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News & Events

September 8 Is Rally Day

Rally Day marks the start of our 2019-2020 ministry programming year, when we gather as a family of faith to celebrate the blessings of our many ministries, learn more about how we can engage with one another, and enjoy fellowship.

Special activities on Rally Day 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 we have the family-friendly Rally Day Picnic at the Birmingham Children's Zoo at 5:00 p.m., as well as a fellowship meal following the Five O'Clock service at the church.

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. We hope you can join us.



A Word from Canon Hicks

I used to think that "hungering and thirsting for righteousness" (Matthew 5:6) was something that victorious, strong, and successful Christians did. The longer I have lived, the more this interpretation made me feel uneasy, mostly because I observed how little I hungered for righteousness, and how often I found myself going back to the "meat pots" of Egypt.

However, my theological mentor over the last several years, Thomas Cranmer, has given me an insight which has turned Jesus' phrase in Matthew right-side up for me and my faith. Cranmer brought to bear the teaching of Jesus in other places where our Lord proclaims himself as the very food and drink of our souls (John 4:14; 6:35). The archbishop's punch line was that hungering for righteousness is something only unrighteous people feel, precisely because they don't have it.

In earlier years, I thought that righteous people hungering for righteousness looked like a passionate and singular desire to do the right thing, behave the right way, or

choose the things of God. But people "full" on righteousness would have no hunger for what already crowds their bellies. It is only the empty – the *unrighteous* – that truly hunger, indeed *starve*, for righteousness. In the end, to be a righteous person passionate for doing righteous things is all very Christless. No real hunger. No real thirst. No real need. Contrary to this, Jesus taught us from the above passages that to hunger and thirst for righteousness is in fact to hunger and thirst for *him*, which Paul would later put as "not having a righteousness of my own...but that which comes through faith" (Philippians 3:9). In other words, "hunger" is just a different word for "faith." Faith is a statement about where the food is: not in me, but in Christ (Galatians 2:20). Righteous hunger then is not a picture of good people desiring goodness, but bad people desiring Jesus.

What does this look like on the ground? Jesus once illustrated this by pointing to a difference in how one prays. He chastised the prayer of the (self-)righteous Pharisee, and praised the prayer of the Publican who cried simply, yes *hungrily*, "Lord, have mercy" (Luke 18:13). *Kyrie eleison* – now *there's* a prayer I can pray! - Zac

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- Matthew 5:6

This Sunday: September 1, 2019

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Michael Weeks

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Preacher: Michael Weeks

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Michael Weeks

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.

The Dean's Class (Nave) – *An Interview with Bishop Sam Mugisha: Dancing Before the Lord* – Dean Pearson

The Work and Hymns of Charles Wesley (Assembly Hall) – Charles Kennedy

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 81:1, 10-16 or Psalm 112

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Proverbs 25:6-7

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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!



Sunday, September 8 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Birmingham Children's Zoo

Animal Demonstrations, Carousel Rides, Cake Walk,
Face Painting, and more!

Suggested Donation \$10 • Children Free
No Need to RSVP – Just Come!
AdventBirmingham.org/Rally



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Young Adults' Ministry

Next Community Meal Is September 4

If you are in your 20s or 30s, please join the Advent Young Adult Community on Wednesday, September 4, 6:30 p.m. at Bethany Rushing's house for food, fellowship, and a short talk on the gospel and work. For more information and directions, contact Michael Weeks (Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com).

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 conclude after church on Sunday morning. Find out more by contacting Tucker Fleming (Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com).

Ageless Adventers

Third Wednesday Series Resumes September 18

Ageless Adventers, our fellowship group for seniors, will meet for the first Third Wednesday program of the season on September 18, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Everyone is welcome as we kick off the fall with a word from Dean Pearson and a delicious lunch prepared by Barbara Partridge. To RSVP or find out more, contact Stella Schreiber (Stella@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8558).



education

Newcomers' Tour

Tour Offered on Rally Day, September 8

I'm new here – What's going on? 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 (443-8562, Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com).

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.

The Forum

This Fall: Gospel Conversations

This fall at The Forum, we will discuss evangelism, or how to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with other people. How do you present the gospel? What do you do with the various ways people respond? And what if someone actually says, "Yes"?

Join us as we start the discussion on Sunday, September 15, 6:15 p.m. in Clingan Commons. While each of the sessions over the next several months will build on each other, they also will stand well alone, so don't worry if you need to miss one in the series.

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 up our community. Supper is provided, and families with children are welcome. For more information, contact Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com).

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.

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

Welcome!

Please welcome those who have joined the Advent during the last two months. We are grateful to have them as a part of our parish family: Warren Baker; Brandon Bennett; Kevin and Nancy Canada; Jennifer and Reggie Harris; Hayes and Carrie Brown; Nancy Hopper; Margaret Kimbrell; Willard McCall, III; Emily and Willard McCall; David and Ruth Ann Moss.

If you are interested in joining the Advent or finding out more, please contact Fontaine Pope (443-8562, Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com).

Holiday Closings

The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, September 3.

The Advent Bookstore will be closed Sunday and Monday, September 1 and 2. The store will reopen for its regular hours Wednesday, September 4 (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

spiritual growth & fellowship

Advent House Prayer Ministry You Are Welcome at this House of Prayer

The Advent House Prayer Ministry welcomes you to come for prayer whatever your need may be – whether you are seeking God’s healing where there is brokenness in your life, seeking God’s guidance when looking for direction, or seeking God’s comfort amid hardships.

The intercessors, who will be praying on your behalf, are grounded in the Holy Scriptures, dependent upon the redemptive, healing, and life-giving work of our Savior Jesus Christ, and guided by the Holy Spirit.

Men, women, couples, Adventers, and non-Adventers may schedule prayer appointments and inquire further about this prayer ministry by contacting Kathy Logue (410-4622). Advent House is located at 2317 Arlington Avenue, 35205.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 4:4-7



Small Groups

Upper Room, Den Optional, Life Saved

Our small group reflects the “upper room” in Acts 1:12-14 to which the disciples repaired after the ascension of Jesus. There, “all these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.” Like the disciples, we set ourselves apart in an “upper room” – a den, actually – for prayer, for reading and meditation on God’s word, and for fellowship in the Holy Spirit. Corporate worship in church is necessary, and individual prayer or reflection is by grace available at any moment, but in the gospel vibrancy of our small group we see and experience the work of the Holy Spirit, every Wednesday, year after year. Praise be to God.



- Elizabeth and Jack Sharman

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

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sept 1 Regular worship schedule Bookstore closed	2 Labor Day Church Office and Bookstore closed Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting - Cranmer House - 7:15 p.m.	3	4 Young Adults' Community Meal - 6:30 p.m.	5 Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m.	6 Sr. High Fall Retreat at Lake Winnataska	7 Sr. High Fall Retreat at Lake Winnataska
Sept 8 Rally Day Regular worship schedule Sermon Drama at 9:00 a.m. Parish Picnic - Children's Zoo - 5:00 p.m.	9	10	11	12 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m.	13	14 Jr. High Fall Retreat at the Advent

Every Sunday: Breakfast – Refectory, 8:00 a.m.

Monday-Friday (No meeting September 2): 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).