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News & Events

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.

How About 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.*

One-Day Inquirers' Class July 20

The Inquirers' Class 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 provided. *See page 2 for details.*



A Word from Canon Hicks

So it seems that between today and our death, Christians are destined to die many mini-deaths. I can't relate to those hymns whose climactic lines are, "and now I am happy all the day."

To be sure, when God gives us faith and when Christ enters into us by the power of the Holy Spirit, there comes at that moment unspeakable joy and a peace that passes all understanding. And to be sure, that joy and peace reemerge again and again over the course of life as God "restores unto us the joy of our salvation" (Psalm 51:12).

Nevertheless, I'm with Martin Luther. As Luther read the Scriptures, especially the Psalms, he noticed that when the Spirit enters into a person upon conversion, there begins a battle. The Holy Spirit wages war against our flesh and the remaining sin "in our members" (Romans 7:23). This means that at the center of the true Christian life is struggle. In German, Luther called it *anfechtung*, where we get the word, "infection."

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.

This sounds very different from "and now I am happy all the day!". In fact, it feels a lot like death, over and over again. When Paul says "not I but Christ who lives within me" (Galatians 2:20), he is certainly speaking positively about how the Christian's life is a life where Christ does the work of righteousness in us. But Paul is also speaking negatively, as we are here – that as Christ lives in us by his Holy Spirit, he is actively hunting down our flesh and putting it to death. So we are destined to die many mini-deaths.

Who would want to be a Christian with this kind of news? And yet I found a word of hope recently in Peter's sermon at Pentecost, a beautiful one-liner: "God raised Jesus up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it" (Acts 2:24). Because Jesus rose, his endgame with your flesh is *not* death and annihilation, but resurrection in order to, in the words of our liturgy, "bring you to everlasting joy." And this he will accomplish. Though this doesn't make the struggle any less arduous, it does give us hope that there is a purpose for all these mini-deaths, thank God!

- Zac

- John 11:25

This Sunday: July 7, 2019

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Cameron Cole

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Preacher: Cameron Cole

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Cameron Cole

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Refectory. Preacher: William Stokes

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: William Stokes

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

• July 7:

The Dean's Class (Nave) – "Inwardly Digesting" Romans 1–4: *True Righteousness by Faith* – Deborah Leighton

Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – *From the Depths of Woe: Trusting God with Your Children* – Dave Boone

• July 14:

The Dean's Class (Nave) – "Inwardly Digesting" Romans 5–7: *Standing in Grace Today* – Deborah Leighton

The Gospel According to Jonah: Jonah 1 (Lower School Library) – Cameron Cole

Next Sunday: July 14, 2019

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Deborah Leighton

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Deborah Leighton

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Deborah Leighton

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Canon Schneider

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Preacher: Canon Schneider



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



education

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Youth Ministry

Jr. High: Next Tasty Tuesday Is July 9

Don't be bored in Birmingham this summer! Jr. High youth will gather for the next Tasty Tuesday on July 9. We'll meet at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) at 5:00 p.m. for a short Bible study and games before walking together to dinner at Mark's Joint in Homewood (2846 18th Street South, 35209). Bring some money for dinner and bring a friend! Pick-up will be at the restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Contact Rachel Cain (Rachel@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

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

Join us for a beloved Advent Youth summer tradition! All rising 7th-12th graders are invited to a day at Six Flags Over Georgia on Thursday, July 11. 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.

Grief Recovery

Group to Begin Fall Session September 10

The Advent's Grief Recovery Group is for those who have experienced the death of someone whom they loved. It will meet again this fall, on the six Tuesday evenings from September 10 through October 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205). If you are interested in signing up or if you have any questions, please contact Robin Turner in our Pastoral Care Office (Robin@CathedralAdvent.com, 225-3500).



spiritual growth & fellowship

Small Groups

A Place of Prayer and Worship, Refuge and Friendship

As we begin our 20th year in our small group, it's hard to put into words all that it has meant to us. It has been a place of refuge and worship, from our last child's birth to our newfound empty nest. The impact of setting aside time in communion with other believers each week has broadened our Advent experience and impacted us profoundly. It has been a place to grow our faith by studying Scripture, praying for others and being prayed for in times of heartfelt need, seeing God actively at work in each others lives, building deep Christian friendships, and setting an example for our children that prioritizes our faith with a weekly commitment. Our gratitude for this experience and the Advent's commitment to small groups is immeasurable.



"That is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine" (Romans 1:12).

- Edmund and Kathleen Doss

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

Changing-Roles Support Group

For Those Caring for a Sick Family Member

An eight-week support group for men and women who are coping with the changes that come with caring for a sick family member will meet on Thursdays, September 12 through October 31, 9:30-11:00 a.m., at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). If you are caring for a loved one part-time, full-time, or just experiencing unexpected changes and challenges brought on by the illness of someone close to you, you are invited to join us for support, hope, and healing. For more information or to join the group contact Stella Schreiber (Stella@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8558).

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

- Pauline Ireland:** (Endowment Fund) by Joan and Stan Starnes
- Mack and Lorraine Townsend:** (Outreach) by Tim and Glenda Townsend
- Patricia Miller:** (Pastoral Care) by Elizabeth and Charles Scribner

Pastoral Notice: If you are going into the hospital, have need of prayer or counsel, or have a family member unable to attend church, please call the Pastoral Care Office at 226-3500.

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

The Forum

How to Love Your Church on Sunday

We began last month to discuss the topic of what exactly Sunday church is for from a biblical perspective. We will continue this discussion at the next meeting of The Forum on Sunday, July 21, 6:15 p.m. in Clingman Commons. We'll examine practical implications of how we might consider behaving at church and around Sundays – how to love our church. Even if you weren't at last month's discussion, you will still get a lot out of this one.

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).

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, July 7: Psalm 30 or Psalm 66:1-8
1 Corinthians 14:26-40
2 Kings 5:1-14
Isaiah 66:10-14
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday, July 14: Psalm 82 or Psalm 25:1-9
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Amos 7:7-17
Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Luke 10:25-37

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.



-serving & outreach

World Mission



Above: The Advent's Rwanda Team (l-r) – Henry and Melinda King, Bethany Rushing, Rebecca Lankford, Charles and Mary Ellen DeBardeleben, Lily and Andrew Pearson (Lauren Pearson, not pictured), and Charlie DeBardeleben

Please Pray for Our Team's Trip to Rwanda

Please be in prayer for our upcoming trip to the Shyira Diocese of Rwanda, July 17 to July 27. Our team looks forward to learning from, encouraging, and fellowshiping with believers in another part of the world.

The Advent's partnership with the Shyira Diocese began in 2015, when the Rev. Sam Mugisha and his family – wife Jacky and children Ines, Iris, and Ingrid – moved to Birmingham for Sam to study at Beeson Divinity School. For one year, Sam and his family were part of our family. Four years later, Sam now serves as Bishop of the Shyira Diocese.

This year marks the fourth Advent trip to Rwanda. At the conclusion of this trip, 27 Adventers will have visited our friends in the Shyira Diocese. On these trips we see the expanding work of the diocese – church dedications, the One Egg project and various preschool ministries, Mother's Union activities, sustainability projects like their polytechnic college and hotel, and Bible study groups. The health within the church of Rwanda serves as an encouragement to us as we see God on the move amongst our brothers and sisters in a place nearly 8,000 miles from our home.

The beauty of this partnership is a deeper glimpse into the character of the God of Scripture, who has a heart for all nations (Psalm 86:9) and who, through Christ, has brought us into relationship with one another (Colossians 1:20). Thanks be to God for the Shyira Diocese.

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Thomas A.S. Wilson: (Endowment Fund) by Hatton Smith; Reynolds Shook and Lee Shook; Birmingham OB/GYN Physicians; Mrs. Lewis D. Anderson, Jr., and Family; Dr. and Mrs. Roger Suttle; Margaret White Head; Thomas C. Leake; Mrs. John Forney • (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Billy Angell; the Balch Family; Mrs. Robert Stone Weatherly, Jr.; Laura and Richard Abernethy • (Garden Fund) by Zoe and Marcus Cassimus; St. Bridget's Guild; Nancy Poyner • (Outreach) by Carolyn and Frank Lankford; Shirley and George Elliott; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Menendez • (Pastoral Care) by Kate Kiefer

William Carl Ray, Jr.: (Pastoral Care) by Warren B. Cain

In Thanksgiving for Ella Montgomery: (Outreach) by KK and Jack

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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: Katherine Fairlie Badham, daughter of Walker and Tere, on June 12; John Wilder Curtis, son of Ellis and Catherine Anne, on June 12; Harrison Parker Centeno, son of Doug and Sarah, on June 13; Margaret Rose Morris, daughter of Claiborne and Courtney, on June 24

Baptisms: Hugh Browning Thornton, IV, Patton Davis Thornton, and John McGowin Thornton, sons of Browning and Hannah, all on June 16

Marriage: Sarah Laetitia Seibels and Joseph Christopher Harmon, on June 22

Death: Allyson Evans Roebuck, on June 14

memorials:

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Jim Houston Day, Sr.: (Endowment Fund) by Debra and Joel Goldstein • (Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Menendez

Gwendolyn S. Mitchell: (Outreach) by Elizabeth and Charles Scribner



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 7 Regular worship schedule	8	9 Jr. High Youth Tasty Tuesday - Cranmer House - 5:00 p.m.	10	11 Youth Six Flags Trip - Cranmer House - 7:30 a.m. Praise Service - Clingman Commons - 8:30 a.m.	12	13
July 14 Regular worship schedule	15	16 Jr. High Youth Tasty Tuesday - Cranmer House - 5:00 p.m.	17	18 Praise Service - Clingman Commons - 8:30 a.m.	19	20 Inquirers' Class - Living Room - 9:00 a.m.

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).