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News & Events



Vacation Bible School is this Week

VBS 2009, *Studio Go! Game Show*, will begin Monday, June 1 and continue through Thursday, June 4, 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Advent. The week will conclude with the traditional closing program and lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday. See "Education" on page 3 for more information.



Seminary Intern to Begin Service Sunday

Gregory Wilde (left), a seminarian at the School of Theology at Sewanee, will begin a summer internship at the Advent this Sunday, May 31. For more on Greg and his family, see page 2.



A Word from the Dean

Cornelius is a very important figure in the history of Christianity. He was the first Gentile to be introduced to the Christian faith. Probably from a noble and distinguished family of Rome, we know he was "a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms liberally to people, and prayed constantly to God" (Acts 10:2). In other words, he was a devout proselyte who had embraced Israel's faith, renounced idolatry, and was a worshipper of the true God. Moreover, he was "well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation ..." (10:22).

This is the essential thing: The Lord came to Cornelius in a dream and said, "Send for Simon Peter at Joppa, for he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household." Peter went to Caesarea to meet with and preach to Cornelius. Peter told him all about Jesus, about his death and resurrection, concluding with these words: "To Jesus Christ all the prophets bear witness that whosoever believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name" (10:43).

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Isn't that interesting! Cornelius might have been a worshipper of Jehovah and not of idols; he might have feared God and given liberally to others, yet salvation wasn't to be obtained by any of these things, but to be sought through the name and merits of Jesus Christ.

Peter told him, "whosoever believes in Christ shall receive forgiveness." He didn't say, "whosoever obeys God..." but "whosoever believes in him." Isn't that good news? For who can obey enough to meet God's standards? Who can give enough; love enough to meet God's standards? Who is devout enough? Thanks be to God! "Whosoever believes in him receives forgiveness of sins."

Cornelius had to come to Christ as a sinner just as you and I come to Christ as sinners. We do not bring our own good deeds but come to him and receive mercy "without money and without price."

There is nothing more inclusive than Christianity. I don't care how low you've sunk! Whosoever and whatsoever you may be, in Christ there is absolutely no barrier. All the promises of God are yours.

- FFL

- Acts 10:43

This Sunday:

May 31, 2009

Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

Services:

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Dean Limehouse will preach at all morning services.

5:00 p.m. Evening Service

Preacher: Canon Smalley

Adult Education: 10:10 - 10:50 a.m.

The Dean's Class (Refectory) - *An Absence of Grace: A World Without Christianity (Part 2 of 2)* - Larry Taunton

The Vice Dean's Class (Day School Library) - *Implications of Worship in Christ* - Greg Wilde

Young Adults' Class (Chapter Room) - *The Gospel on the Ground: Being Single* - Gil Kracke

4:00-4:45 p.m.:

Gospel Christianity (Living Room) - Canon Smalley



Children's & Youth Education:

Classes are offered for three-years and older. See Sunday's service leaflet for details. Nurseries are open 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Lectionary:

Psalms 104:25-35, 37

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:22-27

St. John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The 9:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on WXJC 850 AM, 92.5 FM, and www.850WXJC.com.

Sermon text and audio are available on our website, www.AdventBirmingham.org.



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



servicing & outreach

Service Opportunities



Are You Being Called to Serve?

To find out about service opportunities available this summer, contact Becky Rone: rebecca@cathedraladvent.com or 226-3512.

Photo: Morley Alexander cuts lumber for a wheelchair ramp.



spiritual growth & fellowship

EYC

Youth to Gather Sunday to Welcome Ginger and Summer Interns

All youth are invited to Dave's Pizza this Sunday, May 31, to welcome our new Associate Youth Director, Ginger Mayfield, and our summer interns, Ryan Viner and Amy Kathryn Drummond. Jr. High will meet at Dave's at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Sr. High at 6:00.



Small Groups

Study Luke and Acts this Summer

Talitha Bailey will teach a five-week study on Luke and Acts, examining how the early church spread the good news and how its experience in evangelism can instruct us in our present-day evangelism. The group will meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Brownie and Barry Evans (3000 Dundee Circle) from June 30 through July 28. If you are interested or have questions, please call Jane Menendez (871-2169) or Barry McRae (602-1061). All are welcome!

Summer Small Group for Ladies to Focus on David

This women's small group will study David using the curriculum *Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed* by Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, and Kay Arthur. The material is divided into three segments of two lessons each. Each segment focuses on a different stage of David's life: as a young man (by Priscilla Shirer), as a middle-aged man (by Beth Moore), and as a man facing the final third of his life (by Kay Arthur). The workbook is available in the Book Store, but the homework is optional. The group will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Jane Menendez (4221 Sharpsburg Drive) from July 1 through August 5. If you are interested or have questions, please call Jane at 871-2169.



Greg Wilde to Serve as Seminary Intern

Gregory Wilde, a rising senior at the School of Theology at the University of the South, in Sewanee, Tennessee, will serve as seminary intern at the Advent from Sunday, May 31, through Friday, July 24. He will teach the Vice Dean's Class this Sunday at 10:10 a.m. in the Day School Library; his title is "Implications of Worship in Christ".

Greg Wilde's *Curriculum Vitae* describes him as "a thinker, a writer, a teacher, a musician, a craftsman, and a man called to ministry for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ." He has been a Licensed Lay Preacher in the Diocese of Northern Indiana since 2001, and he is an Accredited Mentor in EFM (Education for Ministry). Since 2003 Greg has served as Adjunct Professor of the History and Theology of Christian Worship at the R. E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies. He was a building and remodeling contractor, operating Wilde Custom Building and Design, Inc. from 1979 to 2007. Married for more than 28 years, he and his wife Jan have two children (see photo).



L to R: Seminary intern Greg Wilde with daughter Elin, son Daniel, and wife Jan.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- Acts 2:1-4



making music

Hymns this Sunday Morning: Entrance, 225; Sermon, 512; Communion, 511, 513, 505; Exit, 573

Pentecost was originally a Jewish harvest festival when the first fruits of crops were given as offerings to God. On the first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection, the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' followers. They were filled with power and love, thus empowering them to witness to God's actions in Christ to all who were nearby. Some 3,000 people responded to their claims that Christ was Lord and Savior of mankind. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' first followers on the day of Pentecost is often called the Church's birthday. - *The Newsletter Newsletter*



education

Vacation Bible School

Studio Go! to Wrap Up June 4 with Lunch Program

Vacation Bible School 2009, *Studio Go! Game Show* will wrap up on Thursday, June 4, with the traditional closing program, plus (new this year) a hot dog lunch! Parents



and friends are invited to come to the Refectory at 11:30 a.m. to see and hear what the children have been learning throughout the week at VBS. Hear how our Bible stories have instilled in the children God's promise to be with us always! Questions? Call Julia King (298-7880) or Mary McInnis (443-8557). "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." - *Joshua 1:9*

Nursery

Part-time Help Needed for Summer

Are you home from college and looking for a rewarding, part-time job? Advent's nursery ministry is looking for a few committed individuals to serve on Sunday mornings. Applicants must love children, be dependable, and work well with others. Please contact Leslie Housman (443-8552, lhousman@bellsouth.net) if you are interested in serving our tiniest disciples.

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

- Chellie Mae Hegler Scroggins:** (Garden Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Bromberg, Jr. • (Fine Arts) by Bryan Helm
- John Robert Harris, Jr.:** (Endowment Fund) by William S. Pritchard, Jr.
- Robert B. Hezlep:** (Endowment Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Goings
- Alabama (Bamie) Williams:** (Advent House) by Moms-in-Touch Crestline Prayer Group • (Endowment Fund) by Lula Rose Blackwell; Netagene Williams
- Vida Marie Kinner:** (Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carroll
- Sarah Rebecca Beaird:** (Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Goyer
- In Honor of the Cathedral Choir, Stephen Schaeffer, and Charles Kennedy:** (Music Discretionary Fund) by Mrs. James R. Williams
- In Thanksgiving for John Harper:** (Vice Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Beverly Baker

Game Guy Todd Liscomb and VBS Director Julia King get into the spirit of Studio Go!

Todd: Hot Dog... Chips... Cheese Stick... Apple... Cupcake...

Julia: What we'll serve at the June 4 Closing Lunch Program!!!

Ding Ding Ding!!!



book store

A Weekday Ministry Opportunity

We Need You! The store could use a few more volunteers during the week. Time slots to be filled are 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 1 p.m.-4 p.m., or 10 a.m.-4 p.m. If you would like to help during the week, please call Cindy Funderburk at 443-8572.

Pre-Inventory Sale - Write down the week of June 8 to June 14 on your calendar. As a special "Thank You Bonus" to all of you, we are offering a 20-percent-off coupon for the week before inventory on your purchase of \$100 or more (in-stock items only). The more you buy the less we have to count during inventory!

Special Shopping Week

June 8-14

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 31 Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday Holy Communion at all services EYC Welcome Parties - Jr. High, 5 p.m.; Sr. High, 6 p.m.	June 1 Vacation Bible School - Advent - 9 a.m.	2 Vacation Bible School - Advent - 9 a.m.	3 Vacation Bible School - Advent - 9 a.m. Holy Communion - Chapel - 12:05 p.m.	4 Vice Dean's Bible Study - 7:15 a.m. Vacation Bible School - Advent - 9 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Conf. Rm. - noon	5	6
June 7 Trinity Sunday Regular worship schedule	8	9	10 Holy Communion - Chapel - 12:05 p.m.	11 Vice Dean's Bible Study - Chapter Room - 7:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Conference Room - noon	12	13

Every Sunday: Breakfast - Refectory, 8:00 a.m.

Monday-Friday: AA - Coe Conference Room, 12:00 p.m.

coming up:

•Vacation Bible School Closing Program and Lunch: Thursday, June 4,
 Refectory, 11:30 a.m.

•Sr. High EYC Towel Ministries Mission Trip: June 5-12,
 Valle Crucis, North Carolina

transitions:

Births: Sutton McClain Hayes, son of George and Laura, on February 11; Daniel McLean Pitts, son of Randall Pitts and Page Poerschke, on May 12

Baptisms: Benjamin Hassell Ayers, son of Benjamin and Marilyn, on May 16; Emma Beth Wampler, daughter of Christopher and Valerie, on May 16; Parker Rane Holley, son of Thomas and Elizabeth, on May 17; Addison Grace Turner and Aubrey Peyton Turner, daughters of Ricky and Randi, on May 17

Marriage: Kimberly Henderson and Lee Tilghman, on May 16

Death: Marion Barefield, on April 14

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