News & Events

Prayer on Labor Day: Parish-Wide Meeting September 2

All parishioners are invited to a prayer gathering on Monday, September 2, 7:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Yes, we are praying on Labor Day! 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.

Rally Day Is September 8

Rally Day marks the start of our 2019-2020 ministry programming year. Special activities on that Sunday include the always-funny and gospel-based sermon drama during the 9:00 a.m. service and grade-level promotions for children and youth in our Sunday School programs. Later in the day, promotions for children and youth in our 9:00 a.m. service and grade-level promotions for children and youth in our 11:00 a.m. service. In the Refectory, Preacher: Dean Pearson
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
In the Nave. Preacher: Canon Schneider
5:00 p.m. Holy Communion
Preacher: Tucker Fleming

A Word from Canon Schneider

I’m sure most of you are familiar with the sign on I-65 north of Montgomery that reads, “GO TO CHURCH Or the Devil Will Get You!” The sign is funny to be sure, but the person who put it up is serious about its content. Yet the sign totally misses the point. As one of my daughters said, “That’s mean.”

She’s right – actually the sign is cruel, and probably not for the reasons you’re thinking. It’s cruel because simply going to church is not our source of salvation, nor a means of assurance. I’m afraid the type of thinking that says we’re just fine if we go to church may lead to false assurance. Yet this mentality is seen across the churchgoing spectrum, from the fire-and-brimstone types akin to the I-65 sign to mainline Protestants on the other extreme.

In Luke 13 Jesus likens the entrance to salvation to a “narrow door,” by which he means faith in him and repentance of sins. He goes on to explain: “For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’” Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from.’”

This is certainly a tough teaching to swallow. Jesus is basically saying, just because we sit in church (eating and drinking communion and hearing sermons) doesn’t necessarily mean we’re saved. But I have met many people who operate this way. It’s troubling, and it’s tough to break through to such folks because they think they’re fine.

Could you be such a person? Could someone you love be such a person? False-ly assured by simply going through the motions? It’s not too late to get off the broad path to destruction and onto the narrow path to salvation. GO TO JESUS Or …

- Matt

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

- Romans 10:9

This Sunday:
August 25, 2019

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
Preacher: Canon Schneider
9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Preacher: Canon Schneider
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
In the Nave. Preacher: Canon Schneider
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Adult Education: 10:10 - 10:50 a.m.
The Dean's Class (Nave) – An Interview with Jwan Zhumbes, Anglican Bishop of Bukuru, Nigeria – Dean Pearson
The Book of Kings in Summertime (Assembly Hall) – Mark Gignilliat
The Book of Revelation: Christ the Center (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, childcare is available for 4K and younger.

Lectionary:
Psalm 71:1-6 or Psalm 103:1-8
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Isaiah 58:9b-14
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

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.

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**Small Groups**

We Are Immensely Grateful

Two years ago, we decided to join a small group with other young, married couples. While we were reluctant to commit to a weekly obligation, we are immensely grateful for our time with our group. Since our small group started, it has enhanced our biblical knowledge and helped us feel more engaged in the church community, and we’ve gained new friendships. Most importantly, our small group has allowed both of us to form a deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ, which in turn has strengthened our marriage. We look forward to resuming our small group this fall and setting aside time each week to share God’s word. We encourage anyone looking for a way to feel more connected with the church, or wanting spiritual and social support for all the highs and lows of life, to consider joining a small group. You will not regret it!

- Lee Ashford and Brandon Clapp

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

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**Newcomers’ Tour**

“I’m New Here: Where Is Everything?”

Join us for a tour of the Advent on Rally Day, Sunday, September 8. We will meet at 10:10 a.m. in the garden area near the entrance to the Diocesan Conference Room. Contact Fontaine Pope for more information (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8562).

**Inquirers’ Class**

**Fall Session to Begin September 15**

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 an eight-week series on Sundays beginning September 15, 10:10-10:50 a.m. It will meet in the Diocesan Conference Room (entrance in the garden area). Contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8562) with questions.

**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, Ill, 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.

**Book Group**

**Next Meeting Is September 11**

The Advent Book Group will meet to discuss *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren on Wednesday, September 11, 7:00 p.m. at the home of James and Lyn Bradford (2500 Aberdeen Road, 35223). Warren’s book was named the 2018 Book of the Year by Christianity Today. New members are always welcome. Contact James Bradford (JBradford@Balch.com, 873-5833) if you plan to attend or for more information.

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.

August 25, 2019
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

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**Youth Ministry**

**Sr. High Fall Retreat at Lake Winnataska September 6-7**

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.

**Jr. High Fall Retreat at the Church September 14-15**

Join us at the Advent for our Junior High Fall Retreat, Saturday-Sunday, September 14-15. We’ll have some fun around Birmingham, spend the night inside the church, and end after church on Sunday morning. Find out more by contacting Tucker Fleming (Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com).

**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 (Robin@CathedralAdvent.com).
memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Maureen McDowell: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Stephen G. Schaeffer; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Carroll; St. Bridget’s Guild
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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).