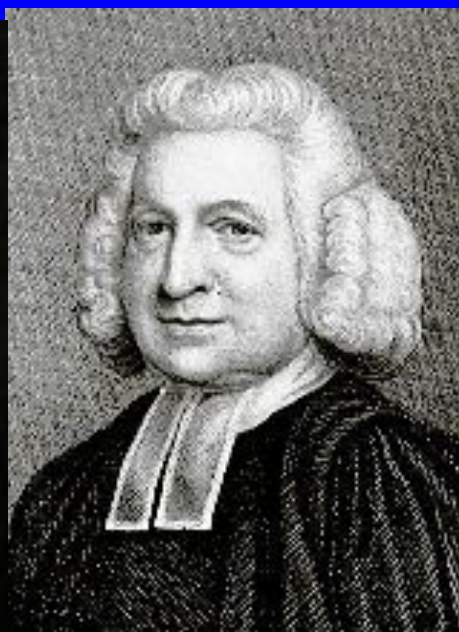
*God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior,
to give repentance ... and forgiveness of sins.*

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.*



Susanna Wesley's tombstone



Charles Wesley

Here lies the body of
Mrs Susanna Wesley,
widow of the Rev Samuel Wesley, M.A.
late Rector of the Epworth in
Lincolnshire,
who died July 23, 1742,
aged 73 years.

She was the youngest daughter of the
Rev. Samuel Amesley D.D. ejected by
the Act of uniformity from the
Rectory of St. Giles's Cripplegate,
Aug. 24, 1662.

She was the Mother of nineteen
Children of whom the most eminent
were the Revs. John and Charles
Wesley, the former of whom was
under God the Founder of the
Societies of the People called
Methodists.

In sure and certain hope to rise
and claim her mansion in the skies,
a Christian here her flesh laid down,
the Cross exchanging for a Crown.



ORDINARY TIME

9/14/25

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

American Folk Hymn

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down.
When I was sinking down, sinking down.
When I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul.
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.*

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

American Folk Hymn

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, who is the Great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be.
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
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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)

Proverbs 14:4a

Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean.

(ESV)

New City Catechism

Part 1—God, Creation & Fall, Law (Q1-Q20)

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Q8: What is the law of God stated in the 10 Commandments?

A8: *You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below—you shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.*

- Exodus 20:3-17
- John Bunyan

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*The danger does not lie in the breaking of one or two of these ten only, but it does lie in the transgression of any one of them. If a king should give ten particular commands, to be obeyed by his subjects upon pain of death, if any man transgresses against any one of these ten, he commits treason, as if he had broke them all, and lies liable to have the sentence of the law as certainly passed on him, as if he had broken every particular of them. ... These things are clear as touching the law of God, as it is a **covenant of works**: If a man fulfills nine of the commandments, and yet breaks but one, that being broken will as surely destroy him, and shut him out from the joys of heaven, as if he had actually transgressed against them all. ... As they that are under the **covenant of grace** shall surely be saved by it, so, even so, they that are under the covenants of works and the law, they shall surely be damned by it, if continuing therein.*

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Parenting on Purpose

*For Parents of Children Age 0-18 yrs
September 21-November 16*



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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



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- 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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- *Luke 14:16-24 – ... a master gives a feast ...*
- *Matt 22:1-14 – ...a king giving a wedding banquet ...*
- 25:1-13 – ... *ten virgins* ...
- 25:14-30 – ... *a man going on a journey* ... (Talents)



Luke 14:15-24—...one of those who reclined at table with Jesus ... said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”¹⁶ But he said to him, “A **man** once gave a **great banquet** and **invited many**.¹⁷ And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘**Come**, for everything is **now ready**.’¹⁸ But they all alike began to make **excuses**. The first said to him, ‘I have bought **a field**, and I must go out and **see it**. Please have me excused.’¹⁹ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of **oxen**, and I go to **examine them**. Please have me excused.’²⁰ And another said, ‘I have **married** a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’²¹ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the **master** of the house became **angry** and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and **bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame**.’²² And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded **has been done**, and **still** there is **room**.’²³ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and **compel people to come** in, **that my house may be filled**.’²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”







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- v.16-17—Master's Invitation
- v.18-21—Excuses for Declining
- v.21b-23—Call for Others
- v.23—Master's Reaction
 - *compel* ~ ANE courtesy

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The Biblical Theology
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The gospel is the message of God's redeeming love in sending his own Son into the world. Those who understand that love will be driven to share it. They will not only rejoice to sit down with other redeemed sinners in heaven's feast; they will seek other sinners in Christ's name to call them home. As Christ was sent, so he sends them, and the dynamic of mission is the heart of the love of God.

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Matthew 22:2-14—The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a **king** who gave a **wedding feast for his son**,³ and sent his servant[s] to call **those who were invited** to the wedding feast, but they **would not come**.⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’⁵ But they **paid no attention** and went off, one to his farm, another to his business,⁶ while the rest **seized his servants**, treated them shamefully, and killed them.⁷ The king was **angry**, and he sent his troops and **destroyed** those murderers and burned their city.⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were **not worthy**.⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and **gathered** all whom they found, both **bad and good**. So the wedding hall was **filled** with guests.¹¹ ‘But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had **no wedding garment**.¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless.¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the **outer darkness**. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.

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