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News & Events

Consider Joining a Small Group

Gather with other Adventers this fall to read the Bible, pray, and enjoy time in fellowship. Small group leaders are standing by to welcome you into the group that works best for you and your family. Contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8562) to sign up or for more information. *Read about one Advent family's small group experience on page 2.*



VBS 2019: A Look Back

Held June 3-6, this year's Vacation Bible School was enjoyed by more than 190 children and 85 volunteers who experienced *Roar!*, where they learned that life is wild, but God is good! *See page 3 for more.*



A Word from the Dean

It is with sadness that I write to our church family to let you know that the Rev. Deborah Leighton will be leaving us in August. Deborah and her family will be moving out of town

where her husband has secured a teaching position at a large research university. Deborah and her family will be greatly missed in Birmingham. There is no doubt that the Lord has used her here at the Advent.

Deborah came to us in 2012 and has been a faithful and effective pastor. God has used her to further the gospel through our Women's Ministry and in the overall life of our congregation. Her absence will be felt, but I trust that the same God who brought Deborah to us will bring another to build on the faithful work that has already been done.

Deborah will preach at our Nave services on August 4, and her last Sunday with us will be August 11. After the 11:00 services there will be a reception honoring Deborah's ministry. She will also be present for

the Women's Retreat, but will be making the family move between the 11th and the retreat. In the meantime, please do express your appreciation to Deborah and her family, giving thanks to God for their time with us.

The Advent is already beginning its search for a new Director of Women's Ministry. I have met with the leadership of this ministry, and we will, together, map out a way forward. I am committed to finding a woman of conviction, character, and competence to serve in a full-time role at the Advent. Please be in prayer about this process, and please feel free to be in touch with the Women's Ministry or me if there are any names that you think ought to be considered for the role.

Moreover, be in prayer for Deborah and her family, giving thanks to God for them and their ministry at the Advent, praying that the Lord goes before them in their new home, and that God would open up doors of ministry opportunity for the glory of his name.

- Andrew

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.

- Philippians 1:3

This Sunday: June 23, 2019

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Doug Webster

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Doug Webster

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Doug Webster

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Dean Pearson

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Pearson

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

• **June 23: The Dean's Class** (Nave) – *Remember...*

(*Hebrews 13:20-25*) – Dean Pearson

Lamentation and Vocation, Side A: How Scripture

Shapes Our Lament (Chapter Room) – Charles Gaston

Ecclesiastes for Every(wo)man (Lower School Library) –

Jonathan Harbuck

"Beginning from Jerusalem": The Early Church's

Understanding of Mission (Living Room) – William Stokes

• **June 30: The Dean's Class** (Nave) – *Loose Ends*

(*Hebrews*) – Dean Pearson

Lamentation and Vocation, Side B: Who Is Calling

Me, and to Where? (Chapter Room) – Charles Gaston

Ecclesiastes for Every(wo)man (Lower School Library)

"To the Ends of the Earth": Mission in the Modern

Anglican Communion (Living Room) – William Stokes

Next Sunday: June 30, 2019

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Pearson

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Preacher: Dean Pearson

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Dean Pearson

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Refectory. Preacher: Canon Hicks

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Preacher: Canon Hicks



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting July 1

All parishioners are invited to a prayer gathering on Monday, July 1, 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.

Send Us Your Contact Updates

We're getting ready to update our Church Directory, and we'd love to keep you connected to our community. If you have changed your phone number(s) or address and haven't let us know, or if you have not designated your preferred phone number, please email your updates to Communications@CathedralAdvent.com.

Holiday Closing

The Church Office will be closed Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. It will reopen on Friday, July 5.



education

The Inquirers' Class

One-Day Session Set for July 20

The Inquirers' Class is an adult education course that will give you an idea of what the Advent believes and why we believe it. It is open to anyone, but it is designed particularly for newcomers to the Advent. We will have a one-day course on Saturday, July 20, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Living Room. Lunch is provided. Register and choose your lunch at AdventBirmingham.org/Inquirers-Class. Our fall eight-week series will be on Sundays, 10:10-10:50 a.m., beginning September 15. Contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8562) with questions.

Fall Conferences

Beeson's Anglican Theology Conference Set for September 24-25

Beeson Divinity School's annual Anglican Theology Conference will focus on the Jewish Roots of Christianity, September 24-25. Speakers are leading scholars, including the Advent's Mark Gigniliat, who will present cutting-edge findings and conclusions from recent work. Register online at BeesonDivinity.com.

Advent to Host EFAC Gathering in November

Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC) will host a conference at the Advent, November 5-8. The conference theme is *The Word of God Does the Work of God*. Speakers will include Vaughan Roberts, John Yates, III, Andrew Pearson, and Gerald Bray. Josh Head will lead worship. Register online at EFAC-USA.org.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Small Groups



Above: *The Green family, (l-r) Lulu, Jen, Robert, and Tate*

Small Group Has Become an Integral Part of Our Lives

"Do we have time for this?" Five years ago, we were new to town with a baby, two careers, and a mountain of laundry. It made no sense to carve out time each week to meet with mostly strangers and awkwardly (we feared) read the Bible and pray together. But we knew we needed the help of God and fellow Christians to navigate life's waters. With an ounce of faith, we signed up.

Five years later, we count those once-strangers as among our best of friends. We have celebrated births together, cooked for each other, and cried in the face of life's tragedies. We have taken on service projects involving our young children, and watched our children's friendships grow. But most importantly, we have studied God's word together and prayed fervently for each other.

Robert and I now have two small children, and, by the world's standards, we still don't have time for small group. Life remains chaotic (see picture above). But small group has become an integral part of our lives that has positively impacted our spiritual walks, marriage, and parenting. It's amazing what God can do with a little faith.

- Jen Green

New small groups are forming for the fall. Consider joining one! Contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8562).

Youth Ministry

Jr. and Sr. High: Six Flags Trip Is July 11

Join us for a day at Six Flags Over Georgia on Thursday, July 11! All rising 7th-12th graders are welcome. We'll meet at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Ave, 35209) at 7:30 a.m. Bring your own bag lunch and some spending money if desired. Buy your discounted ticket online and bring the printed confirmation with you, or buy a ticket at the park for \$65. We'll get back at 7:00 p.m. Register online at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth. Contact Rachel Cain (Rachel@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

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

education

Vacation Bible School 2019



A Great Week of Learning and Fun

More than 190 children and 85 volunteers had a blast at *Roar VBS*, where we learned that life is wild, but God is good!

On Monday, we heard about the time when the Israelites served as slaves for the Egyptians (Exodus 1; 5; 6) and we learned that "When life is unfair, God is good!"

Tuesday we learned about the time God sent plagues on Egypt (Exodus 7:14–12:32) and that "When life is scary, God is good!"

Wednesday we heard about the time the Israelites entered the wilderness (Exodus 14–17) and learned that "When life changes, God is good!"

We wrapped up our amazing safari adventure on Thursday hearing about Jesus' death and resurrection (John 16–21). We learned that God never promises that this life will be pain-free. But he does promise to be near when we are hurting. More important, he showed us that there's always hope and always joy to come because of what Jesus did for us on the cross! "When life is sad, God is good!"

Thank you very much for praying for VBS and for bringing snacks. And a huge thank you to all who volunteered their time to make this such a fun and fruitful week!



Children's & Youth Education on Sunday

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.

worship

Lectionary

Sunday, June 23: Psalm 42 or Psalm 43 or
Psalm 22:18-27
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Isaiah 65:1-9
Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 30: Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 or
Psalm 16
1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Luke 9:51-62

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

Sermon and class recordings are available at AdventBirmingham.org.

memorials:

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In Honor of Cindy Funderburk: (Outreach) by Rhett Thagard

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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:

Birth: Caleb Graham Schneider, son of Matt and Hawley, on June 4

Marriage: Catherine Norville Bedingfield and Aaron Olaf Frey, on June 8

Death: Frank Hardy Bromberg, Jr., on June 4

memorials:

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 23 Regular worship schedule	24	25	26	27 Praise Service - Clingman Commons - 8:30 a.m.	28	29
June 30 Regular worship schedule	July 1 Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting - Cranmer House - 7:15 p.m.	2	3	4 Independence Day Church Office closed	5	6

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

Monday-Friday (*No meeting July 4*): 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).