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## News & Events

### Evensong Moves to Thursdays September 20

On September 20, Evensong services will move to Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. Throughout the 2018-19 season, monthly Evensong services will offer unique opportunities for rest and respite in the heart of downtown Birmingham. Each contemplative service will offer prayer, music, and a gospel-centered message. Bring your small group, your friends, your downtown co-workers, and come see what God is doing in our midst. For a complete music season calendar, visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Music](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Music). See page 3 for more information.

### Online Giving Now Available

The option for online giving is now available at [AdventBirmingham.org/Give](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Give). Easily accessible from any phone, tablet, or computer, the site provides simple instructions that guide you to the green "give" button. 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. Questions? Please contact Bryan Helm ([Byan@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Byan@CathedralAdvent.com), 226-3501).



## A Word from Canon Smalley

The return of school and its accompanying schedule bring certain mixed emotions as summer ends and routine returns. Routine and cycles can be good and grounding or disastrous depending upon their content. An example of the latter is the cycle of anger, vengeance, and retribution. It is common when someone hurts us that we want him or her to hurt in return. Resentments, outrage, and self-righteousness build in ways large and small, pushing us apart, creating routines and cycles that steal life.

Miroslav Volf is a man who has addressed this personally and faithfully in light of our Christian hope. Raised in the former Yugoslavia, he was targeted and accused as a spy because of his Christian faith during his time of enforced military service, and regularly threatened with imprisonment and worse if he did not confess to what was not true. He was frequently told that he would be locked up and separated from his wife and child.

Thankfully, he survived and attempted to tuck this away, as we often do, in the

recesses of his mind. He couldn't fix it, so what was he to do with it? And yet his anger would not go away, and he grappled with this question: As a Christian, how does one remember rightly in a violent world?

In his prayers and reflection Volf came to a valuable insight; for evil to really flourish, it requires us to respond in kind. He could not control the man who threatened and hurt him, or lock away the memories and emotions, but he could choose not to respond in kind. That is real faith, and it is also real freedom.

This is not possible for us alone, but it is possible with God working in us, working for us, working on us. The light of the gospel is one of unmerited mercy and forgiveness of which we all stand desperately in need. We do not have to call evil good or pretend it didn't happen, but we are relieved from sitting in the judgment seat, and freed of revenge.

Volf shows the power and truth of Jesus' cross that brings life and deliverance to us now. Jesus has broken the cycle, and I invite us to reflect on the power, freedom, and way it offers us. It is finished.

- Craig

**And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."**

- St. Luke 23:34

## This Sunday: September 16, 2018

### 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Doug Webster

### 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Preacher: Doug Webster

### 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Doug Webster

### 11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Refectory. Preacher: Dean Pearson

### 5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Schneider

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

**The Dean's Class** (Nave) – *Jesus Greater Than Moses (Witnessing to My Jewish Friends – Hebrews 3:1-19)* – Dean Pearson

**Getting to the Heart** (Chapter Room) – *A Man Fell Among Robbers (Luke 10:25-42)* – 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: The Centrality of Grace* – Cameron Cole

**Inquirers' Class** (Diocesan Conference Room) – *The Sufficiency of Scripture* – Canon Schneider

Sermon and class recordings are available at [AdventBirmingham.org](http://AdventBirmingham.org).

The 9:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on WERC 960 AM, 105.5 FM, and [AdventBirmingham.org](http://AdventBirmingham.org).

## 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 19 or Psalm 116:1-8  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
James 3:1-12  
St. Mark 8:27-38



# GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



## servicing & outreach

### Women's Ministries

#### Birthdays Party for Episcopal Place Residents September 20

Join ladies of all ages to celebrate the September birthdays of senior residents at Episcopal Place (1112 26th Street South, 35205) on Thursday, September 20, 2:00-3:00 p.m. If you would like to bring more than your cheerful heart and singing voice to this annual, festive event, please contact Anne Lynn Langloh in advance ([ALangloh@gmail.com](mailto:ALangloh@gmail.com), 504-0911).

**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.



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Ageless Adventers

#### 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). Each month this fall you can nourish your body and soul with lunch and a guest speaker exploring Philippians. This month's speaker is Elizabeth Wilson (*right*), the Advent's Director of Children's Ministries. RSVP to Stella Schreiber (443-8558, [Stella@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto: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](http://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). For more information, contact Rebecca Lankford ([Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com), 443-8563).

#### 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. Register at [AdventBirmingham.org/Youth](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Youth).

**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.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

- St. Mark 8:27-38

### 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](mailto:EmilyPrice07@gmail.com)).

### 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](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com), 443-8563) or visit [AdventBirmingham.org/SmallGroups](http://AdventBirmingham.org/SmallGroups).

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

### 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.

## The Cathedral Choir

### Fundraiser: Return of the Smoked Boston Butts

It's that time! To support future choir tours and projects, the Cathedral Choir is selling hickory smoked Boston Butts at a cost of \$35 each. They are fully cooked and provided by Cater Up!, a catering company affiliated with Batter Up! restaurant in Childersburg. To place an order, please visit the choir's table in Clingman Commons before or after the 5:30 p.m. Evensong on Thursday, September 20, after each of the morning services on Sundays, September 23 and 30, or speak to a choir member. The deadline for orders is Sunday, September 30, with pick-up on Friday, October 12, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Advent.

## Inquirers' Class

### Fall Series Begins this Sunday

The Inquirers' Class will begin its eight-week fall 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](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com), 443-8562).



## education

### The Forum

#### Five O'Clock Community Meeting this Sunday

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](mailto:Anita@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

## Anglican Theology Conference

### What Is Anglicanism? Beeson Conference Set for September 25-26

Beeson Divinity School's Institute of Anglican Studies will hold its first annual Anglican Theology Conference Tuesday-Wednesday, September 25-26 in Birmingham. Entitled "What Is Anglicanism," the conference will bring together global leaders and scholars, all of whom will present their conception of what it means to be Anglican. Our own Dean Pearson will be among the speakers. To register or find more information, visit [BeesonDivinity.com/Events/Anglican-Theology-Conference](http://BeesonDivinity.com/Events/Anglican-Theology-Conference).

## For Dads

### 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](http://AdventBirmingham.org).



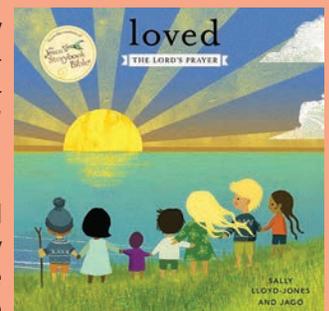
## bookstore

### New Book by Sally Lloyd-Jones

*Loved: The Lord's Prayer* – This board book by Sally Lloyd-Jones and artist Jago has just been released. It features lyrical text from *The Jesus Storybook Bible* and new illustrations. "Hello Daddy! We want to know you. And be close to you. Please show us how."

Can you give four hours a month? We need at least two more volunteers on Sundays, usually serving once a month, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. The Bookstore is a ministry of the Advent 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](mailto:Bookstore@CathedralAdvent.com). Visit us any time: ([AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore)).



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## advent staff

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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:

**Birth:** Meta (Mimi) Heyward Armitage, daughter of Thomas and Marguerite, on August 29

**Marriage:** Mary O'Connell and Robert Courson, on September 1

**Death:** Clare Hill Draper, III, on August 28

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Charles Richards Fletcher:** (Endowment Fund) by Don Bevil and Family • (Garden Fund) by Bama and David Mills

**Charles Pritchett Rogers:** (Endowment Fund) by Bill and Patty Ringland • (Garden Fund) by Bama and David Mills

**Alice Miller Ashton:** (Garden Fund) by Rhett Thagard

**Roy Maier, Jr.:** (Garden Fund) by Bama and David Mills

**In Thanksgiving for Brock Frith:** (Pastoral Care) by Kelley Watts

**In Honor of Heidi and Sam Yates:** (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Elizabeth and Charles Scribner



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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Sept 16</b> Regular worship schedule The Forum - Clingman - 6:15 p.m. Sr. High Family Dinner - Cranmer House - 6:57 p.m.	<b>17</b> Allen Ross Bible Study - 7 a.m. Women's Bible Study - 9:15 a.m. Psalms Bible Study - 2900 Cahaba Road - 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - 11 a.m.	<b>18</b> Men's Bible Study - Cranmer House - 6:30 a.m.	<b>19</b> Women's Bible Study - Cranmer House - 9:15 a.m. Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon	<b>20</b> Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7 a.m. Women's Bible Study - 7 a.m. Episcopal Place Birthday Party - 2 p.m. Choral Evensong - Nave - 5:30 p.m.	<b>21</b> Men's Bible Study - Cranmer House - 7 a.m.	<b>22</b>
<b>Sept 23</b> Regular worship schedule Jr. High Youth Group - Cranmer House - 6:30 p.m.	<b>24</b> Allen Ross Bible Study - 7 a.m. Women's Bible Study - 9:15 a.m. Psalms Bible Study - 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Clingman - 11 a.m.	<b>25</b> Men's Bible Study - Cranmer House - 6:30 a.m.	<b>26</b> Women's Bible Study - Cranmer House - 9:15 a.m. Young Adult Community Meal - Cranmer House - 6:30 p.m.	<b>27</b> Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Cranmer House - 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Conference Room - noon	<b>28</b> Men's Bible Study - Cranmer House - 7 a.m. Midday Music - Clingman - 12:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Fall Retreat - Lake Wehapa	<b>29</b>

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:

•Ageless Adventers Fellowship in the Pines: Monday, October 1, St. Martin's, noon

•Sr. High Youth Family Dinner: Sunday, October 7, Cranmer House, 6:57 p.m.