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News & Events

This Sunday Is Rally Day

The Advent will launch the 2018-2019 program year this Sunday, September 9. The new Christian Education term will begin Sunday morning, with complete details in your service leaflet. The 9:00 service will feature the always funny and gospel-based Sermon Drama performed by Dean Pearson and the staff. See page 3 for more information on children's Sunday School.

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!

A Word from the Dean

Someone asked me, "After you baptize a baby, why do you kiss it?" It's a cute thing to do, but there's a real significance to me kissing the newly baptized. It is the kiss of peace, the welcome of the child into the fellowship of the church. Well beyond being adorable, it is the pastor being the first one to say "welcome" to the child. And from there on in, it's all welcome. As a congregation we say, "We receive you into the household of God," and then our children sing "welcome." But what are we welcoming them to?

We are welcoming the child into the life of the church. As the children of believing parents, and the vows taken on their behalf, they are made members of the visible church and are incorporated into our fellowship. They are heirs of the promises made on their behalf, but like an heir to a fortune, they must claim the promises as their own when they come of age. Not that age is the key factor; it is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, taking hold of the promise of the gospel, that makes one a member of the invisible church and an inheritor of salvation.

This is why we use the strange language in the baptism service that "we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith,

baptizing them." How can we say such a thing when the child has not been able to demonstrate faith? It is not that baptism saves a person (only Jesus can do that great work), but that in baptism, we see the demonstration of God's mercy to helpless sinners.

No infant has come to the font of his or her own volition. They either come with no idea of what is about to happen or they come with resistance. And so it is with all of us. Just as the child is going to be baptized whether they like it or not, so our heavenly Father's love for us is so great that we are not able to thwart it. Baptism demonstrates to us God's love for the rebellious.

Baptism also demonstrates to us the individual's spiritual death, burial, and resurrection in the Lord Jesus Christ. They come out on the other side a new creation.

When I greet the newly baptized with a kiss, it is their pastor welcoming them into the household of God, the church, but also demonstrating my affection for them. In that one small act, I hope to demonstrate my commitment to welcome them, pray for them, evangelize them, and see that they stand one day in the midst of our congregation to confirm their faith in Jesus Christ.

- Andrew

- 2 Corinthians 13:12

Greet one another with holy kiss.

This Sunday: September 9, 2018

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Deborah Leighton

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Rally Day Sermon Drama

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Deborah Leighton

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Canon Smalley

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Preacher: Canon Schneider

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

The Dean's Class (Nave) – *Why Jesus Came* (Hebrews 2:5-18) – Dean Pearson

Getting to the Heart (Chapter Room) – *Losing as Winning* (Luke 9:43-10:12) – Gil Kracke

Living Under the Easy Yoke: The Sermon on the Mount (Living Room) – Doug Webster
Life Under the Sun: Ecclesiastes (Assembly Hall) – Mark Gignilliat

Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – *Foundations of Forming Christian Kids: An Overview of Research and Biblical Theology* – Cameron Cole

A Tour of the Advent (Diocesan Conference Room) – Canon Schneider and Fontaine Pope

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.

Children's & Youth Education:

The 2018-2019 Christian Education program year begins this Sunday. 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 125 or Psalm 146

Isaiah 35:4-7a

James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17

St. Mark 7:24-37



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

Online Giving Now Available

The option for online giving is now available at AdventBirmingham.org/Give. Easily accessible from any phone, tablet, or computer, the site provides simple instructions that guide you to the green "give" button. Once you are there, you will be able to say whether your gift is intended as a payment towards your pledge, as a memorial or honorarium, or as any other sort of gift to the Advent. Payment can be made by your credit card or bank account. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Helm (Bryan@CathedralAdvent.com, 226-3501).



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).

Third Wednesdays Series Kicks Off September 19

The new season of Third Wednesdays will begin September 19, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Guest speaker Elizabeth Wilson will open our fall series on Philippians, and lunch will be served. RSVP to Stella Schreiber (443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com).

Youth Ministry

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.

Small Groups

What Is a Small Group?

Small groups consist of 10-12 people and provide a place to connect, to encourage one another with the Good News of Jesus Christ, to study the Bible, to pray communally, and to serve others. New groups are forming for the fall. Contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8563) or visit AdventBirmingham.org/SmallGroups.

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.

Advent House: Intercessory prayer is on-going at Advent House. If you would like to schedule a prayer session, please call Kathy Logue at 410-4622.

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Valentine Smith Yarbrough: (Endowment Fund) by Hatton Smith

Donna Gaston: (Endowment Fund) by Gordon Lanier

Women's Ministry

St. Amelia's Guild to Host Gathering for Women in Their 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 will be led by Rita Wright, Mary Hanson, and Caroline Springfield. RSVP to Emily Price (EmilyPrice07@gmail.com).



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Women's Bible Study

Monday Lunchtime Study Starts September 10

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 and order an optional lunch, contact Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8550) before September 6.

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 (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). 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*.

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 Set for Thursday, September 20

The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong on Thursday, September 20, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. Evensong, a sung version of the Evening Prayer service, is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through prayer and praise. Dean Pearson will preach, with Deacon Jacob officiating. Come join us for worship of our Lord and Savior through prayer and song. Parking will be available in the Financial Center deck.



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Children's Sunday School

When and Where Do My Kids Go on Rally Day?

All 3K-6th grade children will attend the 9:00 service with their parents on Rally Day. Immediately following the Sermon Drama, children ages 3K, 4K, and Kindergarten (by September 1, 2018) and their parents will leave the Nave to meet their Sunday School teachers in Clingman Commons. Parents of 3-year-olds should walk their children downstairs to their classroom. Parents of children in 4K and Kindergarten should drop off children with their Sunday School teachers in Clingman Commons, where they will then be escorted to their classrooms. Please refer to Sunday's service leaflet for new classroom assignments. Teachers of 1st-6th graders will be excited to greet their classes in Clingman during the closing hymn.

Parents of 3K-6th graders are to pick up their children in their classrooms on Rally Day following the Sunday School hour. Parents of children in grades 2-6 can designate in writing a location for their child(ren) to meet them on subsequent Sundays. Children in 3K-1st grade must always be picked up by a parent. If your children did not receive a Rally Day letter or if you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Wilson (226-3547, Elizabeth@CathedralAdvent.com).

The Forum

Five O'Clock Community Meeting September 16

Join us for the Five O'Clock congregation's Forum on Sunday, September 16, 6:15 p.m. in Clingman Commons, as we kick off a new program year. We will discuss the results of a strategic planning effort for the upcoming years based on our church's overall vision and led by the Five O'Clock lay leadership. We will also hear some testimonials from congregation members about how God has been at work recently in their lives. Dinner will be provided, but feel free to bring contributions as well. Children are always welcome at the Forum. Contact Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Newcomers' Tour

Tour of the Advent Offered this Sunday

I'm new here: 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).

For Dads

Coffee and Talk for Dads with Daughters September 12

Alice Churnock (*right*) 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.

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



bookstore

Feeling Called to Serve?

We need volunteers – usually once a month on Sundays, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. The Bookstore is a ministry of the church and may be the place where you can offer your talents. Stop by on Sunday 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). We hope to see you in the Bookstore!

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transitions:

Birth: Noah Dylan Votava, son of Nicholas and Samantha, on August 17

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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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:

- Fellowship in the Pines: Monday, September 10, St. Martin's, noon
- Women's Ministry Birthday Party at Episcopal Place: Thursday, September 20, 2:00 p.m.

- Midday Music: Friday, September 28, Clingman Commons, 12:30 p.m.
- Sr. High Youth Fall Retreat: Friday-Saturday, September 28-29, Lake Wehapa