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News & Events



We will gather at the Advent on Saturday, May 4, at 9:30 a.m. to pick up trash in downtown Birmingham, visit our local ministry partners, pray for the city, and enjoy fellowship in various restaurants. *See page 2 for details.*

Nave Tours Offered this Sunday

Consider bringing a friend to the Advent this Sunday afternoon, April 28, 12:30-3:00 p.m. Adventers will lead tours focusing on the history, artistry, and meaning of the windows and architecture in our Nave and Chapel. *See page 2 for details.*

Reception for Cindy Funderburk Sunday

We will honor retiring Bookstore Manager Cindy Funderburk with a reception following the 11:00 a.m. services this Sunday, April 28. Cindy has served in the store for nearly 35 years. *See page 2 for more information.*



A Word from the Dean

When I saw Ty Jerome's second free throw bounce into UVa's backcourt in the remaining seconds against Purdue, I reached for the remote; I couldn't watch. But then the improbable happened, a no-look half court pass translated into a basket that sent the game into overtime. UVa would go on to play Auburn in another miraculous win, finally winning this year's NCAA Men's Basketball Championship over Texas Tech. To say that this tournament has taken years off my life is an understatement. Even though I attended the national championship game, I have had to watch it again because it was all so surreal.

In each of these wins I came out of myself to celebrate. My voice, my body, my everything rejoiced in these unlikely victories, but then it hit me: I act the fool when UVa wins a basketball game, but what is my response to the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead? Has the resurrection become so commonplace to us that it elicits a half-hearted "He is risen indeed" in response?

The answer is not to project joy and excitement, but for me to live into the reality that Jesus is alive. St. Paul talks about the implications of what it would mean if Jesus had not been raised in 1 Corinthians 15:12-22.

The most obvious is that Christ is still dead. He is still in the grave and one day we may even find his bones. If this is true, we are still dead in our sins and trespasses and any hope of heaven has been lost; all will die and go on to eternal damnation.

This would make the first Christians either deluded or liars and their preaching in vain. The proclamation of the gospel is useless and worthless as Christianity becomes just another method of moral improvement at best, or a fairy tale at worst. We are fools and will live as slaves to sin and die as slaves to sin.

"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead" and in Christ we are "made alive." Because of his victory over sin and the grave we have new life in him and fellowship with our heavenly Father.

Such news ought to make our hearts leap, for we who once were dead are now alive in him. Unlike the fleeting victory of UVa, this is a victory that lasts for eternity. He is risen indeed!

- Andrew

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- 1 Corinthians 15:20

This Sunday:

April 28, 2019

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Hicks

9:00 a.m. Holy Baptism

Preacher: Canon Hicks

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Canon Hicks

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: William Stokes

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Schneider

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

The Dean's Class (Nave) – *Questions for the Dean: Q&A with Our Confirmands* – Dean Pearson

Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Membership as Partnership in Ministry* – Canon Schneider

Short Summaries (Living Room) – *The Anglican Via Media* – Gil Kracke

To Love One Another (Assembly Hall) – *Helping Others with Sexuality Questions* – Gordon Bals

The Monotheistic Religions: How Are They Similar and How Are They Different? (Chapter Room) – Jason Wallace

Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – *Praying for Your Kids* – Julie and Craig Ogard

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.

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 118:4-29 or Psalm 150
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Acts 5:27-32

John 20:19-31



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



servicing & outreach

Service Day

Our Heart for the City: Service Day Is May 4

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. Contact Bethany Rushing (Bethany@CathedralAdvent.com, 226-3512) for more information.

Tours of the Advent Nave

Bring a Friend for Tours Offered this Sunday

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 this Sunday, April 28, between 12:30 and 3:00 p.m. Every 15 minutes, 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

Youth Ministry

Jr. High: Topgolf this Sunday

All Jr. High youth are invited to come play with us at Topgolf (1111 24th Street North, 35234) this Sunday, April 28, 6:00-7:30 p.m. This is our last Jr. High youth event of the spring. Please contact Rachel Cain if you can make it (Rachel@CathedralAdvent.com).

High School Senior Night Is May 2

All Advent high school seniors are warmly invited to Senior Night on Thursday, May 2, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Join us for a celebratory dinner and a discussion on spiritual life in college. Email Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com) if you are interested in attending.

Sr. High "Luau" Family Dinner Set for May 5

We hope all Sr. High youth can join us for our last Family Dinner of the season! We'll gather on Sunday, May 5, 6:57-8:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). The theme is "Luau," so come ready for a Hawaiian-style celebration. Contact Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com) to find out more.



bookstore

"Thanks, Cindy!"

Reception for Retiring Bookstore Manager this Sunday

We will honor Cindy Funderburk with a reception this Sunday, April 28, in Clingman Commons following the 11:00 a.m. services. Cindy (*right*) is retiring after serving loyally in our Bookstore for nearly 35 years.

Ann Campbell, an Adventer and long-time Bookstore volunteer, will succeed Cindy as Manager. The store will be closed from May 13 to August 17 for vacation and inventory, and will reopen on Sunday, August 18, with normal operating hours.

We hope you will join us in expressing our gratitude to Cindy, and we look forward to the ministry of the store continuing under the capable watch of Ann and our team of volunteers.



Women's Ministry

Save the Date: Women's Retreat Set for August 23-25

Women of the Advent are invited to join their sisters in Christ for a time of rest and spiritual rejuvenation at our annual retreat, Friday-Sunday, August 23-25, at Children's Harbor. Our speaker will be Mary Willson, who will offer "Who Is a God Like You?" *Exulting with Micah in Our Matchless God*. Mary (*right*) serves as director of women in ministry at Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee. She recently earned a Ph.D in Old Testament from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and loves opening up the Bible to apply it to the lives of women today.

Visit AdventBirmingham.org/News to register. Contact Anita Gray with questions (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com).



Ageless Adventers

Fellowship in the Pines May 6

All Adventers are invited to join our friends at St. Martin's for lunch and a word from Canon Smalley on Monday, May 6, at noon. Lunch is served in the private dining room of The Arbors at St. Martin's (4941 Montevallo Road, 35210). Find out more by contacting Stella Schreiber (443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com).

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

(Jesus prayed 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

Concert Series



Nashville Choristers to Join Cathedral Choir for Hymn Festival May 4

The Cathedral Choir will join forces with the Choir of St. George's Episcopal Church, Nashville (above), for *A Festival of Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs* on Saturday, May 4, 3:00 p.m. in the Nave. Much more than a concert performance, a hymn festival is a celebration of the church's most beloved and powerful hymns, and everyone in attendance is encouraged to participate. Featuring St. George's choir director Woo-sug Kang and organist Gerry Senechal, as well as the Advent's Frederick Teardo and Charles Kennedy, this promises to be an exciting event. Please come and be a part of this special Saturday musical offering!

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

William "Bill" Calvin Guin: (Pastoral Care) by Bryan Helm • (Outreach) by Heather and Phillip McWane; William and Sidney Weatherly; Safeaire Heating & Cooling Co., Inc.; Amy Ager; Carol and Charles Hunn; William and Sandra Gilmour; Douglas and Julie Carmichael; Mary and Victor Hanson; Jan and Paul South; Kimberly and Nelson Bean; Hinkle Metals & Supply Co., Inc.; Jane and Don Menendez; Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Lankford, Jr.; Karen and Michael Keel; Anne and Tom Garrett; Millie and Billy Hulsey; the DeBardeleben Foundation

Anne Elliott Caskie: (Youth Ministries) by Sis and Jerry Levin

Tom Clark: (Endowment Fund) by Anne H. Daniels

John N. Corey, Jr.: (Endowment Fund) by J.K. Oliver; Jessie Y. Jemison; Thomas K. Yardley; Stephen N. Yardley

Gene Damon: (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Janet and Cary Beck

John Poynor: (Endowment Fund) by Barbara and Bob Schuler; Nancy McColloch

Barbara Jackson: (Endowment Fund) by Nancy McColloch

In Thanksgiving for Shirley Anne Stringfellow: (Outreach) by the Guin, Brown, and Braswell families

In Thanksgiving for the Ministry of the Rev. Canon Craig Smalley: (Pastoral Care) by Kate and Claude Nielsen

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).

Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting May 6

All parishioners are invited to a prayer gathering on Monday, May 6, 7:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Typically held the first Monday of every month, this hour-long meeting is set aside to pray for the Advent. As Dean Pearson wrote about these gatherings, "If we are not on our knees, we are trying to do ministry in our own strength. We know that apart from the Lord Jesus we can do nothing."

We hope you can join us.

Death Notifications Available Via Email

Adventers interested in information regarding deaths within our community of faith can receive notices via email. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/2UMZkPF>.



bookstore

Thank You from Cindy

Thank you for letting me live with you during the last 35 years. Has it been that long?! I have loved being at the Bookstore. I loved finding what you were looking for. I loved working with all the volunteers and staff. I loved moving things around and coming up with new designs. I loved going to market. I loved following where the Holy Spirit led us. I even loved counting inventory and getting everything straight. I have loved creating new items out of parts found or bought. I have loved having this space be my physical rock when going through rough times. I have loved the support from everyone throughout the years.

Now, I'm enjoying planning what I'll get to do next – and as others have said, the time is already filling up!

I will see you from time to time.

Thank you for your encouragement, smiles, and prayers,
- Cindy Funderburk

Our normal store hours are Sunday, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., and Monday-Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We will be closed for summer vacation and inventory from May 13 to August 17, reopening on Sunday, August 18. Contact us: 323-2959, Bookstore@CathedralAdvent.com. Visit us any time: AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore.

diocesan staff

The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan, Bishop of Alabama

advent staff

The Very Rev. Andrew C. Pearson, Jr., Dean and Rector

The Rev. Canon R. Craig Smalley, Canon Pastor and
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The Rev. Canon Matthew C. Schneider, Canon for Parish Life and
Evangelism

The Rev. Canon Zac Hicks, Canon for Liturgy and Worship

The Rev. Deborah R. Leighton, Director of Women's Ministries and
Clergy Associate

The Rev. Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon

The Rev. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

transitions:

Births: Margaret Mae Higginbotham,
daughter of Brad and Holly, on April 3;
Seldon Walter Nix, son of Michael and
Ann Evans, on April 8

Death: Calvin Neal Fleming, on April 12

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

David "Buck" Phillips: (Pastoral Care) by Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Bromberg, Jr.

Mary Elizabeth Hall: (Outreach) by Mary and Victor Hanson; Jane and Don Menendez

Max Lafayette Scroggins: (Pastoral Care) by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson

Pauline Ireland: (Pastoral Care) by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson • (Endowment Fund)
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In Honor of Bishop Sloan: (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Elizabeth and Charles Scribner



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 28 Regular worship schedule Cindy Funderburk Reception - Cling- man Commons - noon Tours of the Nave - 12:30 p.m.	29	30	May 1	2 Sunrise Sinners - Re- fectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m. High School Senior Night - Cranmer House - 5:30 p.m.	3	4 Service Day - Ad- vent - 9:30 a.m. Concert Series: A Festival of Hymns, Psalms, and Spiri- tual Songs - Nave - 3:00 p.m.
May 5 Regular worship schedule Confirmation at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m Sr. High Youth Family Dinner - Cranmer House - 6:57 p.m.	6 Fellowship in the Pines - St. Martin's - noon	7	8	9 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m.	10	11

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

Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

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).