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## News & Events

### Lenten Preaching this Week:

**Brian Hinton and Former Advent Canon Deborah Leighton**

Brian Hinton, Associate Pastor of Hunter Street Baptist Church in Hoover, Alabama, will preach Monday-Tuesday, March 28-29, at 12:05 p.m. Deborah Leighton, former Canon and Director of Women's Ministries at the Cathedral Church of the Advent, will be our Lenten preacher Wednesday-Friday, March 30-April 1. See page 2 for more information.

### Deborah Leighton to Speak to Advent Women March 30

Deborah Leighton will address Advent women on Wednesday, March 30, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Deborah Fisher (4020 Lenox Road, 35213). She will speak on *God's Wisdom in the Midst of Conflict*. Please register at [AdventBirmingham.org/Women](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Women). See page 3 for details.

### Lecture Series Returns April 4

The Advent Theological Lecture Series returns with Mark Gignilliat engaging Lenten preacher Ephraim Radner in a conversation entitled *Living, Dying, and the Arc of Our Lives*, on Monday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House. See page 3 for details.



## A Word from Canon DeHart

I have the power in myself to do many things. I have no problem going to the gym, learning new languages, and living within my means, so how can it be that I "have no power in myself to help myself," as the Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent maintains.

My aversion to any notion of helplessness started early. My high school psychology teacher taught that under certain conditions humans do not have free will. In situations of extreme hunger or low temperatures, he said, we cannot control what we will do in order to survive. I remember protesting, "No matter what, we always have a choice." My indomitable optimism and can-do spirit hadn't yet met any real suffering.

In this collect we acknowledge the precariousness of the human situation: "Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul." It's a holistic prayer. It concerns body and soul. Its premise is that physically and spiritually we are more fragile than we think.

The prayer is not saying that we have no agency, nor is it advocating an unhealthy view of Total Depravity – that humans are wholly evil. Its sixth-century composers believed that we were created good, but they also knew, possibly more so than we do today, that there is a whole lot of which we aren't in control.

In recent years, I've found discussions of human frailty and limitation much more congenial and even freeing. The admission that there is "no power in ourselves to help ourselves" sounds a whole lot like what many of my healthy friends at Alcoholics Anonymous recite every week: "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol – that our lives had become unmanageable." Like them, I'd found that I have tendencies, addictions, and character traits that, try as I may, I just can't quit.

This acknowledgment that I am not as free as I thought I was has broken the yoke of having to "pull myself up by my own bootstraps." It's freed me to seek external help from friends and support groups, and, most importantly, from the one who, in the words of the collect, has promised to "keep us" and "defend us."

When it comes to sins we can't shake,  
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## This Sunday:

March 27, 2022

### 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Cameron Cole

### 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Cameron Cole

### 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Tucker Fleming

### 11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Preacher: Cameron Cole

### 5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Tucker Fleming

We will livestream the 9:00 Nave, 11:00, and 5:00 services.

Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live), Facebook Live, or YouTube to access our stream.

### Adult Education (10:15-10:50 a.m.):

**The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *Provocative Prayer: The Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent* – Ben DeHart

**Glimpses from the Gospel** (Lower School Library) – *Jesus' Confrontation with Evil* – Dennis Sansom

### Children's & Youth Education:

Our 3s and 4s classes meet at 9:00 a.m. Children in Kindergarten-3rd grade and 6th-grade confirmands start the 9:00 service in church before leaving during the children's dismissal. Children in 4th and 5th grades and youth 7th grade and older have classes between the 9:00 and 11:00 services (10:10-10:50 a.m.). See Sunday's service bulletin for details. The Nursery is open for our Infants, Toddlers, and 2s classes starting at 8:45 a.m. The Nursery is open for ages 6 weeks-5 years during the 11:00 service.



# GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



## worship

### Lenten Preaching Series

We hope you will join us regularly for our Preaching Series, now in its 115th year. The service runs from 12:05-12:30 p.m. each weekday of Lent (except Good Friday). Join us in-person as much as you are able, but when you can't we hope you will watch the services via livestream ([AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live)) or listen later on our audio pages ([Audio.AdventBirmingham.org](http://Audio.AdventBirmingham.org)). To see the full schedule of preachers, visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Lent](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Lent).

### Lenten Preachers this Week

#### Hunter Street's Brian Hinton to Preach Monday and Tuesday

Brian Hinton is Associate Pastor of Hunter Street Baptist Church in Hoover, Alabama, where he oversees the pastoral care ministry. In a video on the church's website, he said his role is "to help and encourage the people of Hunter Street to face the hardships of life with the hope of the gospel."



Born and raised in the Tuscaloosa, Alabama area, he earned a B.A. at the University of Alabama and a J.D. at the University of Michigan Law School. He worked as an attorney in Birmingham for 15 years before discerning a call to ministry.

Mr. Hinton attended Beeson Divinity School, where he earned his M.Div. in 2012. He has served on the pastoral staff at Hunter Street for eight years, and he has been a member of the church since he moved to Birmingham in 1999. He is married to Heather, and they have four children.

#### Deborah Leighton Returns to Preach Wednesday-Friday

Deborah Leighton joined the clergy staff of the Cathedral Church of the Advent in Birmingham, Alabama, in 2012. She was Director of Women's Ministries, and during the first part of her tenure served as Canon Missioner. In 2019 she moved for the sake of her husband's job. Since their move she has been serving at a small parish where she is now part-time Vicar.



Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Ms. Leighton graduated from Wheaton College. After graduation, she spent three years in New York City pursuing an acting career. Sensing a call to ordained ministry, she attended Trinity School for Ministry. After receiving her M.Div. from Trinity, she spent a year studying filmmaking, during which time she wrote and directed three short films. She and her husband have one child.

### Lectionary this Sunday, March 27

Psalm 32 • Joshua 5:9-12  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21 • Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

#### (A Word from Canon DeHart, cont.)

our prayer is not that God would complete our human efforts. We're not saying, "I can make it 85 percent of the way, Lord, but you've gotta take care of the remaining 15 percent." We're taking a cue from the Serenity Prayer, and acknowledging that these are "the things I cannot change," while trusting that the "Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

In the end, this prayer is an invitation to freedom. It's a call to acceptance and surrender and to no longer "chase after the wind." We may "have no power in ourselves to help ourselves" when it comes to that which we simply can't quit, but we serve the God "who raises the dead, and calls into existence the things that do not exist." He has the power to help us. He can make a way out of no way. - Ben

### Shuttle Bus Runs Tuesday-Thursday During Lent

A shuttle bus travels to the Advent on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from the parking lot of First Baptist Church of Birmingham throughout Lent. The bus leaves First Baptist (located at 2209 Lakeshore Drive, 35209) at 11:30 a.m. and returns no later than 1:30 p.m.

### Nursery Provided Thursdays

During Lent we provide a nursery for children ages 6 weeks-4K on Thursdays from 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Registration is not necessary.



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Pastoral Care

#### Counseling Available with Licensed Counselor

In addition to our clergy who offer pastoral counseling, licensed counselor Stella Schreiber (*right*) is also available to meet with individuals and couples. Living on earth and in relationships can sometimes involve times of painful transition or particular challenge. It is not unusual to have a period in our lives that is marked by pain, confusion, questions, or struggle, during which we can benefit from professional counsel. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Stella directly ([Stella@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Stella@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-443-8558).



### memorials:

#### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

- Robert W. Shepherd:** (Pastoral Care) by Clay and Miriam Morris
- (Endowment Fund) by Ann and Troy Haas
- Lella Bromberg:** (Endowment Fund) by Ann and Troy Haas
- Sharon Turner:** (Mission and Outreach) by Mary and Victor Hanson



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Women's Ministries

#### Deborah Leighton to Speak March 30

Our beloved Deborah Leighton will speak to Advent women Wednesday, March 30, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Deborah Fisher (4020 Lenox Road, 35213). She will speak on *God's Wisdom in the Midst of Conflict*, drawing from the wisdom literature in Scripture. Deborah served as Canon Missioner and Director of Women's Ministries at the Advent from 2012-2019. She will preach in our Lenten series March 30-April 1 (see story on page 2).

Your friends are welcome, but we need a headcount. Please register at [AdventBirmingham.org/Women](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Women) to let us know you can come.

#### Women's Retreat: Save the Date!

Due to Children's Harbor extending its camp schedule through October, our Women's Retreat will move from late August 2022 to February 3-5, 2023. Our speaker will be former Advent Co-Director of Christian Education and 2021 Lenten preacher Lisa Wheeler. Lisa currently serves as Deacon and Assistant to the Dean at Church of the Apostles in Columbia, South Carolina. Please mark your calendars, invite your friends, and plan to join us! Contact Leslie Housman ([Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

### Young Adults' Ministry

#### First-Ever Young Adult Retreat Coming in April

All young adults are invited to join us for our first-ever Advent Young Adult Retreat Friday-Sunday, April 22-24, in Monteagle, Tennessee. Come enjoy a weekend of rest, fellowship, and talks from Ben DeHart, the Advent's Canon for Parish Life. Cost is only \$20! Register at [AdventBirmingham.org/YoungAdults](http://AdventBirmingham.org/YoungAdults). Questions? Contact Rebecca Lankford ([Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com)).

### Youth Ministry

#### Jr. High: RYM Retreat Coming this Summer

All rising 7th-9th graders are invited to the Junior High youth group trip to the annual RYM retreat, set for June 27-July 1 at the Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach, Florida. It's always a great time of fellowship, growth, and fun. Contact Tucker Fleming ([Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information about the trip and how to sign up.

#### Sr. High: Summer Trip Set for June 19-22

Senior High youth will travel to Waynesville, North Carolina, for a summer mountain get-away Sunday-Wednesday, June 19-22. We will swim, hike, rest, and taste the goodness of being with God in Christian fellowship. Students will not want to miss this! Lucy Kate Green will email a registration link each week. Contact Lucy Kate ([LucyKate@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:LucyKate@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.



## education

### Advent Theological Lecture Series

#### Series to Return with Ephraim Radner April 4

The Advent Theological Lecture Series returns Monday, April 4, when Mark Gignilliat will engage Ephraim Radner (*right*) in a conversation entitled *From the Cradle to the Grave: Living, Dying, and the Arc of Our Lives*. Drawing from Dr. Radner's book *A Time to Keep: Theology, Mortality, and the Shape of Human Life*, the conversation will be at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) from 7:00-8:30 p.m.



One of our Lenten preachers this year, Dr. Radner is Professor of Historical Theology at Wycliffe College in Toronto. Before his appointment at Wycliffe, he served as the Rector of a parish in Colorado and as a missionary in Burundi and Haiti. Widely respected and read, he is the author of several books and innumerable articles.

Please feel free to invite friends or others who might be interested. We hope you will join us.

### Vacation Bible School 2022

#### VBS Registration Now Open

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Advent Monday-Thursday, June 6-9, 9:00 a.m.-noon for 3K through 6th grade. The theme this year is *Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness*. Children will experience the love of Jesus and grow in his word and gospel while having a blast with friends and leaders! 4th-6th graders will have a separate "older kid" VBS held during the same dates/times.

Children must have turned 3-years-old by September 1, 2021, and be potty trained. Register at [AdventBirmingham.org/VBS2022](http://AdventBirmingham.org/VBS2022). For more information, contact Tara Davis ([Tara@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tara@CathedralAdvent.com)).

#### We Are Seeking VBS Volunteers

Vacation Bible School 2022 will happen at the Advent June 6-9. Each day of VBS requires approximately 50 volunteers! Our hope and prayer is to have an intergenerational group of volunteers so children and volunteers can form relationships with new and different types of people. We have a vast array of roles to fill and can find a great fit for each volunteer. If you would like to volunteer some or all days, or have questions, contact Gunter Owens ([Gunter@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Gunter@CathedralAdvent.com)).

**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.

**Advent House:** Intercessory prayer is on-going at Advent House. If you would like to schedule a prayer session, please call Kathy Logue at 205-410-4622.



## diocesan staff

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry, Bishop of Alabama

The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Assisting Bishop of Alabama

## advent staff

The Rev. Canon R. Craig Smalley, Interim Dean and Rector

The Rev. Dr. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Wes Sharp, Clergy Associate

The Rev. Canon Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon

The Rev. Canon Ben DeHart, Canon for Parish Life

## transitions:

**Birth:** Hobart Amory King, Jr., son of Cecil and Hobie, on March 10

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Eugene Lynn McCall:** (Altar Guild) by Barbara Robinson; Amy Neal Ager; Samuel E. Urmey; Patricia Blinn • (Endowment Fund) by Hatton Smith

**Richard Blount Shepard:** (Altar Guild) by Amy Neal Ager • (Endowment Fund) by Carole Thomas • (Pastoral Care) by Lynn and John Adams

**James "Jimmy" Richard Williams:** (Endowment Fund) by Connie and Ed Grund

**Helen Hayes Traweek:** (Pastoral Care) by Hallie and Bruce Rawls; Carrie and Hayes Brown; Mary K Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carroll • (Mission and Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Jones

**Juliet "JuJu" Miller Beale:** (Endowment Fund) by Nancy and Rob Burton; Mr. and Mrs. Gwaltney McCollum; Tim and Lynn Callahan; Gayle Moore



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## calendar:

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Apr 3 Regular worship schedule	4 Lenten Preaching - Ephraim Radner - 12:05 p.m.  Advent Theological Lecture Series w/ Ephraim Radner - Cranmer House - 7:00 p.m.	5 Lenten Preaching - Ephraim Radner - 12:05 p.m.	6 Lenten Preaching - Orrey McFarland - 12:05 p.m.	7 Lenten Preaching - Orrey McFarland - 12:05 p.m.  Men's Dinner w/ Orrey McFarland - 3125 Guilford Road - 6:30 p.m.	8 Caregivers Support Meeting - Living Room - 11:00 a.m.  Lenten Preaching - Orrey McFarland - 12:05 p.m.	9

Monday-Friday: Lenten Lunches – Clingman/Refectory, 12:05 p.m.

Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

**Bible Studies:** We have more Bible studies meeting than we can list on the calendar! Please join us in praising God for this blessing and visit [AdventBirmingham.org/BibleStudies](http://AdventBirmingham.org/BibleStudies) for a list of options available to you. If you have any questions, please contact Fontaine Pope ([Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-443-8562).