

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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\*\*\* *Sit UP FRONT & GO FASTER, PLEASE* \*\*\*

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# *King's Parables*

*Understanding & Applying*

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Fall 2025

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# 50+60+ Schedule – 2025 – 2026

Songs of Praise

Prayer & Scripture

*“King’s Parables”*

*11/23/25*

# 50+ Christmas Party 2024



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[Register Now!](#)

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[BYO Beverage](#)

...

[Bring to Share](#)

*Appetizer  
or  
Dessert*

...

*Courtney & Doug*

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# 50+ Christmas Service Project 2025

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**DECEMBER 12**

**1:00 PM**

**CHRISTMAS  
COOKIES  
&  
CAROLING**

**AT  
BROOKDALE GAINES  
RANCH ASSISTED LIVING**

**Register Now!**

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*Come, Christians,  
Join to Sing! ...*

...

*Or Bring Cookies,  
Whether  
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*Hallelujah,  
Amen!*

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# 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



[Register Now!](#)

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9 am to 6 pm

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**Speaker:**

**Will Stockdale**

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*“Heaven & Earth  
Rejoice: Godly  
Wisdom for  
Worldly*

*Communion!”*



# ORDINARY TIME

Philippians 2:12-13

*... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,  
for it is God who works in you,  
both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

**11/23/25**



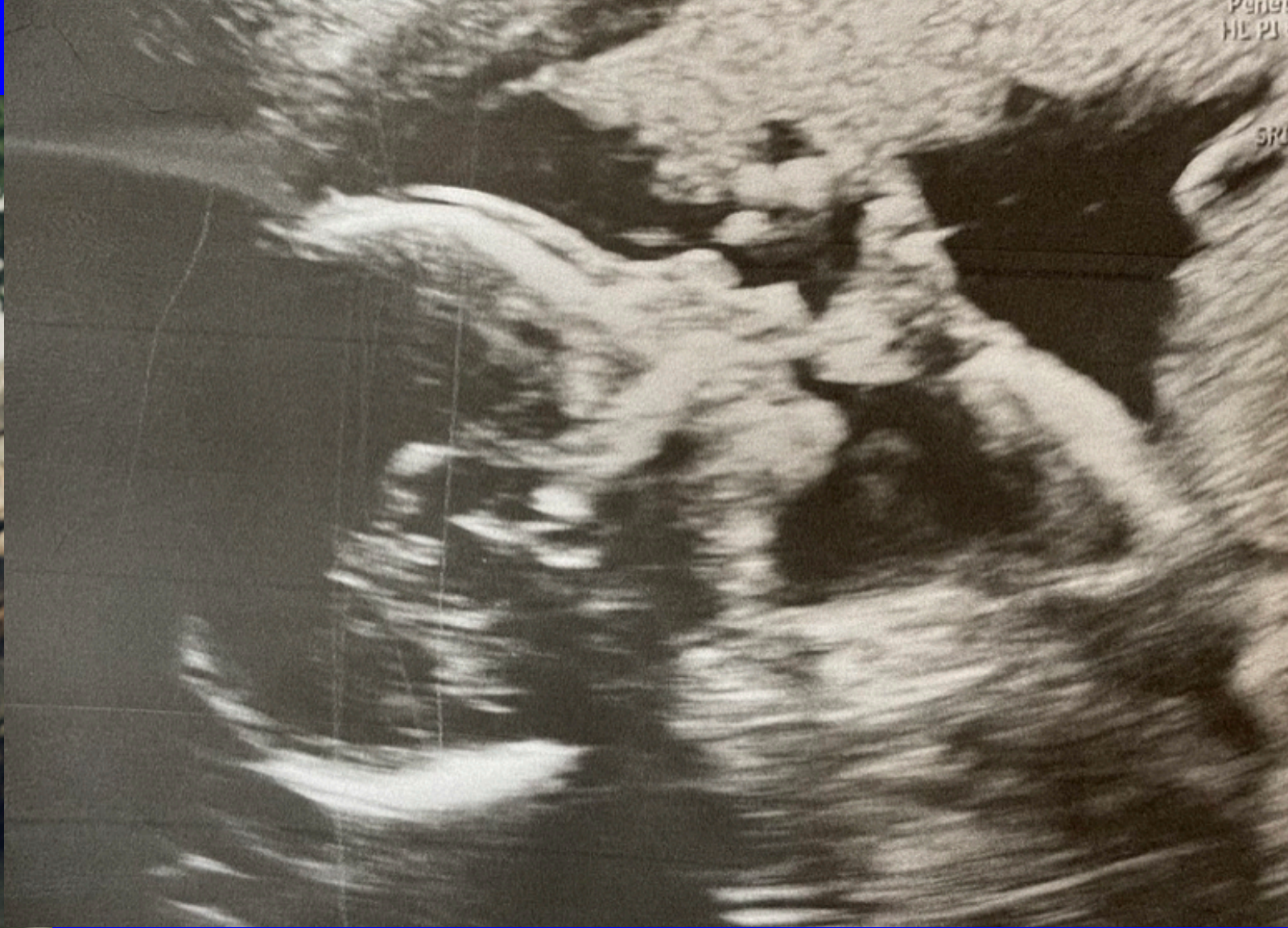
ORDINARY TIME



ADVENT


*PREPARE for CHRIST*







# THANKSGIVING 2025 . . .



Give thanks to the LORD,  
for he is good

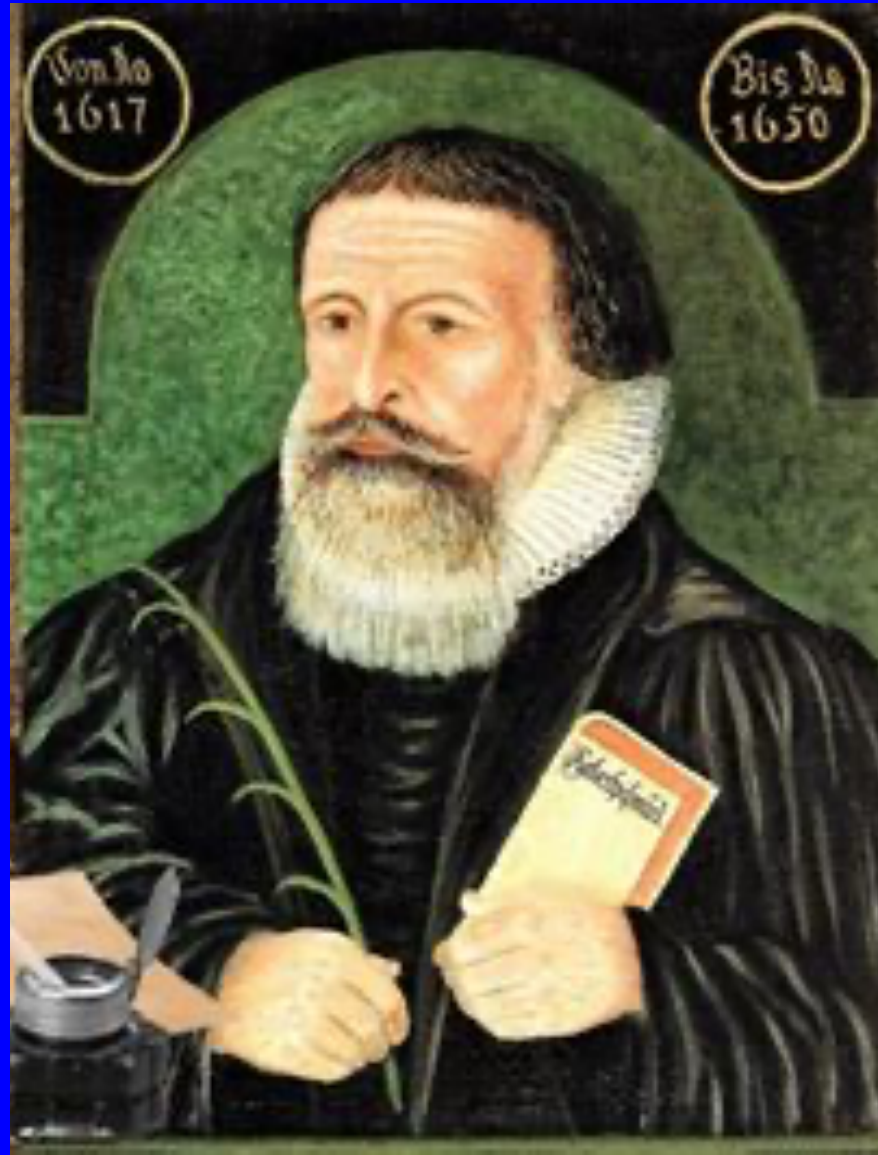
*– Psalm 107:1 NIV*

. . . it's on **Thursday** this year!

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Martin

Rinkart



# NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Martin Rinkart

(1636)

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
To keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills of this world in the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;  
The Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven;  
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

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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)

**11/23/25**

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### Romans 3:20

*For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.*

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*These poor men think they can preach the Gospel without preaching the Law. I say, they must preach the Law, unless they do not mean to preach the Gospel. The Law entered that the offence might abound: proclaim it, I say, for this purpose among your ungodly congregations; lift up your voices like trumpets, and tell the people their transgressions, that you may glorify the more your honoured Master, in proclaiming the infinite riches and fulness of His great salvation. Preach the Law to those who believe, as finished, cancelled, dead for their salvation: point them to Immanuel as holding it in His bleeding hand, and saying to them, "If ye love me, keep my Commandments."*

# Lesson Series

- 5/4–**New Series: *Kingdom Parables***–Mt 6.25-33—Birds & Lilies
- 5/11 – (Mother's Day) – Guest Teacher: Daniel Pope
- 5/18 – Kingdom Parables - Mt 13.24-43—Wheat, Seed & Leaven
- 5/25 – Memorial Day Weekend (No Class)
  
- 6/1 – Kingdom Parables - Mt 13.24-43-Wheat,Seed & Leaven 2
- 6/8 – Kingdom Parables-Mt 13.44-50-Treasure, Pearl, & Net
- 6/15 – (Craig away) Guest Teacher: Bo White
- 6/22 – Kingdom Parables-Mt 18.23-35-Unforgiving Servant
- 6/29–Kingdom Parables–Mt 20.1-16-Workers in the Vineyard
  
- 7/6 - 8/10 – Summer Break
  
- 8/17 – Guest Teacher: Erin Holcomb
- 8/24 – Guest Teacher: Bo White
- 8/31 – Labor Day Weekend (No Class)

# Lesson Series

- 9/7 – Kingdom Parables – Lk 14:15-24 – Master Gives a Feast
- 9/14 – Kingdom Parables – Lk 14 & Mt 22 – Feast vs. Banquet
- 9/21 – Guest Teacher: Bill Laughlin
- 9/28 – Kingdom Parables – Mt 22:1-14 – King's Wedding Banquet
- 10/5 – Kingdom Parables – Mt 25:1-13 – Ten Virgins
- 10/12 – No Class (Columbus Day Weekend)
- 10/19 – Kingdom Parables – Mt 25:14-30 – Talents (Man on Journey)
- 10/26 – Kingdom Parables – Mt 25:14-30 – Talents 2: Bond-servant
- 11/2 – King's Parables – Lk 18:9-14 – The Pharisee & Tax Collector
- 11/9 – King's Parables – Matt 11:16-19 – Playing Wedding & Funeral
- 11/16 – Randy Wilt – *'Cain & Abel-Guilt or Shame, Envy or Jealousy'*
- **11/23 – King's Parables – Matt 13:1-23 – Sower, Seeds, & Soils**
- 11/30/25 – 1/6/26 – Break: Advent thru Epiphany
- 1/11/26 – Class Resumes (Sunday after Epiphany)

**11/23/25**

# King's Parables

- *Parable*

(Greek: *parabole*)

= comparison ~ metaphor ~ picture ~ illustration

= concrete depiction of a cosmic truth

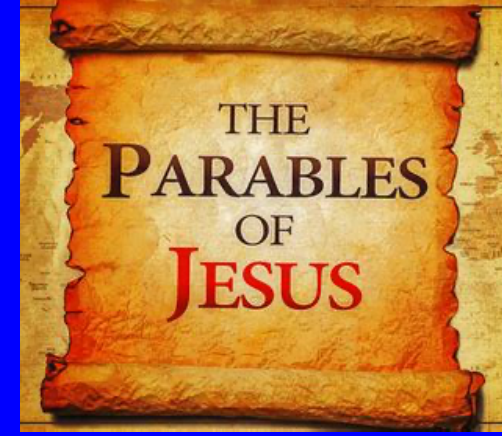
= a story with symbolic, spiritual meaning

- *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



# Kingdom Parables



- Jesus says, "... the *kingdom of heaven* is like ..." at least 10 times in Matthew, often when introducing a *parable*...
- 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)



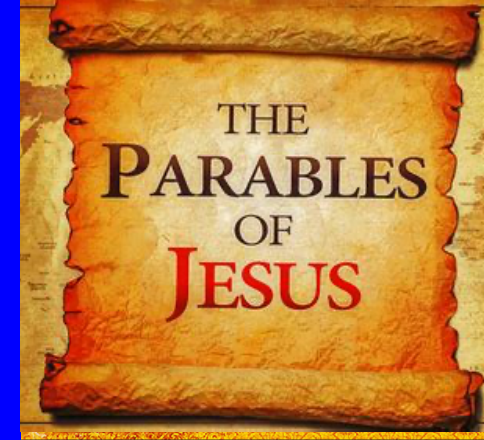
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THE KINGDOM



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  - Mt 25:14-30–...*a man going on a journey*...(Talents)

## King's Parables



- Our King Jesus helps us to understand cosmic, spiritual truths using word pictures and stories of *parables...*
- Luke 18:9-14 – ... *a Pharisee & a Tax Collector* ...
- Matt 11:16-19 – ... *Playing Wedding & Playing Funeral* ...
- **Matt 13:1-23** – ... *Sower, Seeds, and Soils* ...

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Matt 13:3-9—

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- Isaiah 55:10-11

*“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”*

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*“...you have walked in the way of Jeroboam and have made my people Israel to sin, provoking me to anger with their sins, <sup>3</sup> behold, I will utterly sweep away Baasha and his house, and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. <sup>4</sup> Anyone belonging to Baasha who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and anyone of his who dies in the field the birds of the heavens shall eat.*

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<sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup> but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> He said to them, let

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- Was #2's Salvation Lost?
  - Arminian: Yes
  - Calvinists: No (never was)
  - Both: Non-Christians can appear to be ... for a while
  - 1 John 2:19—*They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us,*

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Prayer