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News & Events

Bookstore Reopens this Sunday

After being closed during the summer for vacation and inventory, the Advent Bookstore will reopen this Sunday, August 18. Store hours will be Sundays, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., and Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Our new manager, Ann Campbell, and her team of volunteers have been working this summer to refresh the store for this Sunday's opening. Please stop by to check out our selection of gospel-centered books and gifts.

The Dean on Our Women's Ministry

See page 2 for a note from Dean Pearson about the process for replacing Deborah Leighton as Director of Women's Ministries and plans for the ministry in the interim.

The Forum this Sunday: What Is a Missionary?

We will discuss Christian mission and some recent developments involving Global Teams, one of our mission partners, at the next meeting of The Forum this Sunday, August 18, 6:15 p.m. in Clingman Commons. Supper is provided, and families with children are welcome. See page 2 for details.



A Word from Canon Smalley

Vacation time for the Smalleys inevitably brings about calamity and fiascoes, and this year was no exception. In previous times Paula has asked if I believe God is trying to tell us something. Maybe, but my response has been, no, I think we just ask for it.

On day one of our trip to Canada, the older of our dogs, Beau, sought to make the most of the wilderness experience by tangling with a porcupine. He and Maple ran off into the woods, and when called only Maple returned, which was the first bad sign. I ran into the woods after Beau, found him, and then proceeded to chase him through the woods and onto the dirt road while he shook the porcupine in his mouth. Apparently at some point it became personal and Beau ended up winning and losing. The porcupine was "vanquished," but Beau's mouth, face, ears, chest, legs, etc. were filled with quills.

While I was able to remove most of the quills by hand, I had to carry Beau the mile back to the cottage while Maple, the puppy, danced around us ready for more. This was followed by multiple trips to the vet in town, 45 minutes away.

In speaking with the vet and other locals with similar experience in this matter, I learned what I already knew – Beau would not learn from this experience. Given the opportunity to do it again he certainly would, and he confirmed to me the same.

I contend this bears a striking resemblance to you and me, and I do not find it disheartening in light of what God demonstrates to us in Jesus. What wins and saves us is the loving, gracious, sacrificial intervention of God, not our learning curve. Jesus is willing to lose (the cross) that we might win (reconciliation and salvation). In the resurrection we see that God does not forgive only when we learn from our mistakes; and when we've done it again to ourselves, he picks us up and carries us home. Thankfully Jesus is more than a guide; he is the savior. - Craig

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

- Romans 5:10

This Sunday: August 18, 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: Mark Gignilliat

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Schneider

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

The Dean's Class (Nave) – *Our Greatest Fear(s)*
– Dean Pearson

The Book of Kings in Summertime (Assembly Hall) – Mark Gignilliat

The Book of Revelation: Christ and the Church (Living Room) – Doug Webster

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, child-care is available for 4K and younger.

Lectionary:

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18 or Psalm 82

1 Corinthians 16:12-22

Isaiah 5:1-7

Luke 12:49-56

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.



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

A Note from the Dean on Women's Ministry

Dear Church Family,

With Deborah Leighton's departure, I wanted to write and update you on the process for identifying her replacement and plans for the time in the interim.

From the outset, I want our parish family to know of our commitment to women's ministry. Having met with the leadership of the women's ministry, we have together outlined a way forward to find a faithful woman to come and pastor the women of the Advent as the full-time Director. We are looking for a woman of conviction, character, and competency, and the best candidate may or may not be ordained. I hope you will agree with me and with the women's ministry leadership that we want the best woman, not simply the best ordained woman. Our hope is that we will have a number of lay and ordained candidates to consider for the position.

How can you help? Foremost, pray. Pray for the process and pray for the woman whom God will call to serve at the Advent. We are collecting names and engaging possible candidates, as well as others who may know possibilities. If you are aware of a strong candidate, please pass along her name to me or one of the clergy.

What will happen until a new Director of Women's Ministries is called?

- Deborah's departure does leave a pastoral hole, but I would commend to you Stella Schreiber, a licensed counselor who serves on our staff. Stella is faithful and capable – full of wisdom – and stands ready to help any and all, but especially our sisters in Christ.
- When it comes to the Bible studies and discipleship ministries of the Advent, these will continue under the lay leadership of the Women of the Advent. Thanks to the faithful ministry of previous directors and the women of our congregation, we are well-situated to carry on until a new Director is identified and called.

My hope and prayer is that we will have a new Director of Women's Ministries in place by January of 2020. Until then, please be in prayer for our search, the women's ministry, and our whole church family.

In Christ,

Andrew



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The Forum

This Sunday: Discussing Christian Mission

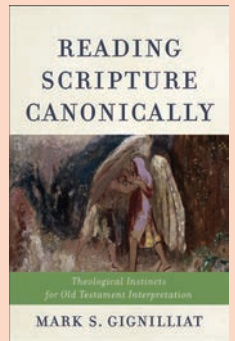
What is a missionary? Are they only people who do international evangelism work? What about the Great Commission in Matthew 28; does it apply to us? We will discuss this idea of Christian mission and some recent developments involving Global Teams, one of our mission partners, at the next meeting of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

Advent Book Event

Mark Gignilliat to Discuss His New Book September 19

Join us for a discussion with Mark Gignilliat about his new book, *Reading Scripture Canonically: Theological Instincts for Old Testament Interpretation*, on Thursday, September 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). The evening will include a brief description of the book's chief concerns, with the bulk of the time given to interaction with those in attendance. Mark serves as the Advent's Lay Canon Theologian as well as Professor of Divinity at Beeson Divinity School.



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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.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 | 5:00-7:00 P.M. | BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S ZOO

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Small Groups



Above: Suzanne and Craig Vinson (rear) with children (l-r) Adele, Anna, and Trey

Enriching Our Lives in So Many Ways

Being a part of a small group at the Advent has been so meaningful to us. Our time spent studying Scripture, spending time in prayer, and enjoying fellowship with our group has allowed us to grow in our faith and has increased our understanding of God's word and its application in our lives. Our small group also gives us the opportunity to love and encourage each other as we share our joys and struggles. This connection has allowed us to grow close to the members of our church as we share life together. Our group has enjoyed serving together in church ministries as well as spending time in fellowship together and with our children. Being a part of a small group has definitely enriched our lives in so many ways, and we highly encourage others to consider becoming a part of a group this fall.

- Suzanne and Craig Vinson

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).

Lucy Kate Green Accepts Call as Jr. High Youth Ministry Associate

Lucy Kate Green (*right*) has begun work as our new Junior High Youth Ministry Associate, leading our junior high girls. A native of Gainesville, Georgia, Lucy Kate attended Samford University, where she served as Junior Class President and Chaplain of the SGA Executive Committee. She worked as a camp counselor one summer, primarily for middle school-aged children, and also served as a prison chaplain for a summer in Maine. Please join us in thanking God for bringing us Lucy Kate and in welcoming her to the Advent.



memorials:

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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. Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon

The Rev. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

transitions:

Baptisms: Charlotte Elizabeth Drew, daughter of Jennifer; Robert Bennett Johnson, son of Russell Johnson and Sarah Fiveash; Evelyn Audrey Murvin, daughter of David and Beth; Steven Scott Nesbitt, III, son of Scott and Sarah; Carolyn Grace Varner, daughter of Robert and Colleen; Dylan Edward Goldberg, son of Justin and Stuart Ann; all on August 4

Marriages: Mallie Ireland and Stewart Dansby, on July 20; Lauren Noel Williams and Henry Craft O'Neal, on July 27

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Thomas A.S. Wilson: (Endowment Fund) by Sandra Davis • (Altar Guild) by Amy Neal Ager

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 18 Regular worship schedule Advent Bookstore reopens - 8:15 a.m. The Forum - Clingman Commons - 6:15 p.m.	19	20	21	22 Praise Service - Clingman Commons - 8:30 a.m.	23 Women's Retreat - Children's Harbor	24 Women's Retreat - Children's Harbor
Aug 25 Regular worship schedule Women's Retreat - Children's Harbor	26	27	28	29 Praise Service - Clingman Commons - 8:30 a.m.	30	31

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).