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News & Events

Men's Luncheon October 27

Advent men are invited to our October luncheon on Thursday, October 27, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in Clingman Commons. The meal will be from Hattie B's Chicken, and you can select regular or spicy chicken. Our speaker will be Kevin Moore, Area Director of Mission Increase (MI) Central Alabama.

Please register to attend at [Advent Birmingham.org/Men](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Men). The deadline to register is 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 25. Cost is \$13. See page 2 for more information.

Welcome Team Volunteers Needed

Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7). Recognizing this call on all Christians, we are seeking volunteers to undergo a brief training and serve as welcomees prior to the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. The time commitment is small, but the impact can be great. If you are a friendly type who has been blessed with the "spiritual gift" of navigating our building as you make conversation with newcomers (or are at least willing to learn), please contact Jen Green (Jwsnwu@gmail.com) or Stacey McElrath (StaceyHMcElrath@gmail.com).



A Word from Canon Gardner

Gratitude cannot be fabricated. Sure, I will admit that due to social obligations, we often find ourselves where we are expected to send a thank-you card. But if we merely send a card because we "have to" or are "supposed to," then we have not experienced gratitude. Instead, we have acquiesced to duty and social convention. We can feign a sense of gratitude simply to appease others, but we know in our hearts that this is not truthful, not genuine. Again, I will assert: gratitude cannot be fabricated.

We frequently teach our children to always say "thank you" as a sign of respect and manners. This is fine and good; but sadly I think by insisting on this so much, we are programming them to be robots: to say and do the "right things" irrespective of their feelings. But again, we cannot make others feel thankful. We cannot demand a child to feel gratitude, much less an adult.

Perhaps we do not feel grateful because deep down we have an unfounded sense that we deserve love or recognition from others. I often find myself feeling that I deserve a thank-you card, or I deserve credit for something I have done. This is a fatal flaw in the human condition. If I am being honest, I do not deserve any of these. On the contrary, I deserve to be called out for my pride and hypocrisy. Lord have mercy.

But thanks be to God that Jesus Christ has removed the word "deserve" from Christian vocabulary. God has quietly swept "deserving" under the rug because of the cross of Christ: "But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Christ has actively chosen to love us even when we are most unlovable and most undeserving. I believe that when this message has truly reached our hearts, then and only then, can we actually feel gratitude. And this gratitude cannot be contained. It flows from our lips and in our lives, not because of duty or obligation, but because we are truly thankful for the love we have received, undeservedly and freely.

- Jay

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- Romans 5:8

This Sunday:

October 23, 2022

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Smalley

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Dean Smalley

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Canon DeHart

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Preacher: Dean Smalley

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon DeHart

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

Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live, Facebook Live, or YouTube to access our stream.

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

The Dean's Class (Refectory) – *Profiles in Failure: Abraham* – Jay Gardner

The Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Repentance and Belief* – Rita Wright

The DNA of the Bible (Chapter Room) – *Old Testament Relevance* – Wes Sharp

Marriage (Lower School Library) – *Let the Word of Christ Dwell in You Richly* – Gil Kracke

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *The Bible and Parenting: Proverbs and Wise Parenting* – Cameron Cole

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. See Sunday's service bulletin for details. The Nursery opens 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!



spiritual growth & fellowship

Men's Ministry

Next Luncheon Is October 27

Men, join us for our October luncheon on Thursday, October 27, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in Clingman Commons at the Advent. The meal will be from Hattie B's Chicken, and you can select regular or spicy chicken.

Our guest speaker will be Kevin Moore (*right*). Kevin is Area Director of Mission Increase (MI) Central Alabama, a community of Christian ministries working to implement a biblical approach to fundraising to more fully achieve their God-given missions. Kevin and the Mission Increase team offer teaching, coaching, consulting, and even matching grants, all at no cost to ministries as they look to collaborate for the sake of the gospel.



Please register to attend at AdventBirmingham.org/Men. The deadline to register is 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 25. Cost is \$13. Contact Wes Sharp (Wes@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3519) for more information.

Youth Ministry

Jr. High: Join us this Sunday, October 23, for youth group – pizza, games, Bible study and prayer – 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209).

Sr. High: Small groups are meeting this Sunday evening, October 23. Check AdventBirmingham.org/Youth for locations.

For more information on our Youth Ministry, contact Will Fagan (Fagan@CathedralAdvent.com) or Mary Ann McCarty (MaryAnn@CathedralAdvent.com).

Young Adults' Ministry

"Friendsgiving" Set for November 3

All Advent Young Adults are invited to our annual "Friendsgiving," on Thursday, November 3, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the home of Miriam and Clay Morris (2312 Highland Crest South, 35205). Please bring a side dish to share. Friends are welcome! Contact Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Advent Trivia Questions

As we celebrate our 150th anniversary as a church, we are publishing some Advent trivia questions. *Answers are on page 3.*

1. True or false?: The first Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church was a rector of the Advent.
2. When was the Altar Guild formed?

Advent House: Intercessory prayer is on-going through the Advent House Prayer Ministry. To schedule a prayer session at Advent House, call Kathy Logue at 205-410-4622.

Call for Vestry Nominee Suggestions

The Nominations Committee of the Vestry invites parishioners to suggest names for consideration for next year's Vestry class slate. Please complete a Nomination Suggestion Form if you know someone who would contribute to our parish's leadership. The forms are available at the Ushers' Stations on Sunday and at our receptionist's desk at the Church Office during the week. Forms also can be submitted digitally on our website; visit AdventBirmingham.org/Nominations or scan the QR code (*right*) with your mobile device. Forms must be returned to Margaret Pope in the Church Office by Monday, November 7.



It is recommended that you do *not* notify the person that his/her name has been suggested.

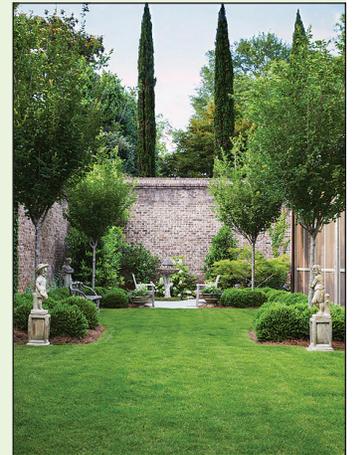
The final slate of 20 candidates will be presented to the Vestry at the December meeting, and thereafter will be announced to the parish. Elections will take place during the annual Parish Meeting on January 22, 2023.

Women's Ministries

Art and the Gospel

Over the past few years, I've been fascinated by the idea of art finding beauty in brokenness, which of course speaks directly of the gospel as we understand it: God takes the brokenness of his people and turns us into something beautiful through the brokenness of his Son on the cross and in the beauty of Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

Join Women's Ministries on Thursday, November 3, to hear from a panel of Advent artists in a variety of media about



Above: Garden design by Kelly Hulsey

where art and the gospel of grace intersect and how that understanding informs their art. There are two opportunities to attend: a morning session, from 9:30-11:00 a.m., in Clingman Commons at the church with coffee and light refreshments; and an evening session, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209), with heavier fare.

Want to show off your own artistic flair? When you register, sign up to create and bring a charcuterie board to the evening event. This is *not* required or expected for attendance! Just an option for those who enjoy being creative in this way. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Women or by contacting Janet Dozier (Janet@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3503)

- Leslie Housman

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- Ephesians 2:8-9

making music

Midday Music



Duo to Present a Salute to Duke Ellington October 28

Our Midday Music Series continues on Friday, October 28, at 12:30 p.m. with a free, 30-minute concert in Clingman Commons by the acclaimed jazz duo of John Funkhouser, piano, and Peter H. Bloom, flute (*l-r in photo above*). The concert is part of the duo's CD Release Tour in Alabama and Georgia, celebrating their new album, *Exuberant Ellingtonia*, with classics by Duke Ellington and his circle, including *Take the A Train*, *Caravan*, *I'm Beginning to See the Light*, and *In a Sentimental Mood*. These selections and more will be performed in the concert.

Bloom and Funkhouser have performed together for almost 30 years. Both are veterans of the legendary Aardvark Jazz Orchestra (49th season) and the FiImprov Ensemble (25th season), and each has impressive credentials performing nationally and internationally. We are pleased to be able to reschedule this concert from its original performance date of January 21, which did not take place due to cancellation of the duo's southeastern U.S. tour last winter.

The concert will also be livestreamed at AdventBirmingham.org/Live, and be made available for later listening at any time.

Cathedral Choir

Fundraiser to Benefit Future Choir Tours and Projects

It's that time! To support future choir tours and projects, the Cathedral Choir is selling smoked Boston Butts (\$40), half smoked pit hams (\$45), and half pans of homemade dressing (with chicken pieces - \$45). All items come sealed and cold.

To place an order, please visit the choir's table in Clingman Commons after each of the morning services on Sundays, October 23 and October 30, or speak to a choir member. The deadline for orders is Tuesday, November 8, with pickup on Friday, November 18, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Advent Porte Cochere entrance.

worship

Lectionary this Sunday, October 23

Psalm 65 or Psalm 84:1-6 • Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Joel 2:23-32 • 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 • Luke 18:9-14

Take Our Volunteer Survey to Express Your Interests

The Advent has created a volunteer survey form to help members of the church communicate their interests and gifts. You can find this survey form at AdventBirmingham.org/VolunteerSurvey. The form includes a diverse inventory where parishioners can list their ministry interests, professional skills that could be used for kingdom purposes, mission passions, etc.

Filling this out does not obligate you to do anything. It is not a commitment, just an expression of your interests. In addition, just because you express an interest does not mean that we will immediately call you to help in that area. We may not have a need in that area right now. Also, your responses will not be published and will be kept confidential within the church staff.

Advent Trivia Answers

1. True. John J. Murray, who served as rector of the Advent from 1896 to 1903, was elected as the first Presiding Bishop in 1925.
2. The Altar Guild was formally established in 1925 during the rectorship of Charles Clingman.

Thanks to James Bradford for supplying the questions and answers.

education

Children's Ministries



Photo above: Jane Menendez teaches a 2nd grade Sunday School class.

For more information on Children's Ministries, contact Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3547).

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

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

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The Rev. Canon Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Wes Sharp, Clergy Associate

The Rev. Canon Ben DeHart, Canon for Parish Life

The Rev. Canon Jay Gardner, Canon Pastor

transitions:

Death: Roger Alan Johnson, on December 22, 2019

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Susan Lee Williams: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Lyn Lanier and Bobbi Lecznar

James Melvin Dodd, Jr.: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Lyn Lanier and Bobbi Lecznar

John Traylor: (Endowment Fund) by Anna, Evan, and Jack Miller

Terry Lynn Sansom: (Endowment Fund) by Lee, Fontaine, and Margaret Pope; Pat and Ben Carroll

Elizabeth Locke Schuler: (Endowment Fund) by Theresa Springer; Allene and Fouts Parnell; Mr. and Mrs. William M. Slaughter

Lynn Otey Tutwiler: (Endowment Fund) by Camie Griffin

Billy Stewart White: (Mission and Outreach) by Mary and Victor Hanson



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 23 Regular worship schedule	24	25	26	27 Men's Luncheon - Clingman Commons - 11:30 a.m.	28 Midday Music - Clingman Commons - 12:30 p.m.	29
Oct 30 Regular worship schedule Youth Dinners: Jr. High at 6:16 p.m. Sr. High at 7:17 p.m.	31	Nov 1 All Saints' Day	2	3 Art and the Gospel - 9:30 a.m. in Clingman Commons; 6:30 p.m. at Cranmer House Concert Series: Organ Works of César Franck - Nave - 7:00 p.m.	4	5 Sex Education: <i>Birds and the Bees</i> - Assembly Hall - 8:00 a.m. <i>The Bible Talks about That?!</i> - Advent - 8:00 a.m.

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.