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Week of September 2, 2018



News & Events

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!
Carousel Rides • Cake Walk
Animal Demonstrations
Water Fun • Face Painting
Adults \$8 • Children free
No reservations necessary – Just come!

I'm New Here: Where Is Everything?

Church Tour to Be Offered on Rally Day

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).

Labor Day Closings

The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day. The Bookstore will be closed Sunday and Monday, September 2-3. Both will reopen Tuesday, September 4.



A Word from Canon Hicks

I'm writing this early on Sunday morning in my office, hearing the bells ring in the streets of Birmingham before our 7:30 a.m. service, summoning the city to worship the Lord. It's the morning where we will launch a new service at 11:00 a.m., alongside all our other wonderful services. It's a chance for us to expand our reach as we continue to take seriously our call to proclaim the gospel and make disciples wherever God has placed us.

I'm praying through Psalm 62, remembering that the efforts and strivings of individuals – and *churches* – are really quite useless apart from the Lord. For *God alone* we wait, and from *God alone* comes our salvation (Psalm 62:1). The launch of the Refectory service not only comes with new opportunities, but new dangers. Behind Psalm 62 lurks an enemy who would seek to “steal, kill, and destroy” (John 10:10), who revels in thwarting the mission of God by dividing the flock of God (1 Corinthians 1:11). Seasons in the life of the church such

as this one will stir things up in our flock, and we all need to prayerfully guard our hearts and put on the armor of God – the righteousness, faith, truth, and peace of Christ himself – if we are to weather the squalls before us (Ephesians 6:10-20).

We'll be tempted to think like consumers about worship services – that gathered worship exists to give *me* what *I* want and like. We'll be tempted to think and talk negatively about what we don't like or don't resonate with. Against these temptations, the gospel of Jesus Christ compels us to bear witness to the unity we have in Christ amidst the diversity of who we are. Nothing is more compelling to a divided world than a united church whose people, at first blush, don't seem like they could get along. But we know, as the Bible and our Prayer Book teach, that such uncommon, self-sacrificial love for one another is “the fruit of good living,” the way we “show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by *giving up* ourselves to thy service.” Let us pray, strain, and seek to trust that this will be so, only through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- Zac

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

- Psalm 62:1

This Sunday: September 2, 2018

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Schneider

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Preacher: Canon Schneider

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Canon Schneider

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Refectory. Preacher: Dean Pearson

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Pearson

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

The Dean's Class (Nave) – *What Are Angels?*
(Hebrews 1:14) – Dean Pearson



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:

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10 or Psalm 15
Song of Solomon 2:8-13 or
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
St. Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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!

No Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting September 3

Our monthly prayer gathering will not meet on Labor Day, Monday, September 3 (noted incorrectly in last week's *Adventurer*). We will resume our meetings on Monday, October 1, 7:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Typically held the first Monday of every month, the hour-long meeting is set aside to pray for the Advent.

Welcome!

Please welcome those who have joined the Advent over the last two months. We are grateful to have them as a part of our parish family: Kevin Bokus, Jenifer Hadraba, Caroline Hutchinson, Rebecca Morris, D.J. Outlaw, David and Cindy Pugh, and Madeline Salathe.

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



spiritual growth & fellowship

Ageless Adventers

Fellowship in the Pines September 10

All Adventers are invited to join our friends at St. Martin's for lunch and a word from Canon Smalley on Monday, September 10, at noon. Lunch is served in the private dining room of The Arbors at St. Martin's (4941 Montevallo Road, 35210). For more information, contact Stella Schreiber (443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com).

Women's Ministry

St. Amelia's Guild to Host Gathering for Women in 30s and 40s

All women of the Advent in their 30s and 40s are invited to come and be fed! St. Amelia's Guild will host dessert, fellowship, and a panel discussion entitled *Experiencing Joy in Your Union with Christ – Even, and Especially When, Life Leaves You Feeling Invisible* on Sunday, September 23, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Stacy Townsend (13 Spring Street, 35213). Our discussion be led by an all-star cast of women who have been in and through the trenches of life. RSVP to Emily Price (EmilyPrice07@gmail.com).

Small Groups

Laying Out Our Troubles and Giving Thanks for Our Blessings

Thanks be to God for my Bible study ladies and our weekly time together to study God's word to man through Scripture, seeing our true Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, throughout the Old and New Testaments. Beginning our study with the Confession of Sin and ending with the Lord's Prayer, we give thanks to our Lord for all the many blessings of this life, and we lay our troubles and concerns at his feet. Our prayer life is greatly enriched each week! Without fail, I am always lifted, refreshed, and grateful for our time together of study and prayer. I have to dig deep in preparing the lessons because of my group's depth of knowledge of Scripture that has developed in the 12 years our Bible study has been together. I treasure the bond I share with my sisters in Christ. Our Bible study is truly a light in my life for which I am so thankful!



Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

- Margaret Aderholt

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

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, come join us for a one-night retreat to kick off your year in Jr. High Youth group! The retreat will be held at the 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 (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209).

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 of Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis. The cost of the trip is \$50. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth.



education

Women's Bible Study

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, contact Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8550) before September 6.

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

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.

Hymn Singing Group

Group Starts New Season September 4

The Advent Hymn Singing Group, open to all and led by Charles Kennedy, begins its fifth season Tuesday, September 4, at 5:45 p.m. This group gathers twice monthly to sing together and learn more about the hymns of our faith. The first session this season will be devoted to the hymns of Henry Francis Lyte, and the session on Tuesday, September 18, will launch a three-part series on the hymns of Isaac Watts.

Please park in the Sixth Avenue lot and enter through the porte cochere. For more information, please contact Charles Kennedy (226-3505, Kennedy@CathedralAdvent.com).

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. 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).

education

For Dads

Coffee and Talk for Dads with Daughters September 12

Alice Churnock will speak to fathers about how to understand, communicate with, and minister to their daughters on Wednesday, September 12, 6:30-7:20 a.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Alice serves as a counselor at Covenant Counseling and has great experience with and understanding of girls. She will help dads understand the psyche and heart of girls and offer practical ways dads can best care for them.

Parenting Bible Studies Offered for Dads

The Advent will offer two parenting Bible studies for dads this school year. For fathers with sons, Mell Duggan and Jim Dixon will lead a Bible study that looks at case studies of men in the Bible as a guide for understanding how God's truth and gospel inform the raising of a boy. This one-year group will meet on Mondays at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209), 6:30-7:30 a.m. starting September 17. For fathers with daughters, Hewes Hull and Forrest DeBuys will teach through a curriculum about understanding and ministering to girls. This group will meet Wednesdays at Cranmer House, 6:30-7:30 a.m. starting on September 19. Please sign up to attend at AdventBirmingham.org.

Men's Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Study Resumes September 11

Craig Ogard and Pierce Yates again will lead a Bible study on Tuesday mornings, 6:30-7:30 a.m. at Cranmer House. It is open to men of all ages; though it enjoys a rich fellowship among a core group, there is certainly room for more. On Tuesday morning, September 11, they will begin *Face to Face: A Study of 1 Thessalonians*.

Inquirers' Class

Fall Series Begins 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

Seeking Volunteers for Sundays

Join the crew! We need more volunteers, usually once a month on Sundays. The Bookstore is a ministry of the church, so please consider offering your talents here. Stop by on Sunday or call Cindy Funderburk at 323-2959.

The store will be closed Sunday-Monday, September 2-3, for the Labor Day holiday. 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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Clergy Associate

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The Rev. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

transitions:

Birth: Virginia Lee Van
Hauen, daughter of Daniel
and Sara, on August 15

Marriage: Lauren Whiton
Bates and Foster Thompson
Hyde, on August 4

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Charles Pritchett Rogers: (Endowment Fund)
by Hatton Smith; Annie and Maurice Green;
Kathleen and George Petznick; Bert O’Neal •
(Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Mabry Rogers

Alice Ashton: (Endowment Fund) by Cynthia
and John Shearer

S. Eason Balch, Sr.: (Dean’s Discretionary
Fund) by Howard and Betty Donovan • (En-
dowment Fund) by Mrs. John Forney

Donna Gaston: (Endowment Fund) by Mrs.
John Forney

David L. Peacher: (Endowment Fund) by
Charles and Dorothy Mullins

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sept 2 Regular worship schedule	3 Labor Day Church Office and Bookstore closed	4	5	6 Women’s Bible Study - Cranmer House - 7 a.m. Men’s Bible Study - Conference Room - noon	7	8
Sept 9 Rally Day Regular worship schedule Sermon Drama at 9 a.m. Parish Picnic - Bir- mingham Children’s Zoo - 5 p.m.	10 Allen Ross Bible Study - Cranmer House - 7 a.m. Women’s Bible Study - Cranmer House - 9:15 a.m. Women’s Bible Study - Clingman - 11 a.m.	11 Men’s Bible Study - Cranmer House - 6:30 a.m.	12 Dads with Daughters Coffee - Cranmer House - 6:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study - Cranmer House - 9:15 a.m.	13 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7 a.m. Women’s Bible Study - Cranmer House - 7 a.m. Men’s Bible Study - Conference Room - noon	14 Men’s Bible Study - Cranmer House - 7 a.m.	15 Jr. High Youth Fall Retreat - Advent - 9 a.m.

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

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

Monday-Friday (No meeting September 3): AA –
Coe Conference Room, noon

coming up:

- Fellowship in the Pines: Monday, September 10, St. Martin’s, noon
- Sr. High Youth Family Dinner: Sunday, September 16, Cranmer House, 6:57 p.m.

- Choral Evensong: Thursday, September 20, Nave, 5:30 p.m.
- Sr. High Youth Fall Retreat: Friday-Saturday, September 28-29, Lake Wehapa