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## News & Events

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## A Word from Canon Smalley

Within our idolatries, as with most heresy, there is often a sliver of truth to aid our rationalizations. I have been thinking about this in light of our recent Gospel text, Jesus' shocking interaction with the man that he invites to "...sell all you have and give to the poor...and come, follow me." This invitation not only shocks the man and the crowds, but Jesus' disciples as well.

Money and possessions are among the many opportunities in our lives for idolatry, but for many, myself included, they are prominent ones. They can misrepresent to us power, success, accomplishment, value, but I find that where I struggle most is that they represent security. There reside the idolatry and rationalization to which I fall prey, and many others as well. It is true that money does provide a certain security, but Jesus is drilling down in this and other encounters throughout Mark's Gospel to the place of true security.

If you remember the encounter (Mark 10:17-31), the man runs up to Jesus and

**"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."**

- Mark 13:31

kneels before him asking the deeper question, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" In response Jesus begins to interact with the man, and after clarifying what was typically taught and understood as necessary for salvation – dutiful observance of the law – and hearing the man's responses, Jesus looked at him and loved him.

It seems that Jesus did not begrudge this man his status, his limited understandings and misunderstandings. We are told that Jesus looked on him and loved him, and because of this love he says: "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." He loved him enough to challenge his false security and offer to him true security.

Jesus destabilizes to give us a sure foundation. Everyone does not need the exact prescription of this man, but all need to experience our vulnerability and need, that our true and lasting security is in Jesus alone. Not a phony one that will crumble when we least expect, but a foundation in him, the rock and cornerstone, the one who will never pass away.

- Craig

## This Sunday: October 21, 2018

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

Preacher: Deborah Leighton

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

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

In the Nave. Preacher: Deborah Leighton

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

In the Refectory. Preacher: Canon Hicks

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

Preacher: Canon Schneider

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

**The Dean's Class** (Nave) – *Mercy and Severity: A Portrait of God and Joel and Amos* – Mark Gignilliat

**J.D. Salinger's Salvation Through Love: "For Esmé – With Love and Squalor"** (Chapter Room) – Jim Palmer

**A Christian Motto for Sanctification: "I wouldn't put it past me"** (Living Room) – Deborah Leighton

**1 Timothy** (Assembly Hall) – *Leadership in the Church* – Gerald Bray

**Faith and Family** (Lower School Library) – *The Cost of Living Differently as a Christian Family* – Cameron Cole

**Inquirers' Class** (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Worship and Sunday Gatherings* – Doug Webster

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 104:1-9, 25, 37b or Psalm 91:9-16  
Job 38:1-7 (34-41) or Isaiah 53:4-12  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
St. Mark 10:35-45



# GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

## Stewardship

### October 21 Is Stewardship "Make-Up" Sunday

Though we are stewards of God's provision every day, this Sunday is our second opportunity to make our offerings in thanksgiving for God's faithfulness and to support the ministry of the Advent in 2019. You may turn in your pledge card at the Stewardship Table in Clingman Commons. If you would like to make a pledge for 2019 online, or if you do not have a pledge card, you may:

- 1) Visit the Stewardship Table in Clingman Commons on Sunday mornings – cards are available there
- 2) Visit our website – [AdventBirmingham.org/Give](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Give) – to complete and submit a pledge.
- 3) Call Dorothy White (226-3515) and request a pledge card by mail.

*Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*  
- Matthew 6:19-21

### An Atmosphere Where We Are Surrounded by God's Peace



Above: Fred Elliott with his children, Ann Sutherland and Henry, and wife Kris

Our family's favorite activity is to travel together. Each year as we save up and plan where we might take our next adventure, we think of what we hope to gain from the trip. A place where we can experience peace, happiness, a sense of togetherness, and an appreciation of God's wonderful gifts are always on the checklist.

As we move through stewardship season, I realize that everything we hope for on our family trips is offered everyday at the Advent. The Advent provides that embracing atmosphere where we are surrounded by God's peace. From our loving church family to the wonderful clergy and staff, from the amazing youth programming to the outreach opportunities, giving joyfully to the Advent is our way to appreciate and participate in all of these gifts on a daily basis.

The verse below from Ephesians reminds me of the daily peace and togetherness God has given us at the Advent.

- Fred Elliott

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*  
- Ephesians 2:19-22



## education

### Advent Theological Lecture Series

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Along with the likes of John Stott, J.I. Packer, and others, Colin is one of the leading English evangelical theologians over the last 50 years. A prominent liturgist in the Anglican Communion, he will speak to us on the theme of one of his well-known writings: "What did Cranmer think he was doing?".



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Women's Ministry

#### Julie Sparkman to Speak at Luncheon October 24

Advent Women of all ages are invited to a luncheon with Julie Sparkman (*right*) on Wednesday, October 24, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Clingman Commons. Julie is a licensed counselor and speaker who authored two video series, *Idol Addiction* and *Unhitching From the Crazy Train*. With humor and transparency, Julie helps her audience feel the radical and restorative impact of the gospel in their everyday lives and relationships. Julie will take the women of the Advent inward for her talk, entitled "It's All in Your Head."



Lunch will be \$10. RSVP for lunch and register your child for the nursery by contacting Anita Gray by October 19 ([Anita@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Anita@CathedralAdvent.com), 443-8550). If you work and are trying to get away during a lunch break, ask Anita about the 60-minute option.

**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.

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

### Midday Music

#### Melissa Lander and Charles Kennedy to Offer Music for Clarinet and Organ October 26

Our Midday Music series continues Friday, October 26, 12:30 p.m. in the Nave with a concert by Melissa Lander, clarinet (*right*) and our own Charles Kennedy, organ. Ms. Lander is a clarinetist with the National Chamber Winds, based in Washington, D.C., and was a fellow graduate student with Dr. Kennedy at the University of Michigan in the 1990s. Their program will include music by Gerald Finzi, Jan Koetsier, Robert Schumann, and Leo Sowerby. All are warmly invited to this free, 30-minute performance; please do not miss the opportunity to hear the unusual pairing of clarinet and organ.



**Save the Date:** Frederick Teardo, the Advent's Director of Music and Organist, will present an organ recital Friday, November 2, 7:30 p.m. in the Nave.



## serving & outreach

### St. Fiacre Garden Guild

#### Fall Planting Set for October 23

All members and friends of the Advent are invited to join us in the Rector's Garden at the church on Tuesday, October 23, 8:30-11:30 a.m. We will be planting our fall pansies, violas, and herbs in the beds and containers. Please bring your trowel and garden gloves. Call Susan Elliott (602-2835) for details.



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Youth Ministry

#### Sr. High Family Dinner this Sunday

All Sr. High youth are invited to join us for our next Family Dinner this Sunday, October 21, 6:57-8:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). The theme is "Tailgate," so each family will compete to provide the perfect tailgate feast. Hope to see you there! Contact Rebecca Lankford ([Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com)) with questions.

#### Sr. High: MLK Service Trip Set for January 18-20

Sr. High youth will visit and serve with Widow's Harvest, a prayer and home-repair ministry in Chattanooga, Friday-Sunday, January 18-20. The cost is \$125 – scholarships are available. Sign up at [AdventBirmingham.org/Youth](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Youth). Contact Rebecca Lankford for more information ([Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com))



## education

### The Forum

#### Canon Hicks to Lead Discussion on Liturgy and Music this Sunday Evening

Join us for the Forum this Sunday, October 21, 6:30 p.m. in Clingman Commons, following the Five O'Clock Service. Canon Hicks will lead a discussion on our liturgy and worship music.

The Forum is a monthly discussion-based Christian education program. It is also a good occasion to invite visitors to the church. Dinner is provided, and children are welcome. For more information, contact Anita Gray ([Anita@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Anita@CathedralAdvent.com), 443-8550).

### For 5th and 6th Graders

#### Class on Sex and Christian Faith November 3

The Advent will offer *The Bible Talks About That?!: Sex and Christian Faith*, our sex education program for 5th and 6th graders, on Saturday, November 3, 8:30-11:00 a.m. at the church. Each child must be accompanied by at least one parent. The morning includes a program for children and a separate program for parents. Please register at [AdventBirmingham.org](http://AdventBirmingham.org). Contact Cameron Cole for more information ([Cameron@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Cameron@CathedralAdvent.com)).



## bookstore



### One of a Kind

Come and check out our new "one-of-a-kind" jewelry you won't find anywhere else – not even on the internet! See you in the Bookstore!

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).

## diocesan staff

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## advent staff

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The Rev. Canon Zac Hicks, Canon for Liturgy and Worship

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:

**Baptism:** Walker Johnson Mestre, son of Brook and Lauren, on October 7

**Death:** John Worrell Poynor, on October 6



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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 21 Regular worship schedule The Forum - Clingman - 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Family Dinner - Cranmer House - 6:57 p.m.	22	23 Garden Guild Fall Planting - Rector's Garden - 8:00 a.m.	24 Women's Luncheon - Clingman Commons - 11:00 a.m.	25 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m. Colin Buchanan Lecture - Cranmer House - 7:00 p.m.	26 Midday Music - Nave - 12:30 p.m.	27
Oct 28 Regular worship schedule Jr. High Youth Group - Cranmer House - 6:30 p.m.	29	30	31 Young Adult Community Meal - Cranmer House - 6:30 p.m.	Nov 1 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m.	2 Fred Teardo Organ Concert - Nave - 7:30 p.m.	3 <i>The Bible Talks About That?!: Sex and Christian Faith</i> - Refectory - 8:30 a.m.

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

Monday-Friday: 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](http://AdventBirmingham.org/BibleStudies) for a complete list of options available to you. If you have any questions, please contact Fontaine Pope ([Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com), 443-8562).