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News & Events

Interested in Adult Confirmation?

Glenda Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama, will join us for Confirmation on Sunday, May 5. She will witness the Confirmation of our 6th-grade confirmands during the 9:00 a.m. Nave service and several adults during the 11:00 a.m. service.

Confirmation is the formal way of joining the church and is usually offered once a year. Adults who have attended the Inquirers' Class are invited to participate in this Confirmation service. Please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8562) by Monday, April 22, if you are interested.

Cameron Cole's New Book Is in Our Store

Cameron Cole's brand-new book, *Heavenward: How Eternity Can Change Your Life on Earth*, is available in the Advent Bookstore. See page 2 for more information.

Midday Music Season to Conclude with Organist Abraham Wallace

Organist Abraham Wallace will play the last concert of the 2023-2024 Midday Music series on Friday, April 26, 12:30 p.m. in the Nave. All are invited to this free, 30-minute performance. See page 3 for details.



A Word from Canon Young

Last month my family was able to purchase and move into a home here in Birmingham. It was a sweet answer to months of seeking and prayer for which we are deeply grateful. Instead of merely living in Birmingham, we became stable residents, not temporary visitors. Beyond providing relief to the temporary conditions of a furnished apartment, the move shifted our sense of place. Our furniture and belongings finally arrived from Florida, and we have a permanent address. Whew!

My family is starting to feel the normalcy of living in Birmingham among "Birminghamians" (or is it "Birminghamsters"?). It's satisfying to have a place to call home and to sense the rest that comes from putting a stake in the ground and saying "I am home." There's something especially comforting about "arriving." The solid security in your particular time and place, be it a move, travel, career, or membership – it signifies belonging and stability.

While all of us desire the safety and security of permanence, we are simultaneously aware of a deep longing for an eternal dwelling. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:1, "For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." The promise from God is that our present condition, as permanent as it seems, is actually temporal. And there is an eternal and lasting place that will one day be ours by faith. God's people were constantly on the move under Moses' leadership before entering into the Land of Promise on the other side of the Jordan. So too do we as Christ's own people have a permanent dwelling place in the full and complete glory of God at the last day. Our ultimate hope is not in the changing and vulnerable habitations of this present temporal life, but in the lasting security of God's future promise in the gospel of Christ. As Paul puts it in Philippians 3:20, "Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body." - Adam

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

- 2 Corinthians 5:1

This Sunday:

April 21, 2024

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Paul Zahl

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Paul Zahl

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Assembly Hall. Preacher: Dean Smalley

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Paul Zahl

We will livestream the 9:00 Nave service and rebroadcast it at 11:00 a.m.

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 Obscure Messiah: Guidance for Pilgrims* – Craig Smalley

Hidden with Christ in Colossians (Chapter Room) *God's Mystery, Which Is Christ (Colossians 1:21-2:5)* – Gil Kracke

Luke 24: Resurrection, Repentance, and the Gift of the Ghost (Lower School Library) – Tommy Mayfield

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *Ecclesiastes and Parenting with Perspective: The Family Benefit of Simply Enjoying Your Kids* – 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. 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.



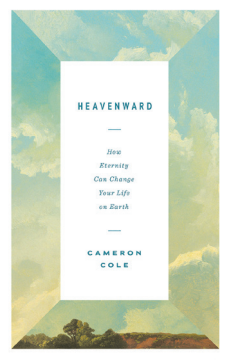
GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



bookstore

Cameron Cole's New Book Is Here

Heavenward: How Eternity Can Change Your Life on Earth, the brand-new book by our own Cameron Cole, is available in the Advent Bookstore. This is a book about heaven from the perspective of a person with a child in heaven. In his heavenward journey, Cameron found a "friend" in the letters of the Apostle Paul, who showed him how the natural realities of any Christian's salvation can foster an eternal mindset. The book helps those whose lives are moving heavenward to enjoy the "spiritual blessings in the heavenly realms" here and now. Cameron serves as the Director of Children, Youth, and Family at the Advent.



Bookstore hours are Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; and Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Contact the store for more information (205-323-2959, Bookstore@CathedralAdvent.com).



spiritual growth & fellowship

Women's Ministries

St. Amelia's Guild Sets Spring Meeting

St. Amelia's Guild (women in their 30s and 40s, generally) will gather Sunday, April 28, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the home of Stacy Townsend (13 Spring Street, 35213).

Beth Young, licensed mental health counselor, mother of three, and wife of Canon Adam Young, will share a little of her story.

Sign up through your Realm account. Contact Amanda Thames (205-643-8855) with questions or if you'd like to help with snacks or beverages.

Keep Up with Women's Ministries

In addition to the *Adventurer*, there are two more ways to keep up with all things Women's Ministries. You can follow us on Instagram – @WomenOfTheAdventBham – or you can opt in to receive our monthly newsletter here: AdventBirmingham.org/Subscribe. Each month, you'll receive the newsletter in your email inbox with a list of all our upcoming events and opportunities to serve as well as an encouraging and thought-provoking Scripture reflection written by a woman in our parish.

Advent House Prayer Ministry

Come to Advent House for Intercessory Prayer

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

- John 20:26-29

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life."

- John 6:47



The Advent House Prayer Ministry welcomes you to come for prayer. Come, whatever the circumstances of your life may be: illness, loss, uncertainty. Come and bring your request to God in prayer. God has prepared a way for us to come to him and to commune with him. We will pray prayers of petition and thanksgiving, listen to God, and trust in the grace, the life-giving, redeeming, restorative, healing power of Jesus Christ.

If you would like to schedule a prayer appointment at Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205), please contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com).

St. Mary's Guild Holds Spring Gathering



Above: On April 9, St. Mary's Guild met for its spring gathering to enjoy connecting with other women in the church and to hear from Elizabeth Sharman about prayer. Elizabeth encouraged us in our practice of prayer, challenging us to consider what daily activities we prioritize over prayer and how our lives and relationship with God would be enriched by spending time talking to God. Thank you to our gracious host, Kathleen Doss, for welcoming us into her home!

St. Mary's Guild provides fellowship and service opportunities for the youngest women in our church, regardless of stage of life. Contact Leslie Housman (Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3511) for more 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

making music

Midday Music

Organist Abraham Wallace to Perform April 26



Our 2023-2024 Midday Music series will conclude on Friday, April 26, at 12:30 p.m. with a free, 30-minute recital in the Nave by organist Abraham Wallace (*left*), Organ Scholar at St. George's Episcopal Church in Nashville under the auspices of the Association of Anglican Musicians' Gerre Hancock Organ Internship. He is currently a doctoral student at the University of Michigan studying Organ Performance and Sacred Music, and holds degrees from Yale University and the University of Oklahoma. His program will include works by Felix Mendelssohn, J.S. Bach, and Gustav Holst.

The concert will also livestream on AdventBirmingham.org/Live and from the Advent's associated digital platforms for anyone unable to attend, and be made available for later listening at any time. Please do not miss the opportunity to hear this talented young organist!

education

Children's Sunday School Bibles Presented to 2nd Graders



Above: The Advent presented Bibles to our 2nd grade students on April 7. Children received the Adventure Bible (NIV), which is the Bible we recommend for 2nd-9th grades. We encourage parents to read this Bible with their children until they are ready to navigate, read, and comprehend it independently.

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.
- Psalm 119:105

serving & outreach

Local Outreach

Community Clean-Up in Gate City April 27

Join Canon Young and other Adventers for a community clean-up in Gate City on Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.-noon. We will meet at Oak Tree Ministries (6517 Kimberly Avenue, 35212). Gloves, trash bags, and trash grabbers will be provided. A community cookout will follow. Contact Canon Young (Adam@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3519) for more information.

spiritual growth & fellowship

Youth Ministry

Play Kickball this Sunday

Our last Family Dinner gathering of the school year is this Sunday, April 21, and we're going to play kickball! Join us at the Mountain Brook Elementary School field at 5:00 p.m. for a lively match. We will walk to get ice cream after the game.

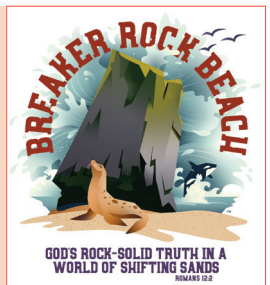
College Night for Graduating Seniors April 25

All graduating high school seniors are invited to College Night on Thursday, April 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at 3041 Salisbury Road, 35213. We look forward to having dinner, hanging out, and discussing following Jesus in college with some current college students.

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

Vacation Bible School Registration Is Open for VBS 2024

Children currently in 3K-5th grade are invited to *Breaker Rock Beach* Vacation Bible School, set for Monday-Thursday, June 3-6, 9:00 a.m.-noon at the Advent. Cost is \$16 per participant, and scholarships are available. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/VBS. Contact Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.



worship

Lectionary: Sunday, April 21

Psalm 23 • Acts 4:5-12
1 John 3:16-24 • John 10:11-18

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transitions:

Births: Charles "Charlie" Perrin Grogan, son of Mary Louise and Jordan, on March 29; Frances Laetitia Harmon, daughter of Sarah and Joe, on March 29; Lewis Stephen Anderson, son of Erin and Wiley, on April 1

Baptisms: Charles Eugene Sharp, IV, son of Charles and Stephanie, on March 30; Peter Thomas Teardo, son of Carrie and Fred, on April 7; Anne Wilson Herfurth, daughter of Anne and Connor, on April 7; Arthur Jarrett Nye, son of Madison and Ben, on April 7; Antenor Raul Lodewyck, son of Julie Maesele and Antenor Lodewyck, on April 7

Marriage: Chancellor Rogers and Sam Stewart, on April 6

Death: Jack Stewart Allison, on April 7



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 21 Regular worship schedule Youth Kickball - Mountain Brook Elementary School - 5:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25 Youth College Night - 3041 Salisbury Road - 6:00 p.m.	26 Midday Music: Abraham Wallace, organ - Nave - 12:30 p.m.	27 Gate City Community Clean-Up - Oak Tree Ministries - 10:00 a.m.
Apr 28 Regular worship schedule	29	30	May 1	2	3	4

Every Sunday: Breakfast – Refectory, 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 un-
able to attend church, please call the Pastoral Care Of-
fice at 205-226-3500.