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News & Events

Take the Small Group Leap of Faith

Joining a small group is a leap of faith, a plunge into hearing the word more deeply. People are made for community; even those of us who do better in small doses of community find our hearts and minds more open to Holy Scripture when read with the viewpoints and ideas and just plain presence of others.

- Robin Anderson

Go to AdventBirmingham.org/News to read Robin's entire article.

Please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Summer Interns Begin Work

Please welcome these interns, who will help us minister to our young people this summer.

Mary Allison Anderson graduated from Mountain Brook High School in 2018. She is a rising Junior at Auburn University, double majoring in history and communication. On any given afternoon, she can be found running, walking with friends, or spending time outdoors with family.

Sarah Hydinger is a rising Junior at the University of Alabama studying public relations. She was born and raised in Birmingham and graduated from Mountain Brook High School
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A Word from the Dean

With so much changing around us, who could stand any more news? Unfortunately, it befalls me to burden you with more disappointment. Though encouraged that God is working in all of this, I still find it hard to say that Matt Schneider and his family will be leaving the Advent to be missionaries in New England. They will be moving to Springfield, Massachusetts, in early 2021.

Bravery doesn't begin to describe Matt and Hawley's answer to God's call on their lives. They are leaving behind so much to follow after the Good Shepherd and equip others to evangelize and minister to America's most secular area.

Matt will be joining Biglife (<https://Big.Life>) which will take him out of the context of parish ministry, but place him squarely in the ministry of equipping others. Biglife describes itself as "a faith-based ministry committed to spreading the good news of Jesus Christ through personalized interactions, one-on-one training, and the commitment to ongoing discipleship and multiplication." We should not hesitate to give a hearty amen to this endeavor.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." - Matthew 9:37b-38

Matt was my first hire after becoming Dean and Rector, so his leaving strikes a sad note for me. It has been a blessing to serve alongside him and to watch his ministry develop and change over the years as he sought to be faithful to God's call on him.

The Schneiders plan to maintain close ties and make regular return trips to the Advent and Birmingham area as they will be our missionaries that we are sending and praying for on a regular basis for years to come. Many know the Schneiders have lived in New England before and have family history there, so in many respects this is a homecoming for them to reach their own people with the gospel.

Matt and his family will not be leaving for several months, but because they will be raising support for this missionary work, there is not much chance of keeping a lid on the news for long. Long goodbyes can be very awkward, but COVID-19 will probably help with this awkwardness as we are not able to gather together as we normally would for the foreseeable future. My hope is that we can celebrate the Schneiders ministry amongst us and pray them on into this new venture at the beginning of 2021.

- Andrew

The Next Two Sundays:

June 14 and June 21, 2020

Please join us for worship via streaming video at 9:00 a.m. Mark Gigniliat will preach on June 14, and Dean Pearson will preach on June 21. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live, Facebook Live, Twitter, or YouTube to access our stream. To download a service bulletin, go to AdventBirmingham.org/Worship. We continue not gathering at the church. Bishop Sloan has extended the suspension of face-to-face worship until July 1.

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

The Dean's Class will be available via streaming video the next two Sundays. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live.

Recordings of past classes are available on our website at AdventBirmingham.org/Audio.

Lectionary:

June 14: Psalm 116:1, 10-17 or Psalm 100

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) or Exodus 19:2-8a

Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

June 21: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 or Psalm 69:8-11 (12-17) 18-20

Genesis 21:8-21 or Jeremiah 20:7-13

Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Children's & Youth Education:

Two resources are available for families with children. Family Sunday School lessons are posted online every week, and the Advent Christian Academy offers 30-minute lesson plans that align with the Advent's newly released Bible Benchmarks curriculum. Junior and Senior High youth gather every Sunday via Zoom for Christian education following the 9:00 a.m. service. Links to all can be found online at AdventBirmingham.org.

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Summer Interns, cont.

in 2018. She loves spending time with friends and family, summers on Lake Martin, and Alabama football.

Ryan Shamblin graduated from Briarwood in 2018. He is a rising Junior at Alabama next year majoring in accounting and finance.

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Richard Smalley: (Pastoral Care) by Janet and Cary Beck; Tommy and Lila McGahey; Mr. and Mrs. Lee McWhorter Pope; Elna R. Brendel

William "Brother" Pritchard, Jr.: (Mission and Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. David C. Smith • (Endowment Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Miller Gorrie; Jim and Alison Gorrie; Anne Oliver

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Ruth Owen Franklin Lee: (Endowment Fund) by Nancy and Ricky Bromberg • (Garden Fund) by Sue Ellen and Mike Lucas

In Thanksgiving for the Pastoral Care Staff: (Pastoral Care) by Robert Dillahunt



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 14 Streaming Worship - AdventBirmingham.org/Live - 9:00 a.m. Dean's Class will follow.	June 15 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	June 16 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	June 17 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m. Online Disciple-Maker Training - 1:00 p.m. Sr. High Dinner/Bible Study - 3821 Buckingham Lane - 5:30 p.m.	June 18 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m. Jr. High Dinner/Bible Study - 3041 Salisbury Road - 6:00 p.m.	June 19 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	June 20
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Come-When-You-Can Women's Zoom Bible Study: When God asks a question, it's not because he doesn't know the answer; it's because he wants us to think. Join Jane Menendez in a seven-week study called *Questions That Echo* on Wednesdays, from 9:15-10:30 a.m. The question on June 17 will be, "Do You Want to Be Healed?"; on June 24 it will be, "Where Are the Nine?" Email Jane (JLGMenendez@gmail.com) or Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com) to receive the Zoom link.

Interested in Church Membership?: Come to our one-day Inquirers' Class on Saturday, July 18, 9:00-3:30 p.m. at Cranmer House. This class will give you an idea of what the Advent believes and why, so you can see if you want to make the Advent your church home. Lunch will be provided. Contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com) for information or to sign up.