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News & Events

Deborah Leighton to Conclude Advent Tenure with Preaching and Farewell Reception

Deborah Leighton, who is leaving after more than six years of faithful service on the Advent clergy staff, will preach at the morning Nave services on Sunday, August 4. On August 11, her last Sunday with us, we will hold a reception honoring her ministry immediately following the 11:00 a.m. services.

Since arriving here in 2012, Deborah has led the Women's Ministry and, during the first part of her tenure, directed Mission and Outreach. Deborah and her family are moving out of town, where her husband has secured a teaching position at a large research university. Please pray for Deborah and her family, giving thanks to God for their ministry at the Advent.

Come to Advent House for Prayer

Intercessory prayer is on-going at Advent House and is available for men, women, and couples. If you would like to come for prayer in this Christ-centered, biblically based prayer ministry, please contact Kathy Logue at 410-4622 to schedule an appointment. Advent House is located at 2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205.



A Word from Deborah Leighton

A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to spend time getting to know a new Adventer over lunch, as one does. We enjoyed good food. We shared from our hearts. We exulted in God's saving work in Jesus. And we prayed together for each other. As we parted ways, she said our time together had been a "little slice of heaven." I agreed.

She was not only kind and expressive, but her statement was also theologically true. Our horizontal joy in fellowship that day derived from our vertical joy in being recipients together of God's grace. This joy is so much more than what the world understands when it talks about "liking" one another, social connection, or friendship. This is not just about feeling good or connecting with a like-minded or compassionate person.

The New Testament word for fellowship (*koinonia*) describes the closeness between God the Father and God the Son, as well as the closeness between Jesus and his fol-

lowers. Christians enjoy a sweet closeness with one another because of our common connection to Christ by faith. When Christ returns and we are raised from the dead, we will enjoy this communion with God and with each other for all eternity. The heartfelt connection we experience now is merely a glimpse of what will come.

For nearly seven years, you ("y'all!") and I have worshipped together, studied God's word, shared in communion, proclaimed and heard the gospel, and reached out in love to each other and together to others beyond our walls. We are bound together as the Body of Christ, God's family.

Sadly, distance will interrupt our fellowship for a little while. But we know that we will enjoy each other's company for all eternity, even as we worship our Lord. What unparalleled joy!

Thank you for welcoming me into your midst and for loving me so well with the love of Christ. Thank you for giving me a little slice of heaven.

Much, much love in Christ,

Deborah

That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

- 1 John 1:3

This Sunday: August 4, 2019

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Deborah Leighton

9:00 a.m. Holy Baptism

Preacher: Deborah Leighton

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Deborah Leighton

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Refectory. Preacher: Canon Schneider

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Schneider

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

•*August 4: The Dean's Class* (Nave) – *An Interview with Brian Goessling of Restoration Academy* – Dean Pearson and Bethany Rushing
The Book of Kings in Summertime (Assembly Hall) – Mark Gignilliat

Revelation: A Prison Epistle Like No Other (Living Room) – Doug Webster

Salvation and the Unfair Grace of God: Jonah 4 (A class for Youth and Adults) (Lower School Library) – Rebecca Lankford

•*August 11: The Dean's Class* (Nave) – *An Interview with Deborah Leighton* – Dean Pearson
The Book of Kings in Summertime (Assembly Hall) – Mark Gignilliat

Revelation: The Jesus I Need to Know (Living Room) – Doug Webster

Next Sunday: August 11, 2019

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Hicks

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

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: Dean Pearson

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Preacher: Dean Pearson



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Women's Ministry

Deadline to Sign Up for Women's Retreat Is August 13

If you haven't already signed up for the Women's Retreat, now's the time! Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Retreat to sign up by Tuesday, August 13. All Advent women are invited to this time of rest and spiritual rejuvenation set for Friday-Sunday, August 23-25, at Children's Harbor on Lake Martin.

Our speaker will be Mary Willson (*right*), who will offer "Who Is a God Like You?" *Exulting with Micah in Our Matchless God.*

Mary 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.

Contact Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.



Young Adults' Ministry

Marriage Mini-Retreat 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. Please RSVP by August 1.

Youth Ministry

Summer Reading Challenge Wrap-Up August 6

All families who participated in our Summer Reading Challenge with *Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ* are invited to join us on Tuesday, August 6, 5:00-6:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) for a causal wrap-up discussion of the book. Even if you were not able to finish the whole book, we would love for you to come share any takeaways or applications you and your family experienced while reading. We hope to see you there!

Welcome-to-Jr.-High Lake Day August 11

All rising 7th Graders: join us for a day at the lake on Sunday, August 11, to kick off your first year in youth group! Bring cash for lunch (\$15), a bathing suit, sunscreen, towel, and a change of clothes to church and we'll leave directly after the 9:00 service. Meet us in Clingman Commons at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Pick-up will be at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth before all the spots are filled! Please contact Tucker Fleming (Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com) with any questions.

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.

Small Groups



Above: Warren and Laura Baker with children Tab (left) and Virginia

Grateful for the Experience

Our small group began at the home of Jane and Don Menendez. After almost two years of growth through their leadership and extensive Bible knowledge, our group broke off and continues to meet. During this time, we have developed strong friendships and deepened our own biblical understanding. Small group has helped us feel plugged into the church while also providing a more intimate space for fellowship and camaraderie with other young Christians in the throes of busy lives with kids. We support and pray for each other through births, illnesses and other milestones. We have been grateful for the experience.

- Laura and Warren Baker

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

Youth Ministry

Sr. High Sets Fall Retreat at Lake Winnataska

All 9th-12th graders are invited to our annual Senior High Fall Retreat at Camp Winnataska! We will leave Friday afternoon, September 6, and return Saturday afternoon, September 7. Register for the retreat at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth. Email Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@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

The Forum

What Is a Missionary?: Discussing Christian Mission

What is a missionary? Are they only people who do international evangelism work? What about the Great Commission in Matthew 28; does it apply to us? We will discuss this idea of Christian mission and some recent developments with representatives from Global Teams, one of our mission partners, at the next meeting of The Forum on Sunday, August 18, 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).

Perspectives Class and Small Group

Beeson Class Starts August 27

Join Bethany Rushing, Advent's Director of Missions, as she attends this fall semester class on Tuesdays, August 27-December 3, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Beeson Divinity School – and, along with other enrolled Adventers, enjoy small group discussion outside of class on a different day of the week (TBD). The Perspectives class will take you on a 15-week journey, looking in-depth at the biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic aspects of God's global plan to reconcile every nation, tribe, people, and tongue to himself.

The early-bird registration rate of \$260 ends on August 12 (\$285 thereafter). Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Perspectives for more information, or contact Fontaine Pope (443-8562, Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com).

EFAC-USA Conference

Advent to Host Annual 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.

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.



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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).



worship

Lectionary

Sunday, August 4: Psalm 107:1-9, 43 or
Psalm 49:1-11
1 Corinthians 15:50-58
Luke 12:13-21

Sunday, August 11: Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 or
Psalm 33:12-22
1 Corinthians 16:1-11
Luke 12:32-40

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 Our Finklea and Knight Family: (Endowment Fund and Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Roy F. Knight

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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: Atticus James Tucker, son of David and Robyn, on July 10

Baptism: Eleanor Nell Fuerniss, daughter of Jim and Caroline, on July 21

Marriages: Elizabeth Parker Wade and William Andrew McNulty, on July 13; Marguerite Williams Hopkins and Michael John McCabe, on July 20; Katherine Fords Reeves and Frederick Wilkinson Bromberg, Jr., on July 20

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 4 Regular worship schedule	5 Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting - Cranmer House - 7:15 p.m.	6 Summer Reading Challenge Wrap-Up - Cranmer House - 5:00 p.m.	7 Young Adults' Community Meal - Cranmer House - 6:30 p.m.	8 Praise Service - Clingman Commons - 8:30 a.m.	9	10
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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).