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News & Events

Chad Bird Speaking in Birmingham November 10-12

We are delighted to welcome again Chad Bird. An Old Testament teacher by training, Chad is the author of many books and is a well-known speaker and podcaster.

On Friday evening, November 10, he will be at Red Mountain Theater (1600 Third Avenue South, 35233). We will gather for fellowship at 7:00 p.m., with Chad starting his talk at 7:45. On Saturday morning, November 11, he will be in the Advent Refectory. Chad will begin at 9:00 a.m.; we will be finished no later than 11:30 a.m. And on Sunday morning, November 12, Chad will teach the Dean's Class at 10:15 a.m. in the Refectory.

Please register for the Friday and/or Saturday events at AdventBirmingham.org/ChadBird. See page 2 for details.

Pray for the Advent November 6

Adventers are invited to a Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting on Monday, November 6, 7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Typically held the first Monday of each month, this hour-long meeting is set aside to pray for the Advent. For details, contact Carol Ann Collier (CarolC1118@gmail.com, 205-478-8081).



A Word from the Dean

“Lord, to whom shall we go?” (John 6:68) What Jesus said was shocking and offensive: unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no part of me. Even spoken figuratively, the statement changed the dynamic of the relationship, and a decision is before those gathered.

In response to the departure of many, Jesus asks his disciples if they take offense and would like to leave. Peter's response? “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God” (John 6:68-69).

Faith, love, and discipleship are always in the context of human limitation. Relationships, even the best of them, reveal our limitations and invite our dependence upon something beyond ourselves, upon God.

In *A River Runs Through It*, in the context of fly-fishing and the Blackfoot River, Norman Maclean is writing about his brother, his family, and the human condition. His

We love because he first loved us.

beloved brother, Paul, has died. Paul, beautiful but perplexing and headstrong from birth to death, was always just beyond the reach of his family, and in his death they are left with questions. Into these questions Norman writes these words:

“Each one of us here today will at one time in our lives look upon a loved one who is in need and ask the same question: We are willing to help, Lord, but what, if anything, is needed? For it is true we can seldom help those closest to us. Either we don't know what part of ourselves to give or, more often than not, the part we have to give is not wanted. And so it is those we live with and should know who elude us. But we can still love them – we can love completely without complete understanding.”

Jesus is the one thing needful. Peter's and Norman's responses reveal the good news of what it means to follow and live in Jesus. Love and discipleship are not a test of retention of information, having the answers to all questions. It is loving and leaning upon because he first loved us.

- Craig

- 1 John 4:19

This Sunday:

November 5, 2023

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Paul Zahl

9:00 a.m. Holy Baptism

In the Nave. Preacher: Paul Zahl

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Refectory. Preacher: Canon Young

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Paul Zahl

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Preacher: Canon Young

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) – *The One Word by Which to Die and Live* – Jono Linebaugh

Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *The Lord's Supper* – Tom Murray

Finding Law and Gospel in Unexpected Places: Horror Films (Chapter Room) – *"The Exorcist"* – Jay Gardner

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *Kids, Tech, and Truth: The Incarnation, Texting, and Social Media* – Mary Ann McCarty and Ashton Holt

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.



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education

Chad Bird in Birmingham

Author and Podcaster to Speak November 10-12

We hope you can join us, and invite your friends, for the several events with Chad Bird. Chad (*right*) is a Scholar-in-Residence at 1517, author of many books, and a well-known speaker and podcaster. Many of us are regular listeners of his *40 Minutes in the Old Testament*.



On Friday evening, November 10, he will be at Red Mountain Theater (1600 Third Avenue South 35233). We will begin to gather in the lobby for desserts and a cash bar at 7:00 p.m. At 7:45, Chad will begin speaking on "Messy Discipleship: Deceitful Jacob as God's Unlikely Man." We will be finished by 9:00 p.m.

On Saturday morning, November 11, he will be in our Refectory. Chad will begin at 9:00 a.m., speaking first on "Wrestling with God and Limping Onward with a Blessing." After a break, he will continue with a second talk on Saturday morning: "The Prodigal Reunion and Growing Old by the Pyramids." We will be finished no later than 11:30 a.m.

On Sunday morning, November 12, Chad will lead the Dean's Class, which starts at 10:15 (again in the Refectory). Chad will be working from the Psalms that morning, with the title "Untamed Prayers."

It is our privilege to have Chad with us again. So that we know how many to expect and that we have enough room, please register for Friday night and/or Saturday morning before Sunday, November 5; registration and more details are at AdventBirmingham.org/ChadBird. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office (205-251-2324).



spiritual growth & fellowship

Caregivers Support Group

Lunch Gathering Set for November 10

Caregivers are invited to a monthly lunch with others who have been impacted by the increasing demands of caring for a loved one. The next gathering will be Friday, November 10, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). To RSVP for lunch or for more information, contact Stella Schreiber (Stella@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8558).

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.

Last 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 6.



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 21, 2024.

Time Change this Weekend: Fall Back

Standard Time will resume at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday, November 5. Remember to turn back your clocks one hour before going to bed.



making music

Midday Music

Charles Kennedy to Perform Harpsichord Recital

Our own Charles Kennedy will present a free, 30-minute recital on the Advent's French double harpsichord on Friday, November 17, 12:30 p.m. in the Nave. This Midday Music concert will feature a program of music by English composer William Byrd, in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of Byrd's death, following up on a similar program performed in the Midday series this past February. Byrd was the most famous composer of his generation, noted especially for his keyboard works and sacred choral music, much of the latter written for use in the Anglican service. Please do not miss the opportunity to hear extraordinary music performed on our beautiful harpsichord!

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.

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



serving & outreach

Lenten Lunches

Ticket Presales Begin this Sunday

Ticket presales for Lenten Lunches 2024 will begin this Sunday, November 5, in Clingman Commons. Tickets make great stocking-stuffers. Be sure to stop by our table to purchase tickets and to volunteer for Lenten Lunches.



education

Sex Education

For Parents of Younger Children: *Birds and the Bees*

We will offer Mary Flo Ridley's nationally renowned *Birds and the Bees* video course on Saturday, November 18, 8:00-10:00 a.m. in the Chapter Room at the Advent. The program is for parents of children in nursery through 4th grade. This course guides parents on how to become the trusted, go-to source their children can come to with questions about the human body, reproduction and conception, and sexual-related issues. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Family or scan the QR code (right). Nursery will be offered for infants through age 5.



For 5th and 6th Graders (and Parents)

On Saturday, November 18, the Advent will host *The Bible Talks About That?!*, our annual sex education program for 5th and 6th graders as well as parents. The children's program is for Advent 5th and 6th graders only and will cover both the biological and emotional aspects of sexuality. The parents program is for parents with children of any age and will focus on how to communicate with children about sex. The event will start at 8:00 a.m. in the Refectory that morning before kids and adults break up into different groups, and will conclude at 10:00 a.m. At least one parent must accompany their child. Sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/Family or scan the QR code (right).



worship

Lectionary: Sunday, November 5

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 or Psalm 43

Joshua 3:7-17 • Micah 3:5-12

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 • Matthew 23:1-12



spiritual growth & fellowship

20s & 30s Ministry

Pickleball Night November 9

Adventers in their 20s and 30s are invited to join us for some friendly competition on Thursday, November 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Children are welcome, and dinner will be provided. Please RSVP at AdventBirmingham.org/20s30s to help us with the headcount for dinner. We look forward to seeing you!

Ageless Adventers

Third Wednesday Luncheon Set for November 15

The next Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday luncheon will be Wednesday, November 15, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Jay Gardner, the Advent's Canon Pastor, will speak.

Whether you are still active, newly retired, or have been enjoying flexibility for decades, you are welcome! So that we may have an accurate count for lunch, please RSVP by Friday, November 10, to Stella Schreiber (205-443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com).

Youth Ministry

Register Now for the Sr. High Retreat

Students in 9th-12th grades are invited to sign up for our Sr. High Retreat at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth. We are looking forward to a brief time of refreshment away together at Camp Winnataska from Friday, November 17, until noon on Saturday, November 18. Contact Mary Ann McCarty (MaryAnn@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Women's Ministries



The **St. Alice Guild** meets several times a year for fellowship, prayer, and lunch. For our October meeting (photo above), we were blessed to have former Advent Dean Paul Zahl as our guest and were graciously hosted by Shirley Anne Stringfellow. Guilds provide fellowship and discipleship opportunities for women in every stage of life. Contact Leslie Housman (205-226-3511, Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com) if you'd like to find out what guild might be right for you.

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The Rev. Canon Jay Gardner, Canon Pastor

The Rev. Canon Adam Young, Canon Missioner

transitions:

Death: David Hayes Brewer, on October 13

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Virginia "Din" Goodall Johnson: (Endowment Fund) by Murray and Jim Priester; Mr. and Mrs. Whitney DeBardeleben; Benny and Lynn LaRussa

Mike Eskridge: (Garden Fund) by Scott and Cameron Vowell

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 5 Regular worship schedule	6 Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting - Cranmer House - 7:00 p.m.	7	8	9 20s & 30s Pickleball Night - Cranmer House - 6:00 p.m.	10 Caregivers Support Group Lunch - Cranmer House - noon Chad Bird Speaking Event - Red Mountain Theater - 7:00 p.m.	11 Chad Bird Speaking Event - Refectory - 9:00 a.m.
Nov 12 Regular worship schedule Youth Family Dinner - Cranmer House - 6:00 p.m.	13	14	15 Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon	16	17 Midday Music - Nave - 12:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Retreat - Camp Winnataska	18 <i>Birds and the Bees</i> - Chapter Room - 8:00 a.m. <i>The Bible Talks</i> <i>About That?! -</i> Advent - 8:00 a.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 for a list of options available to you. If you have any questions, please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8562).