

Chapel Offerings – Fall 2022

Below you will find brief descriptions of each Chapel offering at Baylor. Seating can be limited in certain Chapel offerings, so please prepare 1-2 alternate choices.

CHA 1088 – Chapel Online – *An asynchronous chapel experience that takes students week by week through the narrative of the Christian Scriptures by using films that engage students in Christian faith and practice.*

CHA 1089 – Chapel Worship – *A service shaped by the historic understanding of Christian worship, using music from various denominations. Students will have opportunities to lead worship and hear sermons from local ministers.*

CHA 1090 – Directed Chapel Studies – *Chapel experiences are available to students with certain interests and passions, particular academic majors, or who have unique circumstances. These chapels are centered in the teaching of Christian perspectives and practices.*

CHA 1091 – Chapel Prayers – *Morning or evening prayer services for 20 minutes daily, Mondays through Thursdays. Chapel Prayers are open to all but especially those who reside in the residential communities associated with our three campus chapels: Elliston, Robbins, and Memorial.*

Chapel Offerings – Detailed Descriptions

CHA 1088 – Chapel Online

This chapel is designed to walk through the overarching narrative of the Old and New Testament over two semesters by utilizing 15-25 minute videos that are released on Mon. and Wed. of each week. This (asynchronous) chapel experience engages students in biblical truths and Christian practices by utilizing filmmaking techniques to create videos which are crafted to foster common contemplation and prayer.

CHA 1089 – Chapel Worship

This is a service that is shaped by a historic understanding of Christian worship and that uses music from various church formats and cultures. Students will have opportunity to lead in various ways and will hear sermons from local ministers in the Baylor community and beyond.

CHA 1090 – Directed Chapel Studies

Faith and the Healing Professions – Pre-health students in this chapel experience will explore the ways in which faith perspectives and spiritual practices form and prepare future healthcare professionals to deal with the challenges they will face. Each week will include talks and discussions that will emphasize the importance of healthy spiritual life and encourage the development of helpful practices early in one's career in the medical world.

Faith and Sports – Led by Baylor sports chaplains, student athletes in this chapel will explore together what it means to play and participate for the glory of God by practically applying the Bible to sports. Through thoughtful presentations and small group dialogue, participants will learn to see sports more deeply through the lens of faith.

Faith and Pre-Nursing – Students will explore how their faith perspectives and spiritual practices interact with the nursing profession and will be encouraged to develop and nurture a healthy spiritual life to deal with the challenges faced in a career in nursing.

Faith and the Veteran's Life – This chapel class is a semester-long exploration of the Biblical themes that are especially relevant to the shared experience of military veterans.

Faith and Business – This chapel is for Pre-Business students, Business Fellows, or Hankamer Scholars who are interested in exploring what it means to be a follower of and ambassador for Christ in the marketplace. While scripture will serve as our main guide in discussions, practical examples of integrating faith into their business careers and work lives will be shared by faculty and business leaders.

Faith and the Arts – For students studying visual arts, music, performing arts, film, graphic arts etc. This chapel introduces students to biblical, theological, historical and contemporary models for the vocation of an artist and the importance of the arts for the life of the world. Students will explore examples within the arts where artist have articulated their sense of calling, the virtues, and God's Kingdom.

Vertical Next Steps – This chapel is connected to Vertical, a weekly campus ministry of vibrant contemporary worship and Biblical teaching. Students will participate in these services and will also explore the spiritual practice of reflection through journaling and weekly conversation with ministers and student leaders.

Baptist Student Ministries Next Steps – BSM Next Steps is a Chapel Studies experience that prepares students for a mission trip either over Spring Break or during the Summer months. Students will attend a weekly BSM gathering on Thursday evenings and also participate in a five-week training program during the month of February on Sunday afternoons in preparation for one of the mission trips.

Chi Alpha Discipleship – This is a chapel experience intended for students active in the Chi Alpha ministry. Students will attend a weekly worship service on Wednesday evenings where they will also meet with a staff member to develop and maintain a binder of sermon notes and journal reflections. They will also have an additional monthly individual meeting with a staff member to track and discuss personal spiritual growth.

Chapel Gateway – This is a chapel experience for students who are new to American culture and desire to understand more about the Christian faith tradition. Basic Christian beliefs and worldview will be introduced in a friendly, generous, and empathetic setting as students explore the Bible through a narrative overview and learn about some of the historical Christian spiritual practices. The aim will be to help students understand the host culture and worldview, and to grow in confidence and ability in navigating the religious terminology they will encounter in courses and in the community.

Crusade for Christ Next Steps – This Chapel Study is connected to Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru), a campus ministry serving students spiritual development through small group bible studies, events, retreats, conferences, and summer mission opportunities. Students will participate in various Cru groups, events, and trips as directed by ministers and student leaders.

Facetime with God Next Steps – This Chapel Study is connected to Facetime with God, a weekly campus ministry serving students spiritual development under the leadership of Rev. Olayinka Obasanya. Students will participate in weekly gatherings as well as exploring other weekly spiritual disciplines in conversation with ministers and student leaders.

Beginning a Soulful Journey – This chapel experience is especially designed for students who are new to faith conversations or who struggle with faith. Chapel sessions will involve reflective participation and presentations about challenges and mysteries of a religious journey, storytelling, small group discussions, and cultivation of spiritual practices.

CHA 1091 – Chapel Prayers

These brief, quiet services are designed to help students have an experience of daily prayer in community. Led by Baylor chaplains and other designated staff, each service will make use of various forms of prayer that will typically include singing, meditation, silence, unison/responsive readings, and scripture.