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## News & Events

### Search Committee Issues Update

The Search Committee for our next Dean and Rector has released an update on its work. See [page 2](#) to read the update.

### Ageless Adventers Next Third Wednesday Luncheon Is May 18

Please join the Ageless Adventers for lunch on Wednesday, May 18, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Our speaker will be Fred Teardo, the Advent's Director of Music and Organist. Whether you are still actively working, newly retired, or have been enjoying flexibility for decades, you are welcome! To RSVP or for more information, contact Stella Schreiber ([Stella@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Stella@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-443-8558).

### Home Communion Visits Available

If you are homebound and would like to receive communion, please let Pastoral Care know. We have a group of trained Lay Chaplains who are available to bring communion to those who are unable to attend church services. If you or a loved one are homebound on a short-term or ongoing basis, it would be a privilege to offer you The Lord's Supper. Contact Robin Turner ([Robin@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Robin@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-226-3500).



## A Word from Canon Smalley

The song is catchy, while also sharing a tone of resignation. As with many pop songs, I'm not entirely sure what it is about, and that may well be true for its authors also. I'm not looking to it for life lessons

"And if I put my fingers here, and if I say I love you, dear, and if I play the same three chords, will you just yawn and say... it's all been done... it's all been done... it's all been done, before." The refrain from the song, *It's All Been Done*, could be suggested as a refrain for life. It's all been done before, the human condition is the human condition, the more things change, the more they stay the same. The author of Ecclesiastes writes: "What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which one can say, 'Look! This is something new?' It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time" (Ecclesiastes 1:9-10, NIV).

**"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."**

- John 14:27

Even cheerier, depending on the translation, Ecclesiastes 1:2 begins by proclaiming "All is vanity" (ESV) or "Everything is meaningless" (NIV).

However (and aren't you glad to see that word, "however"), there is in the phrase the source of our hope. It's all been done in Jesus. In *Tell It Slant*, Eugene Peterson writes of Jesus, "Something has taken place in and around Jesus that reverses 'the way things are.'" A visitation of grace reverses the plotline. Something, by way of loving sacrifice, that is also salvation and grace, is visited upon us. In the best possible way, it is done to us.

I would contend that this visitation of grace enables us to have a healthy skepticism with overriding hope. We can see and call things for what they are, but we also know there is a greater story and truth at work. In the midst of the wheels that turn beyond our control, the final word for us in Jesus is freedom, for it has all been done in his cross and resurrection.

- Craig

## This Sunday:

May 15, 2022

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

Preacher: Mark Gignilliat

### 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

*In the Nave.* Preacher: Mark Gignilliat

### 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

*In the Refectory.* Preacher: Canon Smalley

### 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Mark Gignilliat

### 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Preacher: Canon Smalley

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) – *The Ten Commandments* – Mark Gignilliat

**The Big Picture: God's Work on God's People (Overviewing the Land of the Bible)** (Chapter Room) – Gil Kracke

**Miracles and the Bible: The Coming of the Kingdom** (Living Room) – Jason Wallace

### Lectionary:

Psalm 148; Acts 11:1-18

Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

### Children's & Youth Education:

Our 3s and 4s classes meet at 9:00 a.m. Children in Kindergarten-3rd grade start the 9:00 service in church before leaving during the children's dismissal to meet teachers in Clingman Commons. Children in 4th grade and higher and youth 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 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!

## Update from Our Search Committee

Advent Family,

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.*  
(Romans 12:12)

The Search Committee continues its work in the Discernment phase, and recently experienced an intentional, short period of quiet.

For a few weeks prior to Easter, we did not meet in person, communicate via email, or Zoom with one another. This intentional "quiet period" allowed individual time for prayer and reflection on the abundance of information we have processed the past 10 months. It also gave us the opportunity individually to seek God's wisdom for what is ahead in this process, as we seek his will for our church. More importantly, this quiet period allowed our candidates a reprieve from distraction during the busy Lenten season, which can generally be quite demanding personally as well as for his or her staff.

Jesus knew the importance of quiet and modeled it throughout the Gospels. He often sent the crowds away so he could pray and reflect. He regularly withdrew from people, activities, and even ministry to be alone with his Father. Jesus recognized when he needed quiet, and he knows when we need it as well. Quiet is most definitely an anomaly in this age of noise, busyness, and 24/7 availability, yet quiet is a gift that is often necessary for renewal or refreshment.

We resumed meeting the Tuesday following Easter, and it was a most productive gathering. We are currently back on a regular meeting schedule, and have found that we are as eager as you to finish this search. We want to finish well, and we remain committed to our call *to work the search process* faithfully, prayerfully, intelligently, diligently, and intentionally, as we *wait on God to move*.

With God's grace and in his timing, we look forward to a successful call of the Advent's next Dean and Rector. We appreciate your continued patience and prayer.

As always, we welcome and appreciate your thoughts, comments, and concerns.

Faithfully,

Tanya Cooper

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Juliet "JuJu" deVilliers Miller Beale:** (Garden Fund) by Nancy Poynor; Bama and David Mills; Biddy Osburn • (Endowment Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Borden H. Burr, II; John and Betty McMahon; Junior League Book Group, c/o Martha Hiden; Tom and Cathy Luckie; Pat and Ross Forman; Deane and Phil Cook; Dana and Tony Davis; Anne and Rob Couch • (Mission and Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Jones

**John Allison:** (Mission and Outreach) by Elizabeth and Charles Scribner

**Patricia Boss:** (Mission and Outreach) by Mary and Victor Hanson

**In Thanksgiving for the Easter Music:** (Cathedral Choir Fund) by Robin and David Anderson

## Mary Ann McCarty Joining Staff as Girls Youth Director

Mary Ann McCarty (*right*) has accepted the call to serve as the Advent's Girls Youth Director. Mary Ann grew up in Meridian, Mississippi; attended Mississippi College; and recently completed her M.Div. degree at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois.



After completing seminary, Mary Ann moved to Birmingham, started worshipping at the Advent, and worked at Church Street Coffee while praying about her call to ministry. (You may recognize her as the tall, very friendly barista at Church Street!) Mary Ann has a very warm, kind demeanor. She loves to sit and listen to people, and is very excited about building relationships with the young women in our church. She will start the week after Memorial Day. We are very thankful for the Lord's providing us with another talented, loving youth pastor for our young people.



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Youth Ministry

#### Jr. High Summer Gatherings to Start June 8

Junior High youth will get together this summer on Wednesdays, 5:15-6:15 p.m. starting June 8. Rising 7th-9th graders are invited to meet at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) for Bible study and games, and then walk to a restaurant in Homewood for dinner. Pick-up will be at the restaurant of the week. Contact Tucker Fleming ([Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

#### Sr. High Around-the-World Supper Club this Summer

Youth who have completed grades 9-12 will gather on Wednesdays for Around-the-World Supper Club starting June 8 at Cranmer House. We'll meet for Bible study and then go enjoy the cuisine at a different ethnic restaurant each week. Contact Lucy Kate Green ([LucyKate@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:LucyKate@CathedralAdvent.com)) with questions.

#### Jr. High: RYM Retreat at the Beach this Summer

All rising 7th-9th graders are invited 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 a great time of fellowship, growth, and fun. Contact Tucker Fleming ([Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com)) for information about how to sign up.

#### Sr. High: Sign Up for 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. Contact Lucy Kate Green ([LucyKate@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:LucyKate@CathedralAdvent.com)) for registration information.

[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



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### Children's Ministry

#### Mothers' Mingle for Moms of Nursery-1st Grade Kids May 16

Mothers of children in the Nursery-1st grade are invited to our next Mothers' Mingle on Monday, May 16, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the home of Tara Davis (3633 Oakdale Road, 35223). The gathering will feature light food and refreshments, fellowship, and prayer for the children. Please RSVP to Tara Davis ([Tara@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tara@CathedralAdvent.com)) or Gunter Owens ([Gunter@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Gunter@CathedralAdvent.com)). Contact Tara with questions.



### Parish Retreat

#### Get Away to Mentone September 16-18

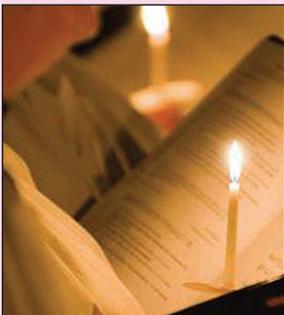
The Advent will host a Parish Retreat at Alpine Camp for Boys in Mentone, Alabama, Friday-Sunday, September 16-18. The event will be for all parishioners "potty trained" and up. Mark Upton of Hope Community Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, will speak. This promises to be a great time of learning, worship, fun, and fellowship. Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/ParishRetreat](http://AdventBirmingham.org/ParishRetreat) for more information and FAQs.



## worship

### Choral Evensong

#### Service for Ascension Day May 26



The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong for Ascension Day on Thursday, May 26, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. A sung version of the Evening Prayer service, Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through prayer and praise.

The Feast of the Ascension is one of the seven major feast days in Anglican tradition. Come join us in celebration of the Ascension of our Lord, and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Canon DeHart will be the Officiant. The service will be livestreamed on [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live).



## education

### Thursday Morning Moms

#### Bible Study to Continue this Summer

By popular demand, the Thursday Morning Moms Bible study for mothers of young children will continue its study of the Gospel according to St. Matthew this summer. We will meet weekly on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Living Room through August 11. After a short break, we will resume our time of fellowship, sharing, Bible study, and prayer on September 15. A nursery is provided for participants in the study. You and your friends are welcome to give it a try at any time! Contact Leslie Housman (205-226-3511, [Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com)) with questions.

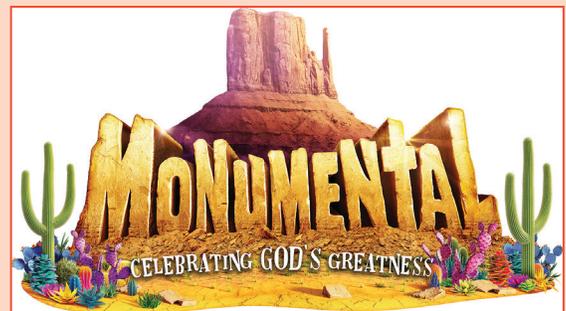
### Women's Bible Study

#### How Does Change Happen in the Life of a Believer?

Is the gospel merely for eternity? Does it not also have radical implications for the here and now of our everyday lives? Yes! The gospel forms our perspective of life – its beauty and brokenness. It provides our desire and power for change: "... be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2). To "renew" means to give fresh life or strength. Change is the result of a restored mind, one that has been "rebooted" by changing the way we think.

Join Jane Menendez at her home (4221 Sharpsburg Drive, 35213) on Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. beginning June 8 for this come-when-you-can study, based on *Six Weeks to Sanity Thinking* by Julie Sparkman. Register by contacting Fontaine Pope (205-443-8562, [Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com)).

### Vacation Bible School 2022



#### Monumental VBS Is Coming – Register Now

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. Cost is \$16 per participant. Register at [AdventBirmingham.org/VBS2022](http://AdventBirmingham.org/VBS2022). For more information, contact Tara Davis ([Tara@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tara@CathedralAdvent.com)).

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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. Canon Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon

The Rev. Wes Sharp, Clergy Associate

The Rev. Canon Ben DeHart, Canon for Parish Life

## transitions:

**Baptisms:** Grayson Wolfgang Smith, son of Kenneth Smith and Ann Francis Fronzuto; William James Crawford, son of Will and Jane Anne; Margaret Britton Burkhardt, daughter of Joshua and Sarah B; Jacob Henry Bouma-Sims, son of Robert Sims and Katherine Bouma; Eric van Elkan; all on May 1

**Marriage:** Ellen Elizabeth deBerniere Given and Richard Evans Wetherill, on April 30

**Death:** Anna Grace Ponder Taylor, on May 2

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Helen Hayes Traweek:** (Pastoral Care) by the Meadows and Leach families

**Frank Bainbridge:** (Endowment Fund) by Elizabeth Wagstaff

**Victor Hanson, II:** (Endowment Fund) by Frances Blount



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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 15 Regular worship schedule	16 Mothers' Mingle - 3633 Oakdale Road - 6:00 p.m.	17	18 Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon	19	20	21
May 22 Regular worship schedule	23	24	25	26 Ascension Day Choral Evensong for Ascension Day - Nave - 5:30 p.m.	27	28

Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

**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.

**Intercessory Prayer Available at Advent House:** Anyone desiring to seek God in prayer may reach out to the Advent House Prayer Ministry. We are offering prayer sessions at the Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205). Please contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, [Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com)) to make an appointment or for more information.