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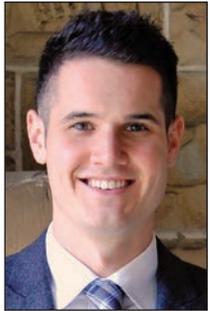
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Week of August 26, 2018



News & Events

Reception for the Departing Brandon Bennett this Sunday



Please join us at a reception after the Five O'Clock service (approximately 6:00 p.m.) this Sunday, August 26, in Clingman Commons as we give thanks for the ministry of Brandon Bennett (*left*). Brandon has been an integral part of that service, providing pastoral leadership and direction for the past three years, while also serving as our Young Adult and College Minister. Lord willing, he will join the staff of Resurrection Brooklyn (a church in New York City) sometime next year, partnering with the Coalition for Christian Outreach as the campus minister for the Pratt Institute and Cornell (NYC). August 26 is his last Sunday with us.

Brandon is a gifted man and minister of the gospel; please join us as we bid him adieu.

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A Word from Canon Schneider

As we enter the fall, I'm not as worried about this year's stewardship season as I am about the stewardship of 2038. This is around when my children will be young adults. Recent trends demonstrate that younger generations generally aren't as generous with their church giving as older generations. Young adults typically give in an itemized fashion to the several organizations they like, and their giving to churches is moving in this direction – the concept of tithing is disappearing.

Each year our Vestry notices that there is a large disparity between the giving of young adults and older generations. Some of this is related to income to be sure, but in terms of perceived income ratios, the average pledge among younger generations is very low. My goal here isn't to pick on young adults but to aim the concern back at us. The Church (in general, not just the Advent) and parents (me included) often do a poor job of talking to children about money, so the first time someone might ever speak with them about pledging is when

they're out of college and finally making decent money of their own. No wonder their giving is low – it's a brand new topic!

How then could we anticipate the stewardship season of 2038 right now? We should talk to our kids about money. Not because we're greedy, but because we're stewards of what ultimately belongs to God. In fact, generosity might be a powerful way to combat the greed of our increasingly materialistic society. But we shouldn't just talk about money with children; we must also demonstrate our priorities. I'm afraid more is typically caught than taught when it comes to finances.

So here's my challenge to us: Let's speak regularly with our kids about money. And let's talk to them honestly about our own giving. If the children in your life aren't giving, get them started on tithing now so it's second nature when they're adults. And don't give them money from your wallet to put in the offering plate like it's a wishing well. Have them give from their own money that they either earn from chores and work or receive from allowances and elsewhere. This is how we might begin to secure the Church's stewardship for 2038. - Matt

Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7

This Sunday: August 26, 2018

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Pearson

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Pearson

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Dean Pearson

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

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) – *Jesus Is Not an Angel* (Hebrews 1:5-13) – Dean Pearson

Apologetics as Evangelism (Chapter Room) – *Historical Evidence of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ* – Canon Schneider

What Is Enough? (2 Corinthians 12:1-10) (Assembly Hall) – Gil Kracke

Children's & Youth Education:

Classes are offered for 3-years and older. See Sunday's service leaflet for details. Nurseries are open 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. At the 5:00 service, childcare is available for 5-years and younger.

Lectionary:

Psalms 84 or Psalm 34:15-22
1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43 or
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Ephesians 6:10-20
St. John 6:56-69

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!

Rebecca Lankford Is New Sr. High Youth Director

The Advent is grateful to call Rebecca Lankford (*right*) to serve as our new Sr. High Youth Director, succeeding Mary Beth Johnston, who is moving to Chattanooga. Baptized and confirmed at the Advent, Rebecca served here as a college intern in the summer of 2015. She attended Furman University, where she majored in Spanish and Religion. She most recently served as Youth Director at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlottesville, Virginia. Please join us in welcoming Rebecca!



Annie Lee Joins Staff to Assist in Liturgy and Worship

We welcome Annie Lee (*right*), who has begun work as Assistant in Liturgy and Worship. She will assist Canon Hicks in the planning and leadership of the 11:00 Refectory and Five O'Clock services, and also assist in worship leadership for the Youth Ministry. Originally from Atlanta, she graduated last May from Samford University with a degree in Music and Worship.



Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

- Ephesians 6:10-12

Youth Ministry

Small Groups Return September 6

We believe a small group is the most important thing your child can be a part of. The start of the new school year is the perfect time for students to join. The Jr. High will study the book of Genesis, and the Sr. High will study the book of John this year. To find out what day and time your small group meets, please visit AdventBirmingham.org/Youth.

Jr. High Fall Retreat September 15-16

All 7th and 8th graders, it's that time of year again! Come join us for a one-night retreat to kick off your year in Jr. High Youth group! The retreat will be held at church starting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 15, and continuing until Sunday, September 16, at 11:00 a.m. (after Sunday school). Cost of the retreat is \$60. Come and bring a friend or two! Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth.

Sr. High Family Dinner: Talladega!

Go fast, turn left! Dress like you're headed to the race and join us for the first family dinner of the new school year on Sunday, September 16, 6:57-8:15 p.m. at Cranmer House.

Sr. High Fall Retreat September 28-29

Join us as we head to Lake Wehapa on Friday, September 28, at 4:30 p.m. for our annual Sr. High Fall Retreat! We'll return on Saturday, September 29, at 2:00 p.m. Our guest preacher will be Brett Wynne, the young adult pastor at Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis. The cost of the trip is \$50. You can sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth.

Rally Day Parish-Wide Picnic

Sunday, September 9 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Birmingham Children's Zoo

2630 Cahaba Road, 35223

Full Moon Bar-B-Que

Fun for the whole family!

Adults \$8 • Children free

No reservations necessary – Just come!



spiritual growth & fellowship

Small Groups

Fulfilling and Replenishing Our Lives, Marriage, and Souls

Confession: When my husband Steven and I were newly engaged, we stopped attending the church Steven had just joined because we felt overwhelmed by the small group commitment. By God's grace and mercy, we wound up at the Advent, and shortly thereafter proceeded to join a small group with eight complete strangers.

Seven years later so much has changed in our lives, but one thing has not: we still meet with our small group every week to read the Bible and pray together. For Steven and me personally, the changes in our own lives at times have felt too much a burden to bear. In *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer says that, "The Christ in his own heart is weaker than the Christ in the word of his brother; his own heart is uncertain, his brother's is sure." Our experience in small group has proved this wisdom. We have been loved and encouraged in our weakest moments, and have had the blessing of being able to love and encourage our brothers and sisters during their struggles. Small group has fulfilled and replenished our lives, marriage, and weary souls more than we ever knew we needed.

Oh, and we have a lot of fun too! Thanks be to God!

- Frances and Steven Nichols

New small groups are forming for the fall. Please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8562) if you are interested in joining one.



Above: Steven and Frances Nichols with children Drennen (left) and Emma

For by grace you have been saved through 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



making music

Choral Evensong

Save the Date: Service Moving to Thursdays

Choral Evensong is moving from Sundays to Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. The first Evensong this program year will be Thursday, September 20. This service of the word, led and preached by our clergy and Cathedral Choir, is a wonderful opportunity to refresh the soul after a weary workday. Come straight after work, or from wherever you are, and be ministered to by the Good News in word and song.

Music Ministry

Director of Music Appointed to Samford Faculty

We're excited to announce that Director of Music Fred Teardo (*right*) recently joined Samford University as Instructor of Organ and University Organist. Fred will teach undergraduate organ students in private lessons, instruct courses on sacred music and service playing, and serve as principal organist.

Fred will continue his ministry work at the Advent. His unique dual leadership role will influence the next generation of music ministers as he passes down the wonderful and rich choral and organ heritage we experience at the Advent every Sunday. As many schools continue to scale back their music programs, this staff appointment offers a chance for the Advent to play a role in ensuring the continuation of gospel-centered sacred music ministry.

Please join us in praising God for this blessing.



Advent Choirs

Choirs Offer Opportunities for Ministry Through Music

The **Cathedral Choir** is committed to proclaiming the gospel through music, and offers parishioners an opportunity to enjoy music-making and regular weekly fellowship as part of a ministry vital to worship at the Advent.

The choir is an auditioned ensemble consisting of both professional and volunteer members. It rehearses regularly on Wednesday evenings in the Choir Room, 5:45-7:45 p.m. Rehearsals are in full swing and run through the end of May. The choir particularly needs sopranos and tenors. Prior singing experience is preferred, but a basic ability to read music qualifies you for an audition. All inquiries are welcome! Please contact our Director of Music, Fred Teardo (Teardo@CathedralAdvent.com, 226-3506).

If you are musically inclined but would rather not sing, please consider joining the **Cathedral Ringers Handbell Choir**. The handbell choir meets for rehearsals September through May on Thursdays, 5:45-7:00 p.m. Experience is welcome but not necessary; the only requirement is basic music-reading ability. We will train you to ring, and you will not only benefit from the joy of making music with others but also experience the fun and fellowship of this wonderful group. Interested? Contact Fred Teardo (Teardo@CathedralAdvent.com, 226-3506).

Women's Bible Studies

Encounter the Real Jesus this Fall

Deborah Leighton will offer a 10-week Bible study titled "*Who do you say that I am?*" – *Encountering the Real Jesus* during lunch on Mondays (11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.), September 10 - November 12 in Clingman Commons. To reserve a spot, order an optional lunch, and sign up for the nursery, contact Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8550) before September 6.



education

Newcomers' Tour

I'm New Here: What's Going On? Where Is Everything?

Join us for a tour of the church on Rally Day, Sunday, September 9. 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 Series to Begin September 16

The Inquirers' Class will begin its eight-week spring series during Sunday School (10:10-10:50 a.m.) on September 16. It will meet in the Diocesan Conference Room (entrance in the church garden area). This course will give you an idea of what the Advent believes and why we believe it. It is open to anyone, but is particularly designed for newcomers, as well as adults considering confirmation.

For more information, please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8562).



bookstore

Just What You've Been Asking for – More Eggs!

Once again, Bethany Rushing and a crew traveled to Rwanda, and they have brought back more eggs, baskets and ornaments. Come see them all. As before, the proceeds will all go to the One Egg Project

Join the crew! We need two more volunteers (six for Christmas time), usually once a month on Sundays. Stop by on Sunday if you have questions, or call Cindy Funderburk at 323-2959.

Regular store hours are Sunday, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., and Monday-Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Contact us: 323-2959, Bookstore@CathedralAdvent.com. Visit us any time: (AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore).



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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:

Baptisms: Soren Lilius Sandlin, daughter of Hunter and Morgan, on August 12; Margaret James Michael, daughter of Kent and Carmen, and Walter Finnegan Michael, son of Kent and Carmen, both on August 12

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Tom Robinson: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vinson; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce A. Rawls

Charles Pritchett Rogers: (Endowment Fund) by Fred E. Rogers, Jr.; Carla and Bob Reich; Catherine J. Randall; Carol and Rex Alexander

Carl Chambers, Jr.: (Pastoral Care) by Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Schoenherr

In Honor of Idabell Gay: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Firmon Hardenbergh

In Honor of the Birth of Calvin Hughes Goodman: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Richard and Ginny Anthony

In Thanksgiving for Pastoral Care Ministries: (Pastoral Care) by Kelley Watts



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 26 Regular worship schedule Brandon Bennett Reception - Clingman - 6 p.m.	27	28	29	30 Women's Bible Study - Cranmer House - 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Conference Room - noon	31	Sept 1
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Every Sunday: Breakfast – Refectory, 8:00 a.m.

Every Thursday: Praise Service – Clingman Commons, 8:30 a.m.

Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

coming up:

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