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News & Events

Family Affair: John Yates II and John Yates III to Preach at Midday this Week

John Yates, II, Rector of The Falls Church in Falls Church, Virginia, will preach Monday-Wednesday, April 8-10, at 12:05 p.m.

John Yates, III, Rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, will preach Thursday and Friday, April 11 and 12. See page 2 for more on the preachers.

Susan Yates to Speak at Women's Coffee

Advent women are delighted to welcome back Susan Yates for a Spring Coffee on Tuesday, April 9. She will speak on *Trusting God in Life's Transitions* during two identical sessions: 7:00 a.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209), and 9:30 a.m. at the home of Christine Denniston (505 Pine Ridge Trail, 35213). The wife and mother, respectively, of our Lenten preachers this week, Susan speaks with wisdom and humor about weathering the chances and changes of life. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know women of all ages from our church while hearing a gospel message! Questions? Contact Deborah Leighton (Deborah@CathedralAdvent.com).

Susan will also speak at a luncheon for mothers on Monday, April 8, at 12:30 p.m. See page 2 for more information.



A Word from Canon Schneider

A scandal recently broke out over very wealthy people committing fraud to have their children admitted into elite colleges. It's easy for those of us without the wealth (and in some cases notoriety) necessary to partake in this scheme to point a finger and exclaim, how dare they! But so many of us in American society are complicit in this scandal indirectly. That's because we've made an idol out of education in general and going to the right schools in particular.

Lest we think the Rick Singer scheme is the only one out there, let's not kid ourselves – there are definitely other opportunities available to make sacrifices at the altars of the false gods we worship. And really, the idolatry here isn't even about education per se as much as it's about institutional affiliation. For instance, I was flabbergasted months ago when the cover story for several days on AL.com was about who was rushing which sororities at Alabama and Auburn. That this is the biggest news in our state communicates an awful lot.

"Choose this day whom you will serve... As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Are any gods of education or institutional affiliation competing for your attention and affections for Jesus Christ? If so, consider what this means. As someone with an elite higher education and membership in a fraternity myself, I'm not saying we should no longer value education or join organizations. But any good thing that becomes our ultimate thing leads us to bondage. Jesus came to rescue us from such slavery. Thus, it no longer really matters which schools we attend or clubs we join when we will inherit the Kingdom.

Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other." Similarly, the prophet Elijah asked the people of Israel when distracted by idolatry, "How long will you go limping between two different options?" When you're standing with one foot on a boat and the other on the dock, eventually you need to decide where to plant both feet. Otherwise, you will just crash to your demise. If you want to follow the true God who redeemed you, then I suggest committing to the life raft and making Jesus the most important thing in your life.

- Matt

- Joshua 24:15

This Sunday: April 7, 2019

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Michael Weeks

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

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11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Michael Weeks

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Refectory. Preacher: Dean Pearson

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Schneider

Adult Education: 10:10 - 10:50 a.m.

The Dean's Class (Nave) – *Let Us...* (Hebrews 10:19-25) – Dean Pearson

Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Worship and Sunday Gatherings* – Canon Hicks

Short Summaries (Living Room) – *Discipleship, Sanctification, and Vocation* – Gil Kracke

To Love One Another (Assembly Hall) – *Helping Others in Distressing Marriages* – Gordon Bals

Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – *Understanding Kids, Social Dynamics, and Technology in Light of the Gospel* – Rebecca Lankford and Tucker Fleming

Children's & Youth Education:

Classes are offered for 3-years and older. See Sunday's service bulletin for details. The Nursery is open 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. At the Five O'Clock service, childcare is available for 4K and younger.

Lectionary:

Psalm 126
Isaiah 43:16-21
1 Corinthians 7:25-40
John 12:1-8

Sermon and class recordings are available at AdventBirmingham.org.

The 9:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on WERC 960 AM, 105.5 FM, and AdventBirmingham.org.



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worship

Lenten Preaching Series

John Yates II to Preach Monday-Wednesday

John Yates has been the Rector of The Falls Church in Falls Church, Virginia, since 1979. The historic church of 3,500 members is well known for training young pastors, planting daughter churches, biblical preaching, vibrant worship, and outstanding youth ministry.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Fuller Theological Seminary, Dr. Yates has been an instrumental figure in the Anglican renewal movement in the U.S. over the last several decades. His work over the years with Christian youth and young families has equipped him as a spokesman on family life. He has written a number of books, including several written with his wife Susan, such as *Raising Kids With Values That Last* and *What Really Matters at Home*. He and Susan have five adult children and 21 grandchildren.



John Yates III in the Pulpit Thursday and Friday

John Yates, III, has served as Rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, since 2010. A native of northern Virginia, he attended the University of Virginia before working for three years as Study Assistant to the well-known Anglican theologian John Stott in London. He went on to earn degrees from King's College, London; Trinity School for Ministry; and Cambridge University.

Ordained in 2004, Dr. Yates served as the Assistant to the Dean of the Chapel at Clare College, Cambridge. He then moved to Paoli Pennsylvania, where he served as Clergy Associate for Adult Discipleship at the Church of the Good Samaritan from 2007-2010. He is married to Alysia, and they have four children.



servicing & outreach

Tours of the Advent Nave

Bring a Friend for Tours Offered April 28

If you have ever tried to bring a friend to church to hear the gospel and they just won't come on a Sunday morning, consider bringing them for a tour of our beautiful Nave on Sunday, April 28, between 12:30 and 3:00 p.m. Every 15 minutes, a group of Adventers will lead tours of our church that focus on the history, artistry, and meaning of the windows and architecture in the Nave and Chapel. We especially hope to draw non-Adventers who might be walking past our church on their way to the Magic City Art Connection in Linn Park that same day. Contact Brooke Fleming (BrookeTFleming@gmail.com) with questions.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Women's Ministry

For Mothers: Q&A Luncheon with Susan Yates April 8

Mothers with children of all ages are invited to a Q&A Luncheon with Susan Yates (*right*) on Monday, April 8, 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Living Room. Put your baby or toddler in the nursery, hear a great sermon from Susan's husband John Yates at 12:05 p.m., and join us for soup and salad following the preaching service. As the mother of five and grandmother of 21 children, Susan has the life experience and godly wisdom that went into writing her books, including *And Then I Had Kids* and *Character Matters: Raising Kids With Character That Lasts* (the latter co-written with John). Lunch is \$10. RSVP to Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com) by Friday, April 5, to register for the lunch or sign up for nursery.



Susan will also speak at the Women's Spring Coffee on Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00 and 9:30 a.m. *See story on front page.*

Ageless Adventers

Richard Simmons to Speak at Next Third Wednesday Gathering April 17

Ageless Adventers, our fellowship group for seniors, will gather for the next Third Wednesday program on April 17, 11:00 a.m. in the Living Room at the Advent. (*Please note special time and place for this Lenten meeting.*) Join us for fellowship, coffee, and a talk from Richard Simmons (*right*), Lenten preacher and Director of The Center for Executive Leadership in Birmingham, Alabama. We'll finish in time to attend Richard's preaching at the midday service and the lunches at 12:05 p.m. Find out more by contacting Stella Schreiber (443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com).



Youth Ministry

Next Sr. High Family Dinner Is April 14

All Sr. High youth are invited to join us for our next Family Dinner on Sunday, April 14, 6:57-8:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). The Theme is "Throwback Night" so come dressed in gear from your favorite decade. Contact Rebecca Lankford for more information (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).

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

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!
- Psalm 25:7



education

Walk to the Cross

Walk Set for Palm Sunday, April 14

Join us at the Advent on Sunday, April 14, at 3:30 p.m. for Walk to the Cross, a guided tour through six re-enacted scenes of Christ's life during Holy Week. This experience helps biblical stories come to life and provides a wonderful opportunity for folks of all ages to grow in their understanding of the final week of Jesus' earthly life and ministry. The last tour begins at 4:30 p.m. Contact Elizabeth Wilson (Elizabeth@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.

The Forum

On Death and Dying

What do you make of your own death and the fact that the people you love also die? We will explore the topic of death and dying from a biblical perspective at our next meeting of the Forum, Sunday, April 14, 6:15 p.m. in Clingman Commons. The Forum is a monthly fellowship and education program that meets following the Five O'Clock service with the purpose of building up our confidence in Jesus Christ and building our community. Each discussion also aims to be as practical as possible and is a good opportunity to invite visitors to join you at our church. Supper is provided, and families with children are welcome. For more information, contact Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com).



serving & outreach

Palm Crosses

Help Make Palm Crosses April 13

Adventers of all ages are invited to make palm crosses on Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m. in the Refectory. Come help carry on the Advent's tradition of providing hand-tied crosses to each person attending Palm Sunday services. Come for the fellowship and stay for the coffee and donuts!

Service Day

Register Today: May 4 Is Service Day

Join fellow Adventers on Saturday, May 4, 9:30 a.m.-noon to walk downtown Birmingham streets, pray for the city, and pick up bits and pieces of trash and debris that accumulate in our urban neighborhood. After our walk, we'll head to our local mission partner locations to pray for their ministries, before heading out as groups for table fellowship at various restaurants. This is a great way for families and small groups to get to know the Birmingham community and help the Advent live out its heart for the city! Register online at AdventBirmingham.org/Mission by April 30.

Welcome!

Please welcome those who have joined the Advent over the last two months. We are grateful to have them as a part of our parish family: Tyler and Brooke Carter; Joel and Natalie Fortson; Joseph Janes; Mike, Beth, Janie, and Ruth Peters; Michael Stalvey; Shannon Veach.

If you are interested in joining the Advent or finding out more, please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8562).

Advent Sets Trip to Israel Next Year

We hope you will prayerfully consider joining Andrew Pearson, Mark Gignilliat, Gil Kracke, and others on a 10-day trip to Israel, June 2-11, 2020 (with an optional extension to Jordan through June 14).

Imagine Travel and Tours (ITTWorld.com) will be coordinating our trip. Andrew has traveled with them in Israel before – they are a seasoned company that specializes in tours of this sort. ITT will be handling all of our logistics, including airfare, hotels, local guides and transportation, many of our meals, entrance fees, pre-trip materials, and more.

Registration begins Monday, April 22. The tour has a 45-person maximum (including the leaders).

For more information about costs and registration, you may download a brochure at AdventBirmingham.org/Israel2020. Starting on April 22, the link to register online will be active, or you may download and print a paper registration form. If you have any other questions, please email or call Eva Beard (Eva@CathedralAdvent.com, 226-3510).

Interested in Adult Confirmation?

Bishop Sloan will be with us for the confirmation of Advent youth at the 9:00 a.m. service and adults at the 11:00 a.m. Nave service on Sunday, May 5. Confirmation is the formal way of joining the church and is offered once a year. Adults interested in confirmation may contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8562).



bookstore

New Book by Nick Lannon

Life Is Impossible: And That's Good News by Lenten preacher Nick Lannon – No one ever said life would be easy – and many of us will admit that life is hard at times. But the problem is that life is impossible! Fortunately, what sounds like bad news is the beginning of the Good News in this concise, gospel-centered book about God's abundant mercy and love in Jesus, the One who achieves the unachievable.



Store hours during Lent are Sunday, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., and Thursday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Contact us: 323-2959, Bookstore@CathedralAdvent.com. Visit us any time: AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore.

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transitions:

Marriage: Anna Marie Parker and Daniel Edward Clinkman, on March 23

Death: William "Bill" Calvin Guin, on March 18

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

John Norman Corey, Jr.: (Endowment Fund) by Hatton Smith

Thomas Clark: (Endowment Fund) by Marjorie Forney

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Apr 14 Palm Sunday Regular worship schedule Walk to the Cross - Clingman - 3:30 p.m. The Forum - Clingman - 6:15 p.m. Sr. High Family Dinner - 6:57 p.m.	15 Lenten Preaching - Mark Galli - 12:05 p.m.	16 Lenten Preaching - Mark Galli - 12:05 p.m.	17 Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Living Room - 11:00 a.m. Lenten Preaching - Richard Simmons - 12:05 p.m.	18 Maundy Thursday Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m. Lenten Preaching - Dennis Sansom - 12:05 p.m. Holy Communion - Nave - 6:00 p.m.	19 Good Friday The Liturgy for Good Friday - Nave - noon Church Office closes at noon	20

Every Sunday: Breakfast – Refectory, 8:00 a.m.
Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

Monday-Friday (except April 19): Lenten Lunches – Refectory and Clingman Commons, 12:05 p.m.

We have more Bible studies, book studies, and groups of all kinds meeting than we can list on the calendar! Please join us in praising God for this blessing and visit AdventBirmingham.org/BibleStudies for a complete list of options available to you. If you have any questions, please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8562).