

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 ***

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

Because You Asked

Answering Your Questions, According to Scripture

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Winter-Spring 2026

Taught by Rev. Craig Chapman

50+60+ Schedule – 2026

Songs of Praise

Prayer & Scripture

“Because You Asked”

Epiphany



Dinners for 7+



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Register NOW

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Deadline:
TODAY 2/8

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THIS Friday,
February 13
6:30 pm

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"Covered Dish"
in
Various Homes

50+ Special Events

- *February 13 (Fri) - Dinners for 7+ - Registration Deadline Today*
 - *6:30 - 8:30 pm - covered dish in various homes*
- March 28 (Sat) - Indoor Pickleball Round Robin
 - *2 - 4 pm - Hill Country Sport & Fitness*
- April 17 (Fri) - Painted Churches Tour & Lunch
 - *8:30 am - 4:30 pm - Schulenberg, TX*
- May 7 (Thu) - Texas Capitol & Governor's Mansion Tour
 - *9:45 am - 3 pm - Lunch at Capitol Grill*
- May 29 (Fri) - Summer Social
 - *6:30 - 9 pm - Betsy & Dave Willis' home - BYOB & Appetizer or Dessert*

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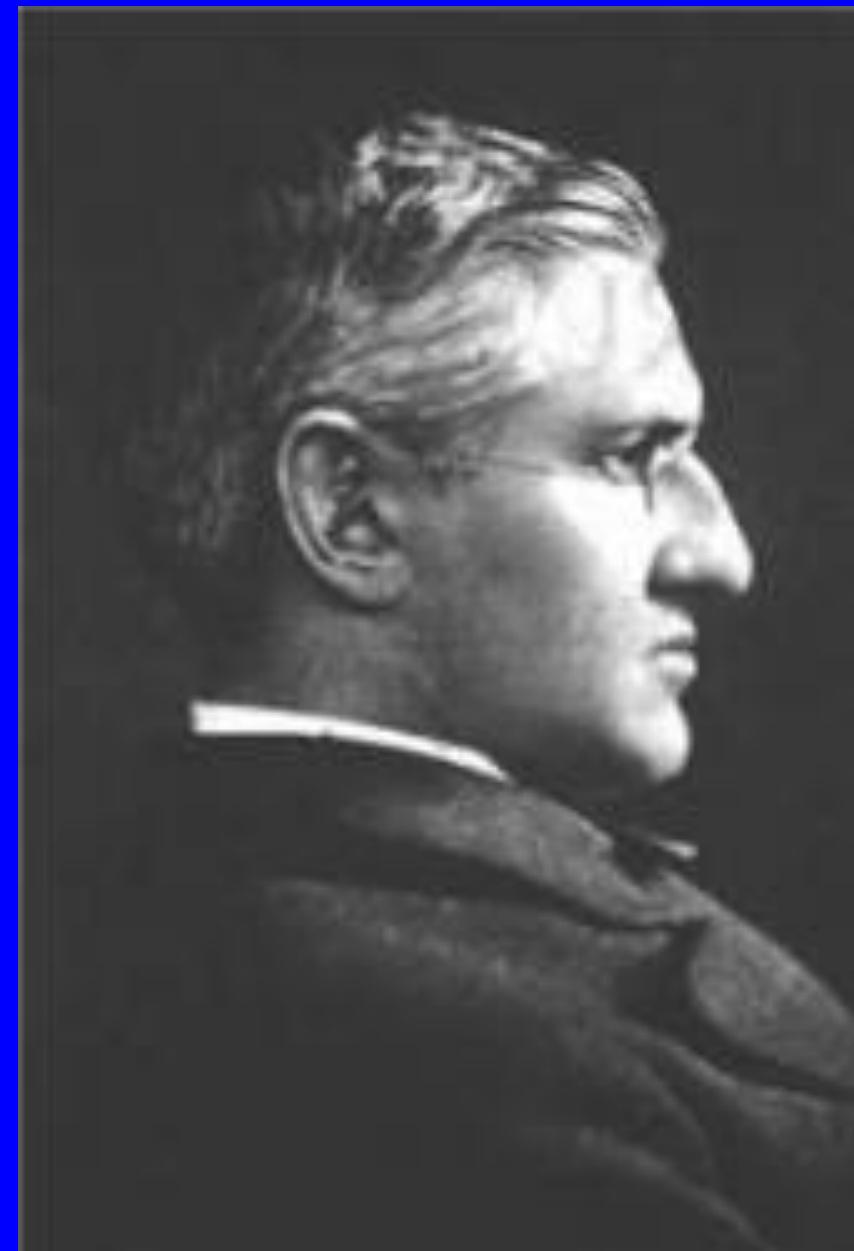
- *Renew Baptismal Vows at the Jordan River*
- *Celebrate the Eucharist in the Garden of Gethsemane*
 - *Share a Traditional Shabbat Dinner hosted by a native Israelite*

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All are Welcome

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

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When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
“it is well, it is well with my soul.”

(Chorus)

*It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul).
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my help-less estate
And shed His own blood for my soul

(Chorus)

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My sin—oh the bliss of this glorious thought—
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Chorus)

*It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul).
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall re-sound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so” – it is well with my soul.

(Chorus)

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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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Ephesians 5:5-6

For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

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Not to punish the guilty were to exact the penalty of suffering from the innocent. Think what an injury and injustice would be inflicted upon all the honest men in London if the thieves were never punished for their roguery. It would be making the innocent suffer if you allowed the guilty to escape. God, therefore, not out of arbitrary choice, but from very necessity of rightness, must punish us for having done wrong.



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 & Their Abilities*
- 2/8 – *Because You Asked* – *Angels & Their Abilities* – 2
- 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

- Question

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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

- Scripture presents *Angels* (Greek: *angelos* = *messenger*) as one of the two types of personal, intelligent, moral beings whom God has created, other than humans.
- **Like humans**
 - 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

*How you are fallen from heaven, **O Day Star, son of Dawn!**
How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!¹³ You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’¹⁵ But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.*

- **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...*

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- 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.*

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Other references to the fall of Lucifer / Satan / the great dragon

- Luke 10:18
Jesus: “*I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven*”
- 2 Peter 2:4
God “*did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell... to be kept until judgment*”
—confirms angels' ability to transgress
- Jude 1:6
angels “*did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling*”
—free will to choose disobedience, with resulting judgment

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- 1 Timothy 5:21—“*In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels...*”
 - seems to indicate their faithfulness is now confirmed

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- Matthew 18:10—Jesus: *"do not despise one of these little [children]. For I tell you that in heaven **their angels** always see the face of my Father..."*

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- Although Angels serve under God’s command, they do not replace Christ’s presence in our lives, or his Holy Spirit’s work, or become the focus of our devotion

Angels (by Amy Grant)

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Angels watching over me, every move I make
Angels watching over me, every step I take

God only knows the times my life was threatened just today
A reckless car ran out of gas before it ran my way
Near misses all around me, accidents unknown
Though I never see with human eyes the hands that lead me home

But I know they're all around me, all day and through the night
When the enemy is closing in I know sometimes they fight
To keep my feet from falling, I'll never turn away
If you're asking what's protecting me then you're gonna hear me say

Got His Angels watching over me, every move I make
Angels watching over me, every step I take

—Michael W. Smith, Amy Grant, Brown Bannister, Gary Chapman

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Other Distinctives of Angels

... **Numerous** ... Moveable & Can be Concentrated ...

- Revelation 5:11—... *I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands ...*
- Matt 26:53—*Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve **legions** of angels?*
 - Legion = 4000-6000 ... thus, > 72,000
- Luke 8:30—Jesus casts out “Legion” from a Gerasene demoniac into “a large herd of pigs...on the hillside”

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... Don't Marry or Die ...

- Luke 20.35-36—Jesus: “*...those who...attain to...the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.*”
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... Disembodied, Invisible, but May Manifest ...

- Gen 18 & 19—“3 men” tell Abraham he and Sarah will have a child next year ... “2 angels” warn Lot to flee Sodom before its destruction
- John 20:12-13—2 angels sitting where the body of Jesus had lain
- Acts 12:7-10—an angel frees Peter from prison and escorts him out

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Can Angels sing?

Next Class – February 15, 2026

Prayer