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News & Events

See Questions and Answers About the Covenant on Our Website/ Additional Information Sessions Offered

We have posted a set of FAQs (frequently asked questions) about the recent Covenant between the Advent and the Diocese of Alabama. They can be found on our website at AdventBirmingham.org/DiocesanCovenant; scroll to the bottom of the page (beneath Canon Smalley's letter) and click on the link for the Covenant FAQs. There you will also find a link to the Covenant itself.

We have scheduled two additional information sessions where Adventers can meet with Vestry members to learn more about the Covenant. They will happen Monday, August 16, 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Chapter Room, and Monday August 23, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Registration is needed to attend; visit AdventBirmingham.org/InformationSessions to sign up.

Welcome Leslie Housman

Leslie Housman is returning to the Advent to serve as Director of Women's Ministries, starting on August 15. See page 2 for more information.



A Word from Wes Sharp

I was recently reading in an old book entitled *Feathers of the Skylark*, when I came across a most interesting illustration. It went something like this:

A mother and father had just arrived home from the hospital with their newborn baby girl. They were met with great excitement and anticipation by their older daughter who was 4 years old. The older daughter immediately wanted to see, touch, and even hold her new baby sister as much as she possibly could, and even requested some time alone with the newest addition to the family.

Despite the caution of the parents and the uncertainty of the motives of the 4-year-old, they reluctantly agreed to allow the daughter in the baby's room for some alone time as long as the baby was in the crib. The parents also installed a monitor in case the situation went awry. They closed the door and turned the monitor up to listen to the conversation. They heard their

4-year-old run to the newborn's crib and ask in great anticipation, "Hurry, tell me what heaven is like! I'm starting to forget the older I am."

This illustration, while thought provoking in nature, was intended by the author to springboard into a discussion on heaven consciousness. It caused me to think of Paul's word to the Romans in chapter 8 that "called, justified, sanctified, and glorified" are all states of past, present, and future. It is happening but it has already been done. Our language does not often lend itself very well to this understanding, but nonetheless that is the intention.

I do think we would do well to think of heaven's glory, at least what knowledge we have of it at the moment. The more we reflect on the glorified state, the more motivated we might be to share this reality with those who have yet to believe – that they too would see they were thought of before the beginning of creation (Psalm 139)! It would do us well to be heavenly minded enough to stir up a hunger in our hearts for more of what Jesus has to offer on earth as we anticipate the coming glory. - Wes

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.
- Ephesians 1:4 (NLT)

This Sunday:

August 8, 2021

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
(Band led)

11:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
(Organ and Choir led)

Preacher: Wes Sharp

We will livestream the 9:15 and 11:15 services.

Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live, Facebook Live, or YouTube to access our stream.

Adult Education (10:15-11:00 a.m.):

Recordings of classes are available at Audio.AdventBirmingham.org.

• **August 8: The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *A Season in the Psalms: Psalm 16 – Living the Resurrection* – Doug Webster

What Makes the Church the Church? (Chapter Room) – *Is It Politics?* – Jason Wallace

The Greatness of Our God (Living Room) – *By Him All Things Were Created and Are Held Together* – Wes Sharp

• **August 15: The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *A Season in the Psalms* – Mark Gignilliat

Lesser-Known Prophets (Living Room) – *Nahum: Nineveh, 200 Years Later* – Steve Tilghman

Next Sunday:

August 15, 2021

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. Holy Communion
(Band led)

11:15 a.m. Holy Communion
(Organ and Choir led)

Preacher: Mark Gignilliat

(Adult Education August 15, cont.)

Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – *The Spiritual Aspirations We Have for Our Children: A Joyful, Satisfying Life* – Cameron Cole



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

Leslie Housman Begins Work as Women's Ministries Director August 15

Leslie Housman is returning to the Advent staff to serve as Director of Women's Ministries, starting August 15. Leslie (*right*) and her family have been long-time members of the Advent, with Leslie holding various positions on our staff during her years with us.



In 2015 Leslie, Kevin, and their three sons moved to Dallas, Texas, where Leslie soon became the Director of Women's Ministries at Christ Church (Plano). In December of 2020, Kevin learned he was being transferred back to Birmingham, and conversations began about Leslie becoming the permanent Director of Women's Ministries at the Advent.

Leslie is the mother of Davis, 21; Henry, 18; and Sam, 16. She holds degrees in Early Childhood Education from Birmingham-Southern College and the University of Montevallo. She is a gifted teacher with a warm and faithful spirit, and her love of the Lord and his word is immediately known.

Carolyn Lankford has served faithfully and exceptionally as our Interim Director of Women's Ministries. She will remain on staff until the end of August to facilitate the transition to Leslie's leadership.

Please join us in welcoming the Housman family back to the Advent, and Leslie back as our Director of Women's Ministries.

Send Us Your Contact Updates

We're getting ready to update our printed Church Directory, and we'd love to keep you connected to our community. If you have changed your phone number(s) or address and haven't let us know, please contact Margaret Pope with the updated information (Margaret@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3510). Please indicate which phone number you would like to have listed as your primary number, or if you do not want a phone number listed in the directory at all.

An online directory is available to parishioners through our website, AdventBirmingham.org. Click on "Directory" at the bottom of the home page and follow the prompts to register.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Young Adults' Ministry

Gathering Set for August 12

If you're in your 20s or 30s, please join us for a young adults' gathering on Thursday, August 12, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Monday Night Social Club (14 12th Street South, 35233). Find out more by contacting Michael Weeks (Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com).

Women's Ministry

Last Call to Sign Up for the Women's Retreat

Our Women's Retreat is set for Friday afternoon-Sunday morning, August 27-29, at Children's Harbor Conference Center at Lake Martin. If you haven't already signed up, this is your last call to do so. We will be closing registration as soon as we hit our maximum or by August 13, which ever comes first.



Our keynote speaker is Susan Yates, a beloved friend of the Advent and author of many books and teachings on being faithful in all stages of life. Her title for our retreat is *Trusting in God in the Midst of Life's Transitions*.

Room and Board is \$140 for a double room and \$280 for a single room. Meals-only is \$50. Scholarships are available. Register to attend at AdventBirmingham.org/Women. Contact Carolyn Lankford with questions (Carolyn@CathedralAdvent.com).

Youth Ministry

Welcome-to-High-School Retreat August 7-8

All incoming Advent 9th graders are invited to join us for a fun, one-night retreat Saturday-Sunday, August 7-8, at TrueVine Foundation in Eutaw, Alabama. This is a great way for the 9th graders to get to know one another as well as the Family Leaders! We will leave Saturday afternoon and be back Sunday afternoon. Cost is \$50. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth. Contact Rebecca (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Ageless Adventers

Third Wednesdays Program to Resume September 15

The Ageless Adventers will resume the Third Wednesdays luncheon series on September 15, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). We will gather for lunch and a word from one of our clergy.

All ages are welcome! For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Stella Schreiber (Stella@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8558).



worship

Lectionary

Sunday, August 8: Psalm 130 or Psalm 34:1-8
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; 1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday, August 15: Psalm 111 or Psalm 34:9-14
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

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



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Advent Small Groups

From a Seat in the Basement Back to a Seat in the Nave

My small-group journey is a story of how God moved me from a seat in the basement of the Advent back to a pew in the Nave, and through his grace and mercy changed my heart.

About 20 years ago, despite being curious about opportunities for biblical study, my circumstances were threatening my sense of belonging to the body of the church. I had recently become divorced and entered a 12-step recovery program. Both labels – divorce and addiction – held me hostage and in a self-imposed lockout from the doors to the Advent. In tandem, guilt and shame were powerful gremlins that voiced the mantra: “You do not belong there anymore.”

To assuage this voice, I chose to attend another Episcopal church. Although I had one foot pulling me away from worship at the Advent, I miraculously had the other fully planted in a different part of the Advent: the basement where I attended recovery meetings. God used this unassuming space to bring me back into fellowship with him and to open the way to grow with others through small groups.

Around this time, I accepted an invitation to join an Alpha course which explores fundamentals of the Christian faith. At this gathering at the Advent, I joined a table with other potential small-group enrollees. A gentleman at my table disclosed in his introduction that he was a divorcee. In that moment, I no longer felt different, and I saw the opportunity for relationship with fellow believers.

My experiences during Alpha encouraged me to commit to small-group participation. I am now part of a men’s small group, which has been together for more years than I can recall. From my participation in small groups, I have received instruction from others of God’s plan for our daily living, and as a result I know without hesitation that I belong to him, and through him, to each of us.

- Raymond Osburn

This summer we are working on forming new groups that will begin in the fall. Please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8562) if you are interested in joining one.

Men’s Ministry

Skeet Shoot and Luncheon Set for September 11

Join us for our Men’s Ministry kick-off event, a skeet shoot and luncheon on Saturday, September 11, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Pursell Farms in Sylacauga. Each registration includes 100 pounds of clay skeet and a buffet lunch to follow. This is a great opportunity for Advent men to gather and enjoy fellowship with a little competition on the side.

Registration deadline is September 1, and attendance is limited to the first 75 men. Sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/Men. Contact Wes Sharp with questions (Wes@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3519).



education

Children’s Sunday School

Children to Be Promoted in Church Classes August 22

Incoming 4K-6th graders will be promoted in their church classes to their current grades on Sunday, August 22, to create consistency with children’s school lives.

And mark your calendars for Rally Day, Sunday, September 12. We look forward to kicking off the new school year with your family!

Nursery

Graduation for 2-Year-Olds August 22

We will have Nursery graduation for our 2-year-olds on Sunday, August 22, 10:45 a.m. in their classroom. It will be a special time to recognize this milestone and give parents helpful information about the Children’s Ministry. Children in the Nursery will remain in their current classes until Rally Day, September 12. For more information, contact Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com).

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The Rev. Wes Sharp, Clergy Associate

transitions:

Birth: Margaret Britton Burkhart, daughter of Josh and Sarah, on July 14

memorials:

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 8 Holy Communion - Nave - 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer - Nave - 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Christian Education - 10:15 a.m.	9	10 Prayer Walk - Nave - 8:00 a.m.	11	12 Young Adults' Social - 14 12th St. South - 5:30 p.m.	13	14
Aug 15 Holy Communion - Nave - 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 11:15 a.m. Christian Education - 10:15 a.m.	16	17 Prayer Walk - Nave - 8:00 a.m.	18	19	20	21

Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

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.

Intercessory Prayer Available at Advent House: Anyone desiring to seek God in prayer may reach out to the Advent House Prayer Ministry. We are offering prayer sessions at the Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205). Please contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com) to make an appointment or for more information.