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News & Events

Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day to Be Followed by Organ Concert

The Advent will hold Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day on Thursday, May 9, 6:00 p.m. in the Nave. The Feast of the Ascension is one of the seven major feast days in Anglican tradition.

At the conclusion of the service, Director of Music and Organist Fred Teardo will perform *The Ascension*, a four-movement suite by French composer Olivier Messiaen.

See page 2 for details.

VBS Registration Is Open

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. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/VBS. See page 2 for more information.

Club 456 Meeting this Sunday

Club 456, a monthly gathering for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, will hold its last meeting of the school year this Sunday, April 28, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the home of Margot Cooney. Contact Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions. See page 2 for more information.



A Word from Canon Gardner

A somewhat tired criticism of Christianity is that Christians are no fun. Sadly, this often proves to be true. And it is sometimes true especially of recent converts, who rightly want to repent and live a godly life; however, they occasionally throw out the baby with the bathwater. This was true of me when I became a Christian as a teenager. After converting, I impulsively threw out all of my old CDs, somehow believing that God required that I listen only to contemporary Christian music. That was an outward sign of an inward reality of my becoming self-righteous. I bet for a season that I was no fun to others around me.

I reflect on this now and chuckle just a little bit. While I believe my intentions were initially pure, they quickly warped into a way to justify myself to God and to my Christian friends. As it turned out, my non-Christian friends really did not care. Christians can sometimes have a funny way of cutting

themselves off from the outside world. But it need not be this way.

Jesus did not cut himself off from the world. In fact, the beauty of the gospel is that he drew near to this sinful and broken world to save it. He sat at table with sinners. He was (wrongly) accused of being a glutton and a drunkard. Though to be accused of such things, he must have truly been the life of the party.

Now of course I am not advocating for a life of debauchery. But I hope we can all be reminded that Christ died and rose for us, that we would have life and have it abundantly. This joyful, Christian life is a gift bought by Christ's most precious blood. And Christian joy is perhaps our greatest witness to the world. The world around us is despairing without Christ's joy. By God's grace, we live in joy as a response to his mighty deeds performed for us. True, Christian joy is life-giving and infectious. May the world around us catch it.

- Jay

"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

- John 15:11

This Sunday:

April 28, 2024

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Vice Dean Murray

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Vice Dean Murray

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Assembly Hall. Preacher: Canon Young

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Preacher: Canon Young

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) – *Filling Up What Is Lacking: The One Thing Needful (Colossians 1:21–2:5)* – Gil Kracke

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *Ecclesiastes and Parenting with Perspective: The Freedom of Admitting Powerlessness Over 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!



making music

Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day

Service to Be Followed by Organ Concert May 9

The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day on Thursday, May 9, 6:00 p.m. in the Nave. 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. The service will be livestreamed at AdventBirmingham.org/Live.

Concert Series

Fred Teardo to Perform Following Ascension Day Service



Our Director of Music and Organist Fred Teardo (*left*) will perform Olivier Messiaen's *The Ascension* on Thursday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m., following the Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day service. *The Ascension* is a four-movement suite by Messiaen, the 20th-century French composer. The work was originally conceived for orchestra and completed in 1933. Later Messiaen arranged the suite for organ, replacing the third movement with new music more idiomatic to the organ. The evocative titles of each movement are descriptive images of the Ascension, powerfully painted by the music.



education

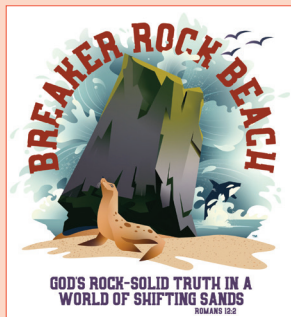
Registration Is Open for VBS 2024

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1. Truth comes from God!
2. God's plan is best!
3. Everyone needs Jesus!
4. Jesus is the only way!

Cost is \$16 per participant, and scholarships are available. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/VBS. Contact Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

We hope you will consider volunteering for this wonderful ministry opportunity. If you are interested, please contact Tara Davis or Gunter Owens (Gunter@CathedralAdvent.com). Nursery VBS is available for volunteers' children/grandchildren over age 2. Contact Tara Davis to register.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Children's Ministry

Club 456 to Meet this Sunday

Club 456 will hold its last meeting of the school year this Sunday, April 28, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the home of Margot and Patrick Cooney (2808 Cherokee Road, 35223). Club 456 is a monthly gathering for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders led by Margot Cooney and Haley Yearout. During their time together they engage in a Bible study, eat dinner, and have fellowship. It's a wonderful opportunity for this age group to gather with their peers to build relationships and study God's word together. Contact Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.

Women's Ministries

St. Amelia's Guild Gathering this Sunday

St. Amelia's Guild will hold its spring meeting this 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 at AdventBirmingham.org/Women or through your Realm account. Contact Amanda Thames (205-643-8855) with questions or if you'd like to help with snacks or beverages.

St. Amelia's is a fellowship group whose members are generally in their 30s and 40s. Guild members take turns visiting families of newborns, delivering a gift from the church and a casserole made by St. Catherine's Guild. New members are welcome at any time.

Caregivers Support Group

Lunch Gathering May 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, May 10, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). You are welcome whether you are a full-time caregiver or you are just beginning to experience changes in your life due to the health of a family member. To RSVP for lunch or for more information, contact Robin Turner (Robin@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3500).

Youth Ministry

Mark Your Calendars: Senior High Retreat May 29-31

Our Senior High Retreat to Gatlinburg is set for Wednesday, May 29-Friday, May 31. The retreat is for rising 9th graders through graduating seniors. Be on the lookout for registration, coming soon.

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

[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

Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting May 6

Adventers are invited to a Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting on Monday, May 6, 7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Typically held the first Monday of the 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).



spiritual growth & fellowship

Women's Ministries

Women's Retreat Coming August 16-18

Advent women are invited to come away on our annual Women's Retreat, Friday, August 16-Sunday, August 18, at Camp McDowell in the beautifully renovated Parsley Commons.

Our retreat leader will be Heidi Kinner. A well-loved former Vice Dean at the Advent, Heidi has since served as the Dean of St. Peter's Cathedral in Helena, Montana, and as Assistant Chaplain at Christ Memorial Chapel in Jupiter Island, Florida, where she now serves as its Chaplain.

End your summer in peace as Heidi leads us in a restful weekend of guided contemplation, reflection, and prayer in the presence of our Lord. Mark your calendars: Friday dinnertime to breakfast Sunday. Registration opens soon!



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.

Gumbo Gala

Adventers Serve (and Win) at Episcopal Place Fundraiser

The Advent served up some gumbo (with a ladle of grace!) at the Gumbo Gala Saturday, April 13, at Ghost Train Brewery. A labor of love produced two delicious (and award-winning!) vats of gumbo, and two teams generously and joyously served the multitudes all afternoon. The event raised funds to support Episcopal Place, which provides affordable housing to aging and disabled persons. Russ Chambliss and his small group won the "Most Divine Gumbo" as a bonus!

Photo right: Charlie Owens with award-winning cook Russ Chambliss



education

Children's Sunday School



On April 14 kids learned about Jesus going back up to heaven, and that one day he will return! Before he left, he comforted his disciples and reminded them he would be with them always. God would soon send his Holy Spirit!

Above: 3K children enjoyed making a balloon with Jesus on it and watching the balloon go up but come back down... just like Jesus will do one day!



Above: 3rd graders enjoy Bible navigation activities and fellowship time during 9:00 Children's Church.



worship

Lectionary: Sunday, April 28

Psalm 22:24-30 • Acts 8:26-40
1 John 4:7-21 • John 15:1-8

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transitions:

Death: Emily "Mimi" Wilson Tynes, on April 12

memorials:

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 28 Regular worship schedule	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
May 5 Regular worship schedule Confirmation at 9:00 Nave and 11:00 services	6 Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting - Cranmer House - 7:00 p.m.	7	8	9 Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day - Nave - 6:00 p.m. Concert Series: Fred Teardo, organ - Nave - 7:00 p.m.	10 Caregivers Support Lunch - Cranmer House - noon	11

Every Sunday: Breakfast – Refectory, 8:00 a.m.

Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

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