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News & Events

Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting May 3

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Mark Your Calendars for the Women's Retreat, August 27-29

All women of the Advent: Mark your calendars now. Our annual Women's Retreat at Lake Martin will be Friday-Sunday, August 27-29. Susan Yates will be our speaker. Many details will follow, and registration will begin in May, but please plan on attending this wonderful weekend. If you would like to help with the details, please contact Carolyn Lankford (Carolyn@CathedralAdvent.com).

Midday Music Season to Conclude with Music for Flute and Clarinet April 30

Our 2020-2021 Midday Music series will conclude Friday, April 30, 12:30 p.m. in the Nave with a performance by Alabama Symphony Orchestra musicians Lisa Wienhold, flute, and Kathleen Costello, clarinet. See page 3 for more information.



A Word from Michael Weeks

Fellowship is essential in the Christian life and the human experience. In the garden, God made Adam, and said that it was not good for him to be alone. So, he created Eve, so that they might be in fellowship together. Here we see that humans are made for relationship. But in Ephesians we learn that this relationship is not an end in itself, but is a symbol that points to something greater, the fellowship we have with God, through Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:32). This is not just true of marriage but of all relationships. We are all designed to be in relationship with God.

In the book of Revelation, we are shown our future reality, when we will be in glory, and God will finally dwell with us, and we with him (Revelation 21:3). Not only are we made for fellowship, but we are saved so that we might be with God forevermore! *"And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent"* (John 17:3).

That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

However, because of sin, the reality is that on this side of glory we still experience loneliness, even when surrounded by friends and family. We often look to the things of this life to fill that void inside of us. The truth is, only God can end the pain of loneliness. It is only in relationship with him that our loneliness will truly be dealt with.

John tells us this fellowship with God comes through the proclamation of the gospel. The good news of Jesus Christ is that through his death, resurrection, and ascension we are saved and brought back into relationship with God. Through the gospel, the sin that destroys our fellowship with God and others is paid for. One day, our relationship with God and with others will be fully reconciled.

When we gather as the body of Christ, we have a great opportunity to encourage each other with this good news. And, to come alongside those who are suffering loneliness, in order to love them, just as Christ has loved us.

- Michael

- 1 John 1:3

This Sunday:

April 25, 2021

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

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

Preacher: Canon Hicks
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) – *Questions from Our 6th Grade Confirmands* – Dean Pearson and Tucker Fleming

Beginning at the Beginning (Chapter Room) – *From Eden to Babel* (Genesis 3-11) – Doug Webster

Walking with Jesus Through the Gospel of Mark (Living Room) – *The Final Word* (Chapter 16) – Canon Smalley

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. Our 6th grade Confirmands will attend the Dean's Class at 10:15 a.m. 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.



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting Via Zoom May 3

All parishioners are invited to a prayer gathering to take place via the Zoom video app on Monday, May 3, 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.

Annie Lee Leaving Advent After Four Years of Service

It is with sadness that we announce the departure of Annie Lee (*right*), Assistant in Liturgy and Worship, from the Advent. Annie has faithfully served our parish for four years, beginning as an intern while at Samford. She later moved into her full-time role, wearing many hats: coordinating our Sunday morning volunteers, leading the music for our student ministries and the Tuesday-morning Praise Service, and most visibly providing leadership in our Refectory service, the Five O'Clock service, and now on Sunday mornings. Annie will be moving back to her home town of Atlanta to be near family. She will also be joining the staff at Passion City Church. Her last Sunday with us will be April 25. Please join us in prayer, giving thanks for Annie's faithful ministry in our midst!



spiritual growth & fellowship

Young Adults' Ministry

Gathering at Monday Night Social Club April 27

If you're in your 20s or 30s, please join us for a young adults' gathering on Tuesday, April 27, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Monday Night Social Club (14 12th Street South, 35233). We'll be sitting outside; please bring your mask. For more information, contact Michael Weeks (Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com).

Counseling at the Advent

Help Available for Individuals, Couples, and Families

Every lifetime brings seasons of difficulty and discouragement. Fortunately, God graces us with others who can help us move through these seasons. In addition to the pastoral counseling offered by our clergy, the Advent offers counseling by a licensed counselor for individuals, couples, and families. If you are experiencing difficulty dealing with past hurts, stress, depression, anxiety, grief, or relationships, you do not have to look for hope and healing alone. It is our privilege to help. Contact Stella Schreiber (205-443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." - John 10:11

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

- 1 John 3:16-18

Youth Ministry

Jr. High Dinner Gathering this Sunday

All Junior High youth are invited to join us this Sunday, April 25, 5:45-6:45 p.m. for youth group at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). We'll have dinner, Bible study, and games. All you need to do is bring your mask. Hope to see you there! contact Tucker Fleming (Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Sr. High "Luau Night" Family Dinner this Sunday

All 9th-12th grade youth are invited to our last Family Dinner of the semester this Sunday, April 25, 6:57-8:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). The theme is "Luau Night," so wear your best Hawaiian shirt and come to enjoy some Hawaiian-themed food. *Aloha!* Contact Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com) for details.

Senior Night 2021 Is May 3

All graduating high school seniors of the Advent are invited to a celebratory dinner on Monday, May 3, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House. The evening will include a panel answering questions about spiritual life in college. We hope all can join us so we can celebrate and send off our seniors well! Please RSVP to Rebecca (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).

Jr. High Mystery Trip Set for July 13-15

All rising 7th-9th graders are invited to come July 13-15 when we will travel together to a place you'll find out about as soon as we get there! Cost is \$275, and financial help is available. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth. Contact Tucker Fleming (Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Sr. High Mystery Trip Returning July 20-22

The beloved Mystery Trip is back! All current 9th-12th graders are invited on this journey July 20-22. Where are we going? That's for us to know and you to find out. Cost is \$275, and financial assistance is available. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth. Contact Rebecca (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com) for details.

(Jesus prayed to the Father) "As you sent me into the world, so I have sent (those you have given me) into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth." - John 17:18-19

making music

Concert Series

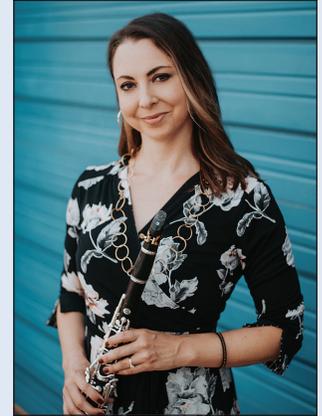
Zachary Banks and Fred Teardo to Perform May 6

The Cathedral Concert Series will present "Songs of Travel" and *Spirituals* with bass-baritone Zachary Banks (*right*) and pianist Frederick Teardo on Thursday, May 6, 6:00 p.m. in Clingman Commons. Taken from Robert Louis Stevenson's collection of poetry of the same name, Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Songs of Travel* is a cycle of nine songs for baritone and piano. Mr. Banks will sing the cycle as well as a selection of spirituals. A member of our Cathedral Choir, Mr. Banks earned Bachelor of Arts in Voice and Bachelor of Music in Choral Education degrees from the University of Montevallo. He serves as Choir Director at his high-school alma mater, Birmingham's Ramsay High School.



This concert will be open to a limited in-person audience. To register, please visit AdventBirmingham.org/News; registration will open on Monday, May 3. The concert will also be livestreamed on AdventBirmingham.org/Live and associated digital platforms, and be made available for later listening.

Midday Music



ASO Musicians to Present Music for Flute and Clarinet April 30

Our 2020-2021 Midday Music series will conclude on Friday, April 30, 12:30 p.m. in the Nave with a free, 30-minute concert by Lisa Wienhold, flute (*above left*), and Kathleen Costello, clarinet (*above right*). Both are members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, with Ms. Wienhold serving as principal flutist since 1997, and Ms. Costello as principal clarinetist since 2006. Their program will include music by Bach, Muczynski, Villa-Lobos, and Rutter.

We are pleased to be able to open this concert to a limited public audience. To sign up to attend, please visit AdventBirmingham.org/News. The performance will also be livestreamed on AdventBirmingham.org/Live and associated digital platforms for anyone unable to attend in person, and will be available for later listening.

education

Children's Sunday School



Second Grade Students Presented with Bibles

Above: Our 2nd graders hold up the Adventure Bibles they received on April 11.

Sunday, April 11, was a special day for our 2nd graders and their families. Gathered together in the Nave, children heard a word from Wes Sharp, Tara Davis, and Lucy Kate Green. This year's Bible teachers also participated in presenting the Bibles, which were generously purchased in loving memory of Ann Turner Hull by many of her dear friends. We pray God's blessing over our 2nd graders as they continue their faith journeys and grow in God's word.

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transitions:

Birth: Louise Rollin Fitts Wahl, daughter of Tyler and Brooke, on April 8

Baptism: Caroline Byerly Goodman, daughter of John and Sadie, on April 11

Death: Richard H. McManus, on April 8

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Catherine Cabaniss: (Fine Arts Fund) by Lella C. Bromberg

Ann Turner Hull: (Mission and Outreach) by Mabry and Jeanne Rogers

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 25 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.	26	27 Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Young Adults' Gathering - 14 12th Street South - 7:00 p.m.	28 Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	29 Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	30 Midday Music - Nave - 12:30 p.m.	May 1
May 2 Holy Communion - Nave - 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Adult Education - 10:15 a.m.	3 Youth Senior Night - Cranmer House - 5:30 p.m. Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting via Zoom - 7:15 p.m.	4 Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	5 Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	6 Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Concert Series: Zachary Banks and Fred Teardo - Clingman Commons - 6:00 p.m.	7	8

Lectionary this Sunday, April 25: Psalm 23; Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

A Note on Financial Support: Your financial support makes gospel ministry possible. Church staff continue to process mailed checks, and information about digital giving options may be found at AdventBirmingham.org/Give.