

50+ Ministry

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60+ *Legacies*

Sunday Class

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All Saints Presbyterian Church
Austin, TX

Led by Rev. Craig Chapman
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******NAME TAGS, PLEASE******

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

Because You Asked

*Answering Your Questions,
According to Scripture*

All Saints Presbyterian Church

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Austin, TX

Winter-Spring 2026

Taught by Rev. Craig Chapman

50+60+ Schedule – 2026

Songs of Praise

Prayer & Scripture

“Because You Asked”

Epiphany



Dr. Claudia Kramer Springer, PhD

Please pray
for her
husband Jeff
daughter Holly
sons
Tim & Matt
and their
families
including 8
grandchildren



Memorial
Service
&
Celebration
of her life
at
All Saints
this Friday,
February 6,
4:00 PM

August 1, 1948 – January 16, 2026

Dinners for 7+

Register NOW

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Deadline:
Next Sunday

2/8

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Friday,
February 13
6:30 pm

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"Covered Dish"
in
Various Homes



Israel 2026 Study Trip

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Oct 31 – Nov 9

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*Optional
3-Day
Jordan
Extension*

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- *Renew Baptismal Vows at the Jordan River*
- *Celebrate the Eucharist in the Garden of Gethsemane*
 - *Share a Traditional Shabbat Dinner
hosted by a native Israelite*

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All are Welcome



... Fellowship ... Formation ... a Pilgrimage of Faith ...

50+ Annual Retreat 2026

50+ *Annual* RETREAT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

THE RETREAT AT BALCONES SPRINGS • MARBLE FALLS, TX

GUEST SPEAKER: REV. WILL STOCKDALE

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10 am to 5:30 pm

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The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation, by water and the word;
From Heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the Earth,
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

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‘Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee;
There, past the border mountains, where in sweet vales, the bride
With thee, by living fountains, forever shall abide!

50+60+ Schedule – 2025

Songs of Praise

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“Because You Asked”

Psalm 71:5-8

*You are my hope;
Lord GOD, You are my confidence from my youth.
I have leaned on You since my birth;
You are He who took me from my mother's womb;
my praise is continually of You.
I have become a marvel to many,
for You are my strong refuge.
My mouth is filled with Your praise
and with Your glory all day long.*

(NASB)

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Romans 1:21, 25

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. . . . They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator

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What is it to have a god? Or, what is one's god?

Answer: To whatever we look for any good thing and for refuge in every need, that is what is meant by "god." . . .

Many a person imagines that he has God and everything he needs, provided he has money and property. . . . The evidence for this appears when people are arrogant, secure, and proud because of such possessions, but desperate when they lack them or lose them. I repeat, to have a god means to have something on which one's heart depends entirely.

Question and explore your own heart thoroughly, and you will find out if it embraces God alone or not. Do you have it in your heart to expect nothing but good things from God, especially when you are in trouble and in need? And does your heart in addition give up and forsake everything that is not God? Then you have the one true God. On the other hand, is your heart attached to and does it rely on something else, from which you hope to receive more good and more help than from God? And when things go wrong, do you, instead of fleeing to Him, flee from Him? Then you have another god, a false god, an idol.



Lesson Series

- 1/11/25 – *Because You Asked* – Infant Baptism
- 1/18 – Guest Teacher: Bill Laughlin—*Barnabas: Son of Encouragement*
- 1/25 – (No class due to weather)
- **2/1 – *Because You Asked – Angels and Their Abilities***
- 2/8 – *Because You Asked* –
- 2/15 – *Because You Asked* –
- 2/22 – *Because You Asked* –
- 3/1–
- 3/8– Guest Teacher: Bill Walker
- 3/15 – Spring Break (no class)
- 3/22 –
- 3/29 –
- 4/5 – Easter (no class)
- 4/12 –
- 4/19 –
- 4/26 –

Lesson Series

- 5/3–
- 5/10 – (Mother's Day) – Guest Teacher:
- 5/17 –
- 5/24 – Memorial Day Weekend (No Class)
- 5/31 –

- 6/7 – (Craig away) Guest Teacher:
- 6/8 –
- 6/14 –
- 6/21 –
- 6/28–

- 7/5 - 8/9 – Summer Break

- 8/16 – Guest Teacher:
- 8/23 – Guest Teacher:
- 8/30 – Guest Teacher:

Because You Asked – Believers versus Infant Baptism

Notice how these covenants ***progressively build*** upon one another, forming a complete redemptive storyline...THRU—

- Adam – God promises a Redeemer/Savior
- Noah – God preserves the world from its rebellion
- **Abraham** – God initiates redemptive blessing (**Seed & Land**)
- **Moses** – Thru the Lamb's Blood, God protects from Death, frees from Slavery, establishes His law & nation (Israel)
- David – God promises an eternal Shepherd-King & Reign
- **Jesus** – Seed of the woman, fulfills every covenant: crushes Satan's head, saves the world, offspring of many nations, promised land, True Israel, fulfills the Law, Lamb of God whose blood destroys death & brings freedom, Forever King.

Because You Asked – Believers versus Infant Baptism

- Hebrews

Jesus is *the Mediator of the New Covenant* (12.24), a *better covenant* with *better promises* (8.6), based on a *better sacrifices* (9.23), offered by a better high priest in a better sanctuary (7.26-8.6, 11, 13-14), guaranteeing a better hope in a “*better, heavenly country*” (11.16). ‘*In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete....*’

- Both Major Covenant **Signs** include/point to **Blood**:

- Abrahamic

- One-Time: Circumcision (Entrance) → Baptism

- Mosaic

- Ongoing: Passover Meal (Provision) → Communion

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- Context

- Creation

- Able not to sin ... Able to sin

- Fall

- Not able not to sin

- Redemption

- Able not to sin ... Able to sin

- Glory

- Not able to sin

Because You Asked – Angels & Their Abilities

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 - angels were apparently **created under probation:**
 - able to sin; able not to sin
- **Unlike humans**
 - many remained faithful
 - but some fell

Because You Asked – Angels & Their Abilities

- Isaiah 14:12-15

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- **O Day Star, son of Dawn**

- Hebrew: *helel ben sahar* = shining one son of morning star
- Latin Vulgate: *lucifer* = ‘light bearer’ or ‘morning star’

- Because ‘**Lucifer**’ aspires to ‘*be like the Most High*’ he falls or is ‘*brought down to Sheol*’

Because You Asked – Angels & Their Abilities

- Ezekiel 28:12-17

*Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD: “You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; **every precious stone** was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared. ¹⁴ You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you...on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. ¹⁵ You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you. ¹⁶ In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁷ Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground....*

Because You Asked – Angels & Their Abilities

- Revelation 12:3-10

*... in heaven: behold, a great red dragon.... ⁴ His tail swept down **a third of the stars of heaven** and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. ⁵ She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule [shepherd] all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, ⁶ and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days [3 yrs 3 mos].*

⁷ Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated.... ⁹ And the great dragon ... that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down...

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- Revelation 12:11-13, 17

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

*¹³ And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued **the woman** who had given birth to the male child.... ¹⁷ Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of **her offspring**, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.*

Next Class – February 8, 2026

Prayer