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News & Events

Parish Elects New Vestry Members

The following were elected to a three-year term on the Vestry of the Cathedral Church of the Advent at the annual Parish Meeting on January 24:

Jim Andrews, Russ Chambliss, Jim Dixon, Ron Flowers, Alfred Goings, Ginger Mayfield, Mary Berkeley Pritchard, Jack Sherman, Robin Wade, Ann Bailey White.

The Advent is grateful to all those who accepted nomination.

Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting February 1

All parishioners are invited to a prayer gathering to take place via the Zoom video app on Monday, February 1, at 7:15 p.m. Typically held the first Monday of each month, this hour-long meeting is set aside to pray for the Advent. As Dean Pearson wrote about these gatherings, "If we are not on our knees, we are trying to do ministry in our own strength. We know that apart from the Lord Jesus we can do nothing."

Visit AdventBirmingham.org/News to get the Zoom link, and contact Margaret Pope (Margaret@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information. We hope you can join us.



A Word from Michael Weeks

A prevailing idea in our current post-modern context is captured in the popular phrase, "You do you!" It is common to hear this phrase when someone disagrees with a

choice that another person has made, subtly suggesting that they are wrong but that they are free to their own opinion. The idea behind this phrase is that we are all unique, with different gifts and abilities, and we should all have the freedom to express ourselves in our own special way. You might often hear different forms of this phrase, such as "be you," or "express yourself." Australian rock band the Masters Apprentices (famously?) encapsulated this idea, singing "Do what you want to do, be what you want to be, yeah!"

As with everything in this world, there is a sliver of truth to this idea. It is true that we are all unique. This is something the Bible affirms time and again. God has fearfully and wonderfully (Psalm 139:14) made each one of us. In 1 Corinthians, Paul explains at

length how each one of us is given unique gifts by the Holy Spirit. Just as our human body has different parts such as arms, legs, ears, and fingers, we all have a different part to play in the functioning of the body of Christ, which is the church.

The Bible does differ against the prevailing cultural thought, though, that what we do and how we act doesn't impact others, that our freedom of expression shouldn't be hindered by others. The Bible argues that it is for the very sake of others that God has made us unique. Each one of us has something to contribute, not for our own well-being, but for the building up of the body. We need each other. This has become abundantly clear during this pandemic. And just as Christ came not to be served, but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many, so we are called to put to death our own desires and freedoms so that we might build each other up in love. May the Holy Spirit empower us for this task!

- Michael

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

- 1 Corinthians 12:27

This Sunday:

January 31, 2021

9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
(Band led)

11:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
(Organ and Choir led)

Preacher: Mark Gignilliat

Registering to attend is necessary at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship.

We will livestream both services, at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live, Facebook Live, or YouTube to access our livestream.

Adult Education:

Adult classes will be held from 10:15-11:00 a.m. Registering in advance is necessary at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship.

Recordings of classes are available at Audio.AdventBirmingham.org.

The Dean's Class (Refectory) – *The Epistle of Jude: Contending for the Faith That Was Once for All Delivered to the Saints* – Dean Pearson

Walking With Jesus Along the Way: Excerpts from Mark's Gospel (Chapter Room) – Canon Smalley

Old Testament Life on the Ground: The Writings (Living Room) – Mark Gignilliat

Children's & Youth Education:

Sunday School for 3K through 3rd graders will be held at the church during the 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. Classes for 4th and 5th graders will be held at the church, 10:15-11:00 a.m. Confirmation class for 6th graders will meet at Cranmer House, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Please ensure that you sign up your child through the Signup Genius link sent by Tara Davis as we have limited spaces.

Children's Sunday School video lessons continue to be available online each week at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship.

Junior High and Senior High classes will not meet this Sunday. Watch for information about future classes.



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Wardens for 2021

John Hargrove and Jay Ezelle Begin Year of Service



John Hargrove (*left*) began service as Senior Warden as of the Parish Meeting on January 24, while Jay Ezelle (*right*) began service as Junior Warden.

John served as Junior Warden during 2020. A 32-year member of the Advent, he has served the church in a number of areas, including as Stewardship Chair, small group leader, Sunday School teacher, and on the



Vine Project.

Jay is in the second year of a three-year term on the Vestry and has been a member of the parish for 20 years. His service includes work as Stewardship Chair, Sunday School teacher, lay reader, and usher.

Bayard Tynes retires as Senior Warden, taking with him the gratitude of the parish for his faithful service.

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spiritual growth & fellowship

Youth Ministry

Jr. High Dinner Gathering this Sunday

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to a Junior High dinner gathering this Sunday, January 31, 5:45-6:45 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). We'll provide dinner, play some games, and have Bible study. Students need to bring only their masks. No sign-up is necessary. Contact Tucker Fleming (Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.

Sr. High "Jersey Night" Family Dinner this Sunday

The next Senior High Family Dinner will be this Sunday, January 31, 6:57-8:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). The theme is "Jersey Night," so come ready to represent your favorite team! Masks are required. If you would like to help provide dinner this semester or have questions, please contact Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).

Advent House Prayer Ministry

Intercessory Prayer Is Available In Person or Via Zoom

Completely dependent upon Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, the ministry of prayer at Advent House is for everyone who is seeking a closer relationship with God; God's intervention in our lives to give help needed and healing in our whole being – body, mind, and spirit; and God's protection and guidance as we journey through the challenges of this life.



We are offering prayer sessions in person at Advent House, and virtually via Zoom for those who cannot come due to Covid or some other affliction. A safety protocol, following CDC guidelines, is in place at Advent House for the well-being of everyone participating. If you would like to schedule a prayer appointment at Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205), please contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com).

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light do we see light.

- Psalm 36:7-9

Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."
- Mark 1:14-15

education

Women's Study

Study with Limited Nursery Openings to Start February 11

Women are invited to join Carolyn Lankford and Melinda King beginning Thursday, February 11, 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Chapter Room as they study *Mark: The Humanity of Christ*, from the MacArthur Bible Studies series. (The Advent Bookstore has copies in stock.) You may attend in person or via Zoom. There are two openings available in the Nursery. Contact Fontaine Pope (205-443-8562, Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com) to join this group.

Nursery Ministry

Modified Nursery Open on Sundays

We have reopened our Nursery on Sundays with a modified format. The Nursery is available for children ages 18 months or older in the Toddler class and the 2-year-olds class. It is open during each of the worship services (9:15-10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.-noon) but not during the adult education hour. Classes are limited to six children each. Registering is required. Sign-ups are emailed to parents on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. to coincide with the timing of the worship service sign-ups going live. Please contact Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Children's Sunday School



Above, a recent 4th/5th grade Sunday School class in the Gym: front, left-right – students Rye Goldasich, D.Y. Menendez, Lleyton Sharp, John Gregory, Brooks Essig, Becker Menendez, Britton Thames, Thomas Menendez, and (helper) Anna Grace Menendez; back, left-right – teachers Matthew and Emily Menendez

Our 4th and 5th grade Sunday School is taught by Mathew and Emily Menendez and Steve Nash. Each class is a mix of children from a variety of schools, so they spend a portion of their time participating in fellowship games to get to know one another better and form authentic relationships. Afterwards they dig into a gospel-centered Bible lesson and theology through the New City Catechism. Contact Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com) for information on children's Sunday School.

Pastoral Notice: If you are going into the hospital, have need of prayer or counsel, or have a family member unable to attend church, please call the Pastoral Care Office at 205-226-3500.

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Lectionary

Sunday, January 31: Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

bookstore

Store Open on Sundays and Wednesdays

The Advent Bookstore is open on Sunday mornings, 8:30-11:30 a.m., and on Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Masks are required, and we maintain social distancing.

Entrance to the store on Wednesdays is through the Porte Cochere parking lot door. For curbside pick-up, call 205-323-2959. Contact Ann Campbell (Ann@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Jesus and his disciples went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee. - Mark 1:21-28

memorials:

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Emily Drake Parnell: (Endowment Fund) by Sharon Hydinger

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transitions:

Baptism: Elizabeth Flannery Moss,
daughter of David and Ruth Ann,
on January 17

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Robert Henry Collins: (Endowment Fund) by Lella Bromberg

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 31 Morning Prayer - Nave - 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Adult Education - 10:15 a.m. Jr. High Dinner at 5:45 p.m.; Sr. High Dinner at 6:57 p.m. - Cranmer House	Feb 1 Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting via Zoom - 7:15 p.m.	2 Praise Service - Nave - 8:00 a.m.	3 Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	4	5	6
Feb 7 Holy Communion - Nave - 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Adult Education - 10:15 a.m.	8	9 Praise Service - Nave - 8:00 a.m.	10 Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	11	12	13

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