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News & Events



Lighting the Advent Wreath

This Sunday, the Langloh family, Anne-Lynn and Drew, Jack (2nd grade), Maggie (5K), and Thomas (age 4) will light the first candle on our parish Advent wreath immediately before the 9:00 a.m. service.

Tal Prince to Address Men's Luncheon



Tal Prince (left), Men's Ministry Associate for the Wellspring Group and an old friend of the Advent, will speak at the Men's Luncheon Thursday, December 1, at noon in Clingman Commons. See page 2 for more information.



A Word from Canon Warren

Susan and I had the great privilege of traveling to Greece and Turkey this year for a continuing education trip. We toured Istanbul and many of the ruins of ancient

Biblical cities such as Corinth and Galatia. It was astounding to retrace the steps of the Apostle Paul, reading his letters as we traveled.

We also visited the Island of Patmos, where John was exiled; we literally walked through the cave where it is said he lived and wrote the book of Revelation. We actually visited several of the seven cities mentioned in Revelation.

Our leader was J. D. Greear, who is the Pastor of the Summit Church in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. I have just finished his book, *Gospel: Recovering the Power that Made Christianity Revolutionary*. J. D. says, "What being Gospel-centered is all about is not moving past the Gospel but continually going deeper into it. It is realizing that the Gospel is the final answer to every issue and

problem in life, and seeing the whole world through the lens of the cross. The Gospel is not good advice on how to live; it is good news about what God has done. The cross settles forever how God feels about us, and the resurrection shows us how much power He is using to bring about His good plan for our lives."

Something that appeared to be a great victory for evil turned out to be the greatest part of God's plan. He didn't bring salvation despite the cross, but rather brought salvation through it. That means He is working out His greatest plans even in your worst moments, too.

From J. D.: "My soul has found its resting place. No longer do I struggle, in anguish, over what I must do for God to be pleased with me. Christ has accomplished it all on my behalf. I can add nothing to it and I can take nothing away." This is truly the revolutionary power of the Gospel. The whole book is about the Gospel calling us to abide in Jesus, to make our home in His love, and to reflect on it in the Bible. Jesus' love is the soil from which spiritual fruit grows.

- Joseph P.

For this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. - St. John 6:40

This Sunday:

November 27, 2011
First Sunday of Advent

Services:

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Canon Gibbes will preach at all morning services.

5:00 p.m. Evening Service

Preacher: Canon Gibbes

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

The Dean's Class (Refectory) - *What Makes the church the Church?* - Dean Limehouse

Anticipating Christ: The Advent of Creation (Day School Library) - Canon Gibbes

Trinity Bible Study - An Open Study of Luke/Acts (Diocesan Conference Room) - *Luke's Christmas Story: Advent 1 - Foretelling* - Jon Harbuck and Steve Tilghman

Burn Down the Trailer Park: Nanobots in the Blood, YouTube on the Cross, and the Thirty-Nine Articles in 140 Characters or Fewer (Chapter Room) - *Part 2 of 5* - Jack Sharman

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.

Lectionary:

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

St. Mark 13:24-37

The 9:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on WXJC, 850 AM and 92.5 FM.
Sermon texts and audio recordings are available at www.AdventBirmingham.org.



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



servicing & outreach

The Carpenter's Hands

Next Workday Set for December 3

Make plans to join other Adventers on Saturday, December 3, as we volunteer with Carpenter's Hands, a ministry committed to decent, affordable housing in Birmingham. All training and tools are provided. All you need to bring are work gloves, a sack lunch, and a servant heart. This is a great service opportunity for families with older children, small groups, and for individuals looking to enjoy great fellowship. For more information and/or to sign up, please contact Becky Rone (rebecca@cathedraladvent.com, 226-3512).

EYC

Youth Offer Service on "Mission Mondays"

Advent Youth will continue to serve in Fairfield after school each Monday through December 5. If you attend Mountain Brook Junior High, we'll pick you up at the Mountain Brook Baptist Church parking lot at 3:00 p.m. Everyone else will depart from Advent Park at 3:25. We'll return to Advent Park at 5:30.

Jr. High: In-Town Mission Weekend Scheduled

Attention 7th and 8th graders: Save the dates for the Jr. High In-Town Mission Weekend, Friday-Sunday, February 17-19, 2012. More information to come!



spiritual growth & fellowship

EYC

Advent Bowl is this Sunday

Come out to the Mountain Brook High School stadium this Sunday, November 27, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., for the game of the century! No, we don't mean Bama-LSU... The second annual Advent Bowl is here!

Progressive Dinner is Right Around the Corner

Time to dig out your best tacky Christmas attire - bring on the bubble-painted sweaters, ice-skating reindeer t-shirts, jingle bell necklaces, and Christmas pajamas! The Jr. High dinner will be Sunday, December 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m., and the Sr. High dinner will be Friday, December 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Don't forget your gift for Dirty Santa (\$5 and under, please).

Seniors' Ministry

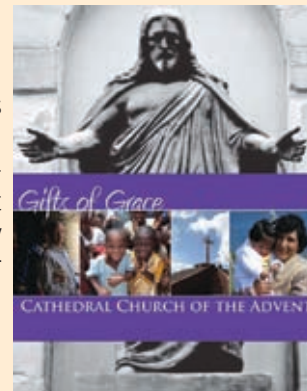
Next Luncheon to Feature the Seasoned Performers

Advent Seniors will host a luncheon Thursday, December 8, 11:30 a.m. in Clingman Commons. The Seasoned Performers (including our own Jim Anderson) will offer *The Magic of Christmas*, holiday stories, songs, and remembrances created by Martha Haarbauer. The shuttle will leave Advent Park at 11:00. Call Katherine Kilpatrick at 443-8559 to reserve a lunch or shuttle seat.

Gifts of Grace

Reach Out this Christmas

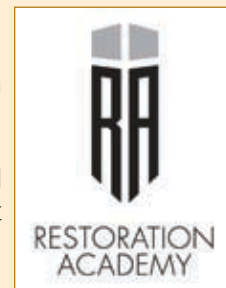
Honor friends and family this Christmas by supporting students in Haiti, orphans in Bolivia, and homeless families in Birmingham. Visit www.AdventBirmingham.org to view the catalog and download an order form. For a hard copy, contact Carol Williams (carol@cathedraladvent.com, 443-8550).



Restoration Academy

School to Hold Luncheon December 1

Restoration Academy, a Christian school in Fairfield, will host its final luncheon of 2011 on Thursday, December 1, noon at the school. Come hear about this wonderful ministry and learn how you can get involved. Contact Becky Rone (rebecca@cathedraladvent.com, 226-3512) to make a reservation.



Upcoming Events

Food Drive Sunday: December 18, Clingman Commons

Coat Drive Sunday: January 22, Clingman Commons

For more information about upcoming events, please contact Becky Rone (rebecca@cathedraladvent.com, 226-3512).

Men's Ministry

Luncheon with Tal Prince December 1

Men of the Advent are invited to a luncheon Thursday, December 1, noon-1:00 p.m. in Clingman Commons. The guest speaker will be Tal Prince, whose previous visits to the Advent have included preaching in our Lenten series. Tal is currently Men's Ministry Associate with the Wellspring Group, which offers a leadership development process for pastoral teams and lay leaders that includes retreats. Wellspring provides teaching, coaching, and materials, as well as consulting with church and business leaders.

Guild Meeting

St. Amelia's Guild will host its Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 7, 11:30 a.m. at The Club. All young women of the Advent are encouraged to join us for lunch and fellowship. For reservations or questions, please contact Anna Colvin, colvin1932@att.net.

Fellowship Groups

Saints and Sinners: Advent 30-somethings will meet for a Christmas Gathering on Sunday, December 4, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Emily and Chips Pruet, 102 Crestview Drive, 35213. Canon Pearson will speak. Cost is \$10/person. To make reservations or ask questions, please email adventsaintsandsinners@gmail.com.



worship

Service of Lessons and Carols

Advent Services Set for December 4

In celebration of the titular feast of our parish, there will be two services of Advent Lessons and Carols on the second Sunday of Advent, December 4, at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. The children's choirs will sing at the 9:00 service; otherwise the order of worship will be the same for both services.

These Advent services, which include prayers, lessons, and carol-anthems providing musical illumination to the readings, are offered as a preparation for the Christmas celebration.

Advent Radio Broadcast to Move to New Station December 4

The Advent has been broadcasting its 9:00 a.m. service over the radio for many years. Beginning on Sunday, December 4, this broadcast will be carried by WERC on FM 105.5 and AM 960. Audio streaming of the service will be available through the website www.WERCFM.com.

WERC "News Radio" is a popular station in Birmingham, with excellent facilities, equipment, and staff. We are very pleased to have this opportunity to extend the reach of our Sunday morning preaching and worship.

Please tell everyone you know - if you can't be here in person on Sunday morning, listen on WERC!



spiritual growth & fellowship

Cursillo

City-Wide Ultreya is December 1

A City-Wide Cursillo Ultreya will happen Thursday, December 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at The Exceptional Foundation in Homewood. Please bring some food to share, your own beverage, and a snack pack (pretzels, chips, etc.) as a donation to The Exceptional Foundation. For more information, contact Tim Medders at heytheretim@yahoo.com.

Marriage Retreat

Registration Now Open

Registration is open for the Advent's marriage retreat, January 20-22 at The Hotel at Auburn University. Trey Hill, psychologist at Covenant Counseling, will lead the retreat. Details and registration are all online at www.AdventBirmingham.org. Questions? Contact Gil Kracke (gil@cathedraladvent.com, 226-3516).

Women's Ministries

Christmas Meeting & Bazaar at St. Luke's is December 5

The annual Advent/St. Luke's/St. Mary's Christmas Meeting & Bazaar will be Monday, December 5, 11:00 a.m. at St. Luke's. Fisher Humphreys, author and retired Professor of Divinity at Beeson Divinity School, will speak on *The Hopes and Fears*. Advent women will sell pound cakes and bread at the bazaar. You can bring them that morning or leave them in Clingman Commons on Sunday, December 4. Call Mary Hanson (967-4923) for more information.

Finding Christ in the Christmas Crunch

Dean Limehouse cordially invites the women of the Advent and their guests to hear Lucy Dunn McCain's *Christ in the Christmas Crunch* on Friday, December 9, 9:15-10:15 a.m. at The Country Club of Birmingham. Light breakfast will be served. Please RSVP by Monday, December 5, to Tamara Sansbury (249-3523, tamara77@charter.net).



education

The Posada

Is There Room in Your Inn?

The Posada is a Christmas tradition that originated in Latin America, dramatizing Mary and Joseph's search for lodging in Bethlehem. As we enter the season of Advent, we invite your family to share in our version of this tradition. Each child in 3K through 1st grade can sign up for a turn to host "the holy couple" overnight by taking home his or her class's set of Mary and Joseph figures. Please sign up in your child's Sunday School classroom for your turn to symbolically open your home to Jesus as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Wilson (226-3547, elizabeth@cathedraladvent.com).



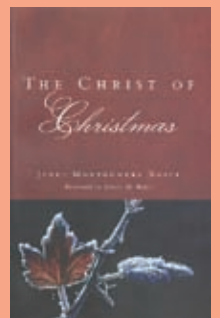
book store

Seeking the Christ of Christmas

The Christ of Christmas by James Montgomery Boice - The Christmas story has deep meaning today, not merely as a nice bedtime story for children or a narrative in a choral concert, but as a foundational point of our salvation and our new life in Jesus - the omnipotent, omniscient, righteous Christ of Christmas. Boice's theological insight will renew your mind and strengthen your heart to fall at Jesus' feet, like the shepherds, and call him Lord and God. A must-read for families who long to restore Christ to the center of Christmas.

Don't forget the candles - Pick up your pack of Advent candles while you are looking for your Advent devotion book.

Regular store hours are Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Sunday, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. We will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, November 23 and 24, for Thanksgiving. Contact us: 323-2959, ebsinfo@episcobooks.com. Visit us anytime: www.episcobooks.com.



calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 27 First Sunday of Advent Regular worship schedule EYC Advent Bowl - Mtn. Brook High School - 2 p.m.	28 Allen Ross Bible Study - Advent Park - 7 a.m. EYC Mission Mondays - Advent Park - 3:25 p.m.	29	30 Holy Communion - Chapel - 12:05 p.m.	Dec 1 "Sunrise Sinners" Bible Study - Refectory - 7 a.m. Women's Bible Study - 11:30 a.m. Men's Ministry Luncheon - Clingman - noon	2 Women's Bible Study - Latimer House - 9:15 a.m.	3 Carpenter's Hands Workday - Canterbury UMC - 8:10 a.m.
Dec 4 Regular worship schedule Service of Lessons and Carols - Nave - 9 and 11 a.m. EYC: Jr. High Progressive Dinner - 6 p.m.	5 Allen Ross Bible Study - 7 a.m. Women's Christmas Meeting & Bazaar - St. Luke's - 11 a.m. EYC Mission Mondays - 3:25 p.m.	6	7 Holy Communion - Chapel - 12:05 p.m.	8 "Sunrise Sinners" Bible Study - 7 a.m. Seniors' Luncheon - Clingman - 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - 11:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Conf. Rm. - noon	9 <i>Christ in the Christmas Crunch</i> - Country Club of B'ham. - 9:15 a.m. EYC: Sr. High Progressive Dinner - 6 p.m.	10

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

Monday-Friday: AA - Coe Conference Room, noon

coming up:

- Midday Musical Menu - The G. W. Carver Concert Choir: Friday, December 16, Nave, 12:30 p.m.
- Outreach Food Drive: Sunday, December 18, Clingman Commons

- Fifth Grade Pageant: Sunday, December 18, Nave, 9:00 a.m.
- Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24 - Children's Service at 3:30 p.m.; Festal Holy Eucharist at 5:00, 8:00, and 11:00 p.m.; The Music of Christmas at 10:25 p.m.

transitions:

Birth: Lucy Carpenter Stokes, daughter of Matthew and Lori, on November 11

Baptisms: Ashley Michelle Howell, on November 11; Rhyan Emile Paquette, on November 11 (adult baptisms)

Marriage: Melissa Lynn Howell and Rhyan Emile Paquette, on November 12

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Elizabeth Taylor Smith: (Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Corey; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson

Zoe Proferis Bromberg: (Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Corey; Mr. and Mrs. E. Mabry Rogers

Trula Cather: (Outreach) by Trula C. Reynolds

Elizabeth (Liz) Vogtle: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Bromberg, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Esdale

In Thanksgiving for Canon Craig Smalley: (Outreach) by his Friends at Blackjack Farms

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