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News & Events

Advent to Host EFAC Conference in November

Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion will hold its 2019 EFAC-USA Annual Conference at the Advent, Tuesday-Friday, November 5-8. The conference theme is *The Word of God Does the Work of God*. The main speaker will be Vaughan Roberts, Rector of St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, and Director of The Proclamation Trust. Other speakers include the Advent's Andrew Pearson; John Yates, III, Rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Raleigh; and Gerald Bray, professor at Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham. Josh Head will lead worship. Register online at EFAC-USA.org.

Last Call for Contact Info. Updates

We're getting ready to publish the next edition of our Church Directory, and we'd love to keep you connected to our community – but time is running out to update your contact information! 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.



A Word from Michael Weeks

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, he repeats the quote "all things are lawful" in chapters 6 and 10. Arguably, this passage is a key that unlocks so much of what he is saying. The question is, does Paul agree with this statement? The answer is yes and no.

On the one hand, yes, all things are lawful for Christians. This is the freedom of the Christian life. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, and by the power of the Spirit we are set free from sin and the Law of Moses. We are no longer bound to the law and its requirements. Therefore, we have the freedom to eat pork and dress in clothes made from two different materials.

On the other hand, as Paul qualifies, not everything is helpful or beneficial. Just because we are free, does not mean that we should do all things. The purpose of our freedom is not to indulge our sinful desires, but to love God and others. One way we love is by sacrificing our rights and our

freedoms for the sake of others. We limit our freedom in the Christian life if it builds others up.

Paul applies this principle all throughout his letter, in regards to sex, relationships, eating food offered to idols, preaching and evangelism, the way we worship at church, and even our spiritual gifts. In all things, we should seek to love God and build others up in love, so that we might glorify God and witness to the gospel, not only with our lips but also in our lives.

How might you use your freedom in order to love God and others, and witness to the freedom you have in Christ Jesus? Who, though he was God, gave up his freedom, taking on the nature of a servant, and became obedient to death on the cross, so that we might be set free! How might your actions witness to this glorious truth, so that others might know and enjoy the freeing power of the gospel of Jesus Christ and disciples might be made?

- Mike

"All things are lawful," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up.
- 1 Corinthians 10:23

This Sunday: July 21, 2019

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Schneider

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Preacher: Canon Schneider

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Canon Schneider

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Refectory. Preacher: Michael Weeks

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Michael Weeks

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

• **July 21: The Dean's Class** (Nave) – *"Inwardly Digesting" Romans 8–11: The Mysterious Love of God* – Deborah Leighton

The Hymns of Isaac Watts: Opening the Doors of Hymnody (Assembly Hall) – Charles Kennedy

Prayers from the Belly of the Fish: Jonah 2 (A class for Youth and Adults) (Lower School Library) – Tucker Fleming

• **July 28: The Dean's Class** (Nave) – *"Inwardly Digesting" Romans 12–16: A Costly Love for Others* – Deborah Leighton

How Failure Transforms Us: Jonah 3 (A class for Youth and Adults) (Lower School Library) – Samantha Yates and Warren Fitzpatrick

Next Sunday: July 28, 2019

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Mark Gignilliat

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Mark Gignilliat

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Mark Gignilliat

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Cameron Cole

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Cameron Cole



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

Nave Lighting Work on Schedule

We're excited to share that the lighting and wiring work in the Nave continues on schedule and the project is on track to finish up before school resumes in August. The next phase of the project will begin soon, and we'll see scaffolding coming down so that each light fixture may be adjusted directionally and dimmed appropriately.

During this part of the project, the lights might seem overly bright or dim. This will be a temporary situation as our lighting technicians continue to fine-tune their work.

As a reminder, we will continue to be able to gather in the Nave for our Sunday services throughout the summer, though there will be no access during the week, allowing the work to be done safely and well.

To see a complete set of FAQs regarding the project, visit AdventBirmingham.org/Nave2019.



Tucker Fleming Accepts Call as Jr. High Youth Director, Succeeding Rachel Cain



Tucker Fleming (*left*) has accepted the role of Junior High Youth Director, a position well-stewarded by Rachel Cain (*right*) for the past two years. Tucker has worked with junior high boys at the Advent in a part-time capacity since 2017. He



lives in Trussville with his wife Kaleigh, and will graduate from Beeson Divinity School in December.

Tucker's first day in his new role will be August 15, which will be Rachel's last day as she prepares to begin her new job ministering to college students through Campus Outreach at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. We are grateful for the investment Rachel has made in the lives of our students, families, and church.

Cameron Cole, the Advent's Director of Children, Youth, and Family, will search for a woman to fill a part-time Junior High Associate role to work with girls in this age group.

Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting August 5

All parishioners are invited to a prayer gathering on Monday, August 5, 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.



education

The Forum

On July 21: 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).



spiritual growth & fellowship

Youth Ministry

Jr. High: July 23 and 30 Are Both Tasty Tuesdays

Don't be bored in Birmingham this summer! Junior high youth will gather for Tasty Tuesday on July 23 and 30. 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. We'll eat at Ashley Mac's (1831 28th Avenue South, 35209) on July 23, and on July 30 we'll head to Momma Goldberg's (2829 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.

Welcome-to-High-School Retreat August 2-3

All rising 9th graders are invited to join us for an overnight retreat at True Vine Foundation in Eutaw, Alabama, Friday-Saturday, August 2-3. This is a great opportunity to get to know Senior High "Family" Leaders as well as other rising 9th graders as you make the transition to Senior High Ministry. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth. Please contact Rebecca (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com) with any questions.

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



spiritual growth & fellowship

Small Groups



A Wonderful Way to Get the Holy Spirit's Refreshment

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ.

- Thomas Cranmer, BCP

Want to more fully experience Christianity? Small group Bible study might be a great way to do just that. Small groups have done so for me and many others at the Advent. It's a wonderful and encouraging way to experience the refreshment of the Holy Spirit mid-week.

Instituted by the Rev. Paul Zahl almost 20 years ago, the small group ministry has vastly increased my scriptural literacy and confidence in my faith. The group my wife Jane and I joined in 2002 still meets. We have witnessed the blessings in families and marriages first-hand. We are able to be unguarded, ask tough questions, and pray with and for each other, our families, and whatever keeps us up at night.

I look forward to our small group each week. It has been a blessing in times of plenty and times of challenge. If you are not in one already, consider taking the first step and join. I pray that you do!

- Charlie Sharp

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



education

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.

Young Adults' Ministry

Marriage Mini-Treat Set for August 16-17

Married couples in their 20s and 30s are warmly invited to the Advent's Young Adults Marriage Mini-retreat, August 16-17 at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Gil Kracke, Licensed Counselor and Director of Ministries and Programs at the Advent, will lead the Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions, discussing ways to grow in marriage. The cost of the weekend includes dinner on Friday evening and snacks on Saturday morning. Contact Mike Weeks (Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com) to RSVP or for answers to questions.

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, 226-3500).



worship

Lectionary

Sunday, July 21: Psalm 52 or Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 15:12-28
Amos 8:1-12
Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 28: Psalm 85 or Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:35-49
Hosea 1:2-10
Luke 11:1-13

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 Thanksgiving for Ken Traweek's 90th Birthday: (Endowment Fund) by Vicki Richbourg

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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: Truman Burns Parker, son of Burns and Emilie, on June 27

Baptism: Samuel James Mann, son of Taylor and Barrett, on June 30

Marriage: Jane Anne Martin and William Rae Crawford, Jr., on June 29

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 21 Regular worship schedule The Forum - Clingman Commons - 6:15 p.m.	22	23 Jr. High Youth Tasty Tuesday - Cranmer House - 5:00 p.m.	24	25 Praise Service - Clingman Commons - 8:30 a.m.	26	27
July 28 Regular worship schedule	29	30 Jr. High Youth Tasty Tuesday - Cranmer House - 5:00 p.m.	31	Aug 1 Praise Service - Clingman Commons - 8:30 a.m.	2 Welcome-to-High-School Retreat - True Vine Foundation - 4:45 p.m.	3

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).