

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

“Because You Asked”

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

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

(Chorus)

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

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Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(Chorus)



SUNDAY

Prayer

“Because You Asked”

Because You Asked – 2/26/23

- 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 authorship & process
- 2/19 – *Because You Asked #5*-Womens' role in ministry
- ***2/26 – Because You Asked #6-Eucharist***
- 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*

Because You Asked – 2/26/23

- 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*

Because You Asked

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

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From my South Texas Presbytery Transfer Exam (2017)

70) Define the four main views held in the 1500's regarding the Lord's Supper. Which of these views do you hold? Defend your position from Scripture.

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Consubstantiation – the Lutheran view that a real, physical presence of Christ is received by faith *in, with, and under* the substance of the consecrated elements such that the bread and wine are still bread and wine, but also are truly the physical body and blood of Christ.

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Spiritual Presence – the view associated with Calvin, which offers a middle view of the Eucharist as a visible sign of an invisible reality, where Christ is truly present spiritually in the faithful giving and receiving of the elements so that the Holy Spirit brings believers mysteriously into communion with Christ in heaven. Calvin admitted that this is a mystery to be experienced more than understood.

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- *I hold to this Spiritual Presence view. In his Institutes (IV 17.4) and his commentary on John's Gospel, Calvin cites Jesus saying, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world" (John 6:51). Calvin comments: "As this secret power to bestow life, of which he has spoken, might be referred to as his Divine essence, he now comes down to the second step, and shows that this life is placed in his flesh, that it may be drawn out of it." Calvin sees this "vivifying power" as being communicated in the Supper.*

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- Jesus is *really present* spiritually for all who receive by faith
- All Saints has an "altar call" every Sunday . . . for all baptized believers

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Q & A / Discussion

Next Class on 3/5/23 – Guest Teacher: Rev. Michael Barber

Prayer Requests