News & Events

Spread the Word About Our Lenten Series with a Yard Sign

Our annual series of Lenten Preaching and Lunches begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26! Pick up a yard sign in Clingman Commons this Sunday, February 9, and help spread the word about this wonderful season of gospel ministry at the Advent. The signs are the same as last year, so if you saved yours, feel free to pull it out, clean it up, and stake it back in your yard.

Intercessory Prayer Offered at the Advent House

The Advent House Prayer Ministry welcomes you to come for prayer, whatever your need may be. See page 2 for more information.

A Word from Canon Schneider

Something I’m committing to doing this year is trying to be a better steward of the relationships God has given me over the full course of my life – especially family and friends, but also many of you and others I have met during my time in Birmingham. God’s work through relational networks or households is a repeated theme throughout the entire Bible. Consider Adam, Eve, Abraham, Joseph, Rahab, David, Matthew and his fellow tax collectors, the Samaritan woman, the Gerasene demoniac, Cornelius, the Philippian jailer, Stephanas, and Philemon only to name some.

The idea of a household or relational sphere is often expressed in the New Testament by the Greek word “oikos” – which is also a brand of Greek yogurt! My own oikos (pronounced “oy-kahs”) is now a dispersion of people all over the country, and I’m sure this is true for many of you. The American phenomenon of so many people settling down in places where they did not grow up is an obstacle to God’s common approach of bringing an entire oikos to faith. But with God all things are possible, and globalization now makes reaching a geographically diverse oikos easier.

I invite you to do something similar to what I’m working on right now: I’m making a list of 100 people that I know how to contact and have an ongoing or long-term connection with – my oikos. Next to each name I’m only writing one of three things: Are they a disciple, an unbeliever, or is this unknown to me? Then, I’m starting out by praying regularly for each of them. For some I’ve started to pass insights and quotes on from my daily Bible reading. Something amazing has begun to happen – I often notice God doing new and powerful things in both our lives.

God has already given you the relationships you need to “go and make disciples.” These are your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and classmates – many you’ve known all your life. Some you’ve just met. Being a good steward of the people God has already put in your life is a powerful first step in multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ. And you can begin with the simple step of making a list.

“Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your oikos.”
- Acts 16:31

This Sunday:
February 9, 2020

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
Preacher: Doug Webster

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Preacher: Doug Webster

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
In the Nave. Preacher: Doug Webster

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
In the Refectory. Preacher: Dean Pearson

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion
Preacher: Kevin Stigall

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/Live.

Adult Education:
10:10 - 10:50 a.m.
The Dean’s Class (Nave) – Ephesians: Introduction and Apostles by the Will of God – Dean Pearson
Inquirers’ Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – The Lord’s Supper – Doug Webster
Paul, the Old Testament Theologian (Chapter Room) – His Theology of Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers – Canon Hicks
Sibling Rivalries in Scripture: Lessons in Divine Providence (Living Room) – Dennis Sansom
Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – Three-Thirds Format for Family Worship (Part 1 of 2) – Canon Schneider

Lectionary:
Psalm 112
Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20

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, childcare is available for 4K and younger.

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New Website Now Available

The newly redesigned AdventBirmingham.org is now online. Visit the site to see what’s new (and improved!). Tour videos that help show where information is located in the new format are available at AdventBirmingham.org/News. Email Communications@CathedralAdvent.com with questions.

Evensong
Sung Service of Evening Prayer February 20
The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong on Thursday, February 20, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. Canon Schneider will preach, with Deacon Jacob officiating.
Evensong is the sung version of the Anglican Evening Prayer service. Drawn almost entirely from Scripture, it offers beautiful music, gospel messages, and a chance to rest after a busy workday. This contemplative service is a great midweek opportunity to invite your downtown working colleagues and friends to join you to experience the peace of Jesus Christ.

Small Groups
Women’s Study of James to Begin February 12
How can we know joy even in trials, and patience even in suffering? Join Carolyn Lankford and Melinda King as they lead a group in a study of James, a book full of practical help for real life. It will meet at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) beginning Wednesday, February 12, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8562) 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 205-226-3500.
Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

- Mark 1:14-15

Advent Birmingham

New CD Available this Sunday

Advent Birmingham Music is thrilled to release Canticles, the second part of our Liturgy Songs & Canticles recording project! This new EP features creative settings of four biblical canticles, including the Magnificat and the First Song of Isaiah. In addition to streaming Canticles on all major platforms (Spotify, Apple Music, Prime Music) on Friday, February 7, you can purchase a CD of the entire Liturgy Songs & Canticles project in Clingman Commons the next two Sundays, February 9 and 16.

Midday Music

Charles Kennedy to Present Harpsichord Recital February 21

Our Midday Music series continues on Friday, February 21, 12:30 p.m. with a free, 30-minute recital in the Nave by our own Charles Kennedy (above left) on the Advent’s newly acquired harpsichord (above right). The Advent’s Associate Director of Music and Organist, Charles will perform a program including music by Johann Sebastian Bach, Thomas Tomkins, Herbert Howells, Domenico Scarlatti, and Johann Caspar Ferdinand Fischer. Please do not miss this opportunity to hear this beautiful addition to our musical instruments at the Advent!

Brother Bryan Mission

Musical Benefit with Advent Staffers February 13

Can You Feel the Love Tonight? Love Songs and Dinner is set for Thursday, February 13, 6:30 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Proceeds will benefit Brother Bryan Mission, one of our mission partners. Performers will include Advent staffers Bethany Rushing and Annie Lee, as well as Emily Hanrahan, who sings with Advent Birmingham, and Peter Pappas. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/News for ticket information.

Youth Ministry

Sr. High: SOS Memphis Trip Set for June 7-12

It’s time to sign up for our annual trip to partner with Service Over Self (SOS), a home repair ministry in Memphis, Tennessee. This year the trip will happen June 7-12 (Sunday-Friday). Cost is $395 and scholarships are available! Spaces are limited, so sign up ASAP at AdventBirmingham.org/News. For more information, contact Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).

Youth Ministry

Sr. High: Worldview Trip to Atlanta March 14-15

All Senior High youth are invited to a fun overnight trip to Atlanta Saturday-Sunday, March 14-15, to learn more about the biblical narrative of fall, redemption, restoration, and glorification. We will take a hike to Mt. Cheaha, explore downtown Atlanta, stay in the Embassy Suites, and worship at a multi-ethnic church on Sunday. Cost is $115; scholarships are available! Register at AdventBirmingham.org/News. Contact Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.

Book Group

Next Meeting is February 26

The Advent Book Group will discuss Balm in Gilead: A Theological Dialogue with Marilynne Robinson on Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 p.m. at the home of James and Lyn Bradford (2500 Aberdeen Road, 35223). This book brings together the thoughts of leading theologians, historians, and church leaders (including Timothy George of Beeson Divinity School), who engage in theological dialogue with both Robinson (author of the trilogy Gilead, Home, and Lila) and her published works. New participants are always welcome. Contact James Bradford (JBradford@Balch.com, 205-873-5833) if you plan to attend or for more information.

The Forum

On February 16: Prayer

The next gathering of The Forum will be Sunday, February 16, 6:15 p.m. in Clingman Commons. We will discuss prayer, looking at the Lord’s Prayer in Matthew 6.

The Forum is a monthly gathering with lots of time for fellowship built around a topical Bible study. It happens the third Sunday of each month following the Five O’Clock service. A free supper is provided, and families with young children are welcome. This is also a great opportunity to bring a guest with you to church. Contact Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments.

- Psalm 112:1
diocesan staff
The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan, Bishop of Alabama

advent staff
The Very Rev. Andrew C. Pearson, Jr., Dean and Rector
The Rev. Canon R. Craig Smalley, Canon Pastor and
Day School Chaplain

The Rev. Canon Matthew C. Schneider, Canon for Parish Life and
Evangelism
The Rev. Canon Zac Hicks, Canon for Liturgy and Worship
The Rev. Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon
The Rev. Dr. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

transitions:

Marriage: Elizabeth “Lizzy”
Anne Lewis and Spencer Eston
Mitchell, on January 25

Death: Jennifer Edwards Reich,
on January 25

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:
Anis Ira Daley: (Mission and Outreach) by
Mary and Victor Hanson; Mr. and Mrs.
Donald Y. Menendez • (Music Discretion-
ary Fund) by Nancy and Ricky Bromberg
William von Raab: (Endowment Fund) by
William Slaughter

In Honor of Pat and Tom Hinton: (Endowment
Fund) by Claude Hinton
In Honor of Cardwell and Elizabeth Feagin:
(Endowment Fund) by Jeffrey Feagin
In Honor of the Cordova Family: (Mission and
Outreach) by Elizabeth and Charles Scribner
In Honor of Nick and Judy Greenwood: (Mis-
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| Regular worship schedule  |
| The Forum - Clingman Commons - 6:15 p.m.  |
| Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon  |

Feb 9

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

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).