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## News & Events

### Lenten Preaching this Week: The Return of Frank Limehouse, Plus Mark Upton

Frank Limehouse, Chaplain of Christ Memorial Chapel in Hobe Sound, Florida, will preach Monday-Wednesday, March 16-18, at 12:05 p.m. Mark Upton, Pastor of Hope Community Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, will preach Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20. See page 2 for more information.

### The Forum this Sunday: Making Disciples

The Forum will gather this Sunday, March 15, 6:15 p.m. in Clingman Commons. Our topic is "Making Disciples," looking at the story of the Samaritan Woman in John 4. See page 2 for more information.

### Last Radio Broadcast Is this Sunday – Streaming Continues

Our final radio broadcast on WERC will air at 9:00 a.m. this Sunday, March 15, after which we will stream our services exclusively through the Advent's website. To access our livestream on your computer, phone, tablet, or other device, visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live). See page 3 for more information.



## A Word from Canon Schneider

A major problem I have been wrestling with lately is that we depend on so few people, usually paid professionals, to do so much in churches in general. As one of those paid few, I'm guilty of having had the mindset that if we want to do ministry, we need proper credentials. This is why I ended up getting ordained. But I'm afraid this whole landscape of expecting paid staff to do the bulk of God's Kingdom work on earth is deeply flawed. The New Testament picture does not reflect this practice.

Rather, in the New Testament, we see Jesus recruiting and commissioning very ordinary people to do extraordinary things. And these disciples reproduced Jesus' pattern by recruiting more everyday people to do simple things that had a major impact on the world. Jesus did not go to the religious leaders, the well-trained, or the Roman elite when he formed his team. Rather he recruited and deployed fishermen, tax collectors, political activists, women (including former prostitutes), the demon-possessed, Samaritans, and even persecutors of his Church.

God used these folks to usher in a brand-new movement that has become the largest religion around the world today – the world would never be the same. This all happened because these regular people were sent around the world to bravely tell the message of Jesus Christ. Some even healed the sick, fed the hungry, and raised the dead. While they did these things, many ended up boldly standing before governors, generals, rulers, and kings as God's ambassadors. In Acts 4, we see the response of the Jewish religious authorities to two of the disciples who stood before them: "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."

You see, the only real credential any of us needs to be a minister to the world isn't schooling but to have been with Jesus. As a matter of fact, God uses people from all education levels, ages, and backgrounds to make an impact on the world for his Kingdom. If you know Jesus, this includes you – it is part of your identity in Christ.

- Matt

**Immediately they left their nets and followed him.**

- Matthew 4:20

## This Sunday: March 15, 2020

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

Preacher: Dean Pearson

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

Preacher: Dean Pearson

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

In the Nave. Preacher: Dean Pearson

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

In the Refectory. Preacher: Michael Weeks

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

Preacher: Michael Weeks

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

**The Dean's Class** (Nave) – *Catching Up and Conversations About Ministry* – Frank Limehouse and Dean Pearson

**Inquirers' Class** (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Making Disciples* – Canon Schneider

**Transfiguration to Calvary: Readings for Lent** (Living Room) – *Living Water – Not Rocks, Not Wells* – Jonathan Harbuck and Steve Tilghman

**Portraits from the Gospels** (Assembly Hall) – *Crucifixion and Resurrection* – Gil Kracke

**Faith and Family** (Lower School Library) – *What Makes a Christian Home?* – Canon Hicks

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.

Lectionary:

Psalms 95  
Exodus 17:1-7  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

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



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## worship

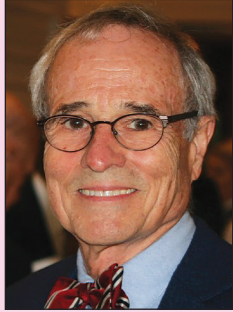
### Lenten Preaching

#### Frank Limehouse Returns to Preach Monday-Wednesday

Frank Limehouse has been Chaplain of Christ Memorial Chapel in Hobe Sound, Florida, since 2017, where he serves from November through April. He and his wife Jane live in Clemson, South Carolina, the other half of the year.

Mr. Limehouse served as Dean of the Cathedral Church of the Advent in Birmingham, Alabama, from 2005 until his "retirement" at the end of 2014. Before his call to the Advent, he served South Carolina churches in Charleston, Hartsville, and Beaufort.

A native of Orangeburg, South Carolina, he graduated from Wofford College, where he played varsity golf. Mr. Limehouse went into the family clothing business, where he experienced what he called "the turbulent 20." These were years of good business but times of personal struggle, during which he went from being what he described as a "militant agnostic" to a converted Christian. After several years of intense study, the Limehouses sold their house, liquidated the business, and enrolled in Virginia Theological Seminary. He was ordained in 1989. He and Jane have two adult children and one granddaughter.



#### Mark Upton at Noonday Thursday and Friday

Mark Upton is Pastor of Hope Community Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, the church he founded with his best friend Matt Guzi in 2002. He was born in Mississippi, attended high school in Georgia, and graduated from Wake Forest University. After spending eight years as a youth minister and Young Life volunteer, he moved to Charlotte in 1998 to complete his seminary training at Reformed Theological Seminary.

Ordained in 2000, Mr. Upton served as Pastor of Missions and Evangelism at Uptown Christ Covenant until 2002, when he was called to Hope Church. He was Pastor to Cameron Cole, the Advent's Director of Children, Youth, and Family, when Cameron taught high school in inner-city Charlotte immediately following his graduation from college. Cameron credits Mr. Upton as "the one who introduced me to the gospel of grace," and referred to him as an "older man" in his book *Therefore I Have Hope*. Mr. Upton was 31 at the time.

Some of the biggest influences on his spiritual development and ministry philosophy have been Tim Keller, Rick Downs, John Piper, Brennan Manning, and Henri Nouwen. Mr. Upton occasionally moderates the Central Carolina Presbytery of the PCA. When not working out at Iron Tribe Fitness, he likes to trout fish, read, and watch football. He is married to Holly, and they have two children.



## education

### The Forum

#### This Sunday: Making Disciples

The next gathering of The Forum will be this Sunday, March 15, 6:15 p.m. in Clingman Commons. Our topic will be "Making Disciples," looking at the story of the Samaritan Woman in John 4.

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



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### Youth Ministry

#### Jr. and Sr. High: "Irish Night" Dinners this Sunday

Junior High youth are invited to dinner Sunday, March 15, at 5:59 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Join us for "Irish Night" in your favorite Irish garb for games, dinner, and a Bible study. Find out more by contacting Tucker Fleming ([Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com)).

Senior High youth will follow with their Family Dinner, 6:57-8:15 p.m. at Cranmer House. Come dressed in green for "Irish Night" as we meet for games, dinner, and a talk. Contact Rebecca Lankford ([Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

### Men's Ministry

#### Dessert Gathering with Aaron Zimmerman April 2

All men of the Advent are warmly invited to join Aaron Zimmerman (our Lenten preacher that day) on Thursday, April 2, 7:00-8:15 p.m. at the home of David Tanner (28 Country Club Boulevard, 35213). Please eat dinner before you come and enjoy dessert with us afterward. Mr. Zimmerman (*right*) will offer us a brief word as well; his humor, wit, and insight compellingly convey the grace of God as it breaks through the human condition. He serves as Rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Waco, Texas, and will be our Lenten preacher Wednesday-Friday, April 1-3, at 12:05 p.m.

Friends are most welcome. For a head count, please let Fontaine Pope know if you can come by Tuesday, March 31 ([Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com)).



## Final Radio Broadcast Is this Sunday

We're grateful for our relationship with WERC and for the many listeners who have gathered with the Advent on Sunday mornings over the radio airwaves. As broadcast options have changed and expanded in recent years, we made the decision to begin streaming our services exclusively through the Advent's website. This move will allow our church both to save money and expand our streaming capabilities. Our final broadcast will air this Sunday, March 15, at 9:00 a.m. To access the livestream on your computer, phone, tablet, or other device, click over to [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live). Contact [Communications@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Communications@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.

## Shuttle Bus Offered for Lenten Preaching and Lunches

A shuttle bus travels to the Advent from the parking lot of Shades Valley Presbyterian Church each weekday of Lent. The bus leaves Shades Valley Presbyterian (located at 2305 Montevallo Road, 35223) at 11:30 a.m. and returns no later than 1:30 p.m.

## Nursery Provided on Mondays and Thursdays During Lent

We offer a nursery for children ages 6 weeks-4K on Mondays and Thursdays during Lent, from 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. To ensure adequate staffing, please email Lila Wooten ([Lila@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Lila@CathedralAdvent.com)) a few days in advance to make your child's reservation.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

- Romans 5:1-11

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout to the Rock of our salvation

- Psalm 95:1



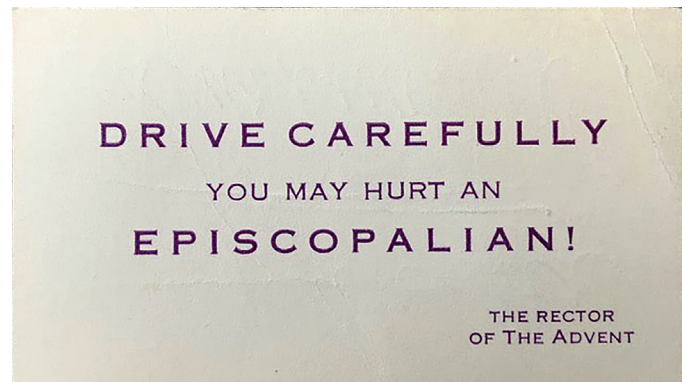
## servicing & outreach

### Parish Inreach

#### Drivers Needed

There are those in our parish that sometimes need a helping hand with transportation to church, a ride to the doctor's office, or a simple task like picking up a prescription. If you think you might be able to help on occasion, please contact Stella Schreiber (205-443-8558, [Stella@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Stella@CathedralAdvent.com)) for more information.

## From the Dean



Above: Betsy Allison, the daughter of beloved former Rector John Turner (who served from 1939-1966), showed me this card a few Sundays back. "Uncle John" had a great way with people, and little things like this speak to his graciousness and sense of humor. And, it's still true today!

- Andrew

**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.

**Advent House:** Intercessory prayer is on-going at Advent House. If you would like to schedule a prayer session, please call Kathy Logue at 205-410-4622.

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Jerry Isodore Levin:** (Pastoral Care) by Mrs. Thomas A.S. Wilson • (Lenten Lunches) by the Front Porch Storytellers

**Mary Edna Bushnell:** (Mission and Outreach) by Frank and Carolyn Lankford • (Endowment Fund) by Betsy and Jack Allison

**Bill Pendleton:** (Lenten Lunches) by the Front Porch Storytellers

**Albert Thomasson:** (Endowment Fund) by Betsy and Jack Allison

**Mabelle McCollum:** (Pastoral Care) by Frank and Carolyn Lankford • (Endowment Fund) by Carroll and Sol Putzel; Carol Fenley



## 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

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Jennifer Edwards Reich:** (Altar Guild) by Robert D. Reich, Jr.

**Jane Harding Bowry:** (Endowment Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Carroll • (Mission and Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Menendez

**Theodore E. Dasher:** (Mission and Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Menendez

**Lucy Stallworth Kubiszyn:** (Mission and Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Menendez

**Wilmer S. Poynor:** (Endowment Fund) by Betsy and Jack Allison  
**In Honor of Greg Dean:** (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Ron Simms

**In Thanksgiving for Fred Teardo:** (Music Discretionary Fund) by Margaret Harper

**In Thanksgiving for the Cameron Cole Family:** (Endowment Fund) by Stuart and Valerie Roberts



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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Every Sunday: Breakfast – Refectory, 8:00 a.m.  
 Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

Monday-Friday: Lenten Lunches – Refectory and Clingman Commons, 12:05 p.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](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).