



Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior,

I am excited about your interest in All Saints and look forward to meeting you and sharing my heart for this new work in Baton Rouge. I believe that the time is right for churches like All Saints, regardless of denominational background. I believe this because we live in a world in which many have lost a central foundation that can guide their lives and provide true direction and joy. The mission of All Saints is to be a people for whom the worship, praise, and honor of Jesus Christ is that central foundation.

At All Saints we believe that the ancient truths of God's Word still provide the best answers to our human needs. Our need for love, compassion, mercy and a sense of belonging that only comes from being deeply connected to a body of believers on mission for God. What our statement "where ancient truth meets present need," means in a practical sense is that our focus at All Saints is the understanding that what we believe about the most important questions in life will shape our responses to what life brings our way.

In one of my favorite episodes of "Everybody Loves Raymond," Ray is challenged by his wife to tackle answering the pre-teen daughter's question about, "how we got here." They assumed her question was a "birds and bees" question and Deborah hands Ray a stack of books on the subject to help him prepare to answer that question. But it turns out that Allie's question was of a different sort. It was the timeless question, not just of how we got here, but why we are here at all.

As the parent of a pre-teen myself, I know that the "birds and bees" question will come up in due time, but the answers I want to be able to give my child, far more than the mechanics of procreation, are the answers to the Creation and Creator questions, "Dad, why am I here?" "Who is God?" "Why did He make me?" "Who is Jesus and why did He die?"

If those are the kinds of questions you want to be able to answer when they are asked, All Saints might be the kind of church for you. Because at All Saints we are seeking to build a community of Christ followers where God's people honor the Sacred, receive the Spirit, live the Word, make Disciples, and glorify God.

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