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News & Events

How You Can Help with VBS

Vacation Bible School 2026 is set for Monday-Thursday, June 1-4, 9:00 a.m.-noon at the Advent. We need help in a few areas to make this beloved event happen. See page 2 for ways that you can lend a hand.

20s & 30s Dinner May 31

Adventers in their 20s and 30s and their friends will gather for a Welcome-to-Summer dinner on Sunday, May 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the home of Lyn and James Bradford (2500 Aberdeen Road, 35223). Register to attend at AdventBirmingham.org/20s30s. See page 2 for more information.

Prayer Continues at Advent House

Intercessory prayer continues during the summer at Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205). If you would like to schedule a prayer appointment, please contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com). See page 3 for more information.



A Word from Canon Pinter

Ascension Day is one of the Church's overlooked feast days. We notice Christmas. We linger at Easter. But Ascension often slips by almost unnoticed, and the 10 days that follow – Ascensiontide – pass quietly between Resurrection joy and Pentecost fire. I barely noticed it myself for years. Then, on Ascension Day in 1994, I heard a sermon from my Old Testament professor, and now dear friend, Bruce Waltke. He opened my eyes to the strange and steady hope hidden in Christ's ascension. Ever since, I've marked the day by writing him an annual "Ascension Day Epistle." This year made 31.

The first disciples didn't greet the Ascension with triumph. Mostly, they stood there bewildered. For 40 days after the resurrection, Jesus had come among them quietly and personally. He met grieving Mary Magdalene in the garden, discouraged travelers on the Emmaus Road, and ashamed Peter beside the charcoal fire in Galilee. Jesus was never in a hurry. He spoke to each wonder

and wound with patience and mercy.

Then, just before he departed, he told them, "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised" (Acts 1:4). Wait. That was their calling.

And that is often ours as well.

We know something about living between promise and fulfillment, between the prayer and the answer, between what God has said and what we can presently see. Many of us live there now. We wait for healing, for clarity, for reconciliation, for hope to take flesh in places that still feel barren.

Ascensiontide teaches us that waiting is not empty. Jesus ascended, not to abandon his friends, but to fill them with the Holy Spirit. At Pentecost the promise arrived: God with us, God within us. The Spirit enters every room of our lives – the bright sunroom and the moldy basement alike. No corner is too fearful, too doubtful, or too shame-filled for his presence.

As the Apostle Paul says, the Spirit is the "down payment" of what is coming, "the first fruits" of glory still ahead. So, for now, we live faithfully in the middle space – between promise and fulfillment – learning to trust both the wonder and the waiting. - Dean

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed." - Isaiah 54:10

This Sunday:

May 24, 2026

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Vice Dean Murray

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Vice Dean Murray

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Canon Gardner

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Gardner

We will livestream the 9:00 a.m. Nave service and the 11:00 a.m. service.

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

Adult Education (10:15-10:50 a.m.):

The Dean's Class (Refectory) – *Christ at the Center: Paul's Letter to the Philippians* (3:1-21) – Dean Pinter

Children's & Youth Education:

Rising 4K and Kindergarten (former 3K and 4K) meet at 9:00 a.m. Rising 1st through 3rd graders start the 9:00 service in church before leaving during the children's dismissal for Children's Church. Rising 4th graders through 6th graders and Jr. and Sr. High youth have classes between the 9:00 and 11:00 services. (We are delighted now to have the rising 4th graders worship with us for the entire 9:00 service.) See Sunday's worship bulletin for locations. The Nursery opens for our Infants, Toddlers, and 2s classes at 8:45 a.m. The Nursery is open for ages 6 weeks-5 years during the 11:00 service.



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20s & 30s Ministry



Welcome-to-Summer Dinner May 31

Adventers and their friends in their 20s and 30s are invited to join us for a relaxed summer evening filled with good food and great company! We will gather on Sunday, May 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the home of James and Lyn Bradford (2500 Aberdeen Road, 35223). Expect a warm, casual atmosphere with space to connect and terrific views of downtown Birmingham atop Red Mountain. Whether you're new or have been around for a while, we'd love for you to join us! Please register at AdventBirmingham.org/20s30s. Contact Will Fagan (Fagan@CathedralAdvent.com) for details.

Caregivers Support Group

Lunch Gathering June 12

Caregivers are invited to a monthly lunch with others who have been impacted by the demands of caring for a loved one. The next gathering will be Friday, June 12, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). You are welcome whether you are a full-time caregiver or you are just beginning to experience changes in your life due to the health of a family member. To RSVP or for details, contact Robin Turner (Robin@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3500).

Women's Summer Bible Study

Study of Galatians to Begin June 3

Bill Wortman will lead a study on Galatians on Wednesdays, June 3-July 29, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). A Zoom option is available for those who want to stay in their robes with a mug of coffee. Contact Anne-Marie Brown (AMGuin@aol.com) for more information.



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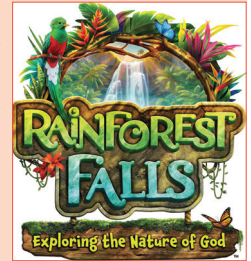
Vacation Bible School

VBS Is Coming Soon

Vacation Bible School 2026 is set for Monday-Thursday, June 1-4, 9:00 a.m.-noon at the Advent. We need help in a few areas to make it happen.

VBS Set-Up Day Is May 27

Come join staff and volunteers as we get ready for VBS! Come and go as you can on Wednesday, May 27, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Contact Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.



Help Provide Snacks for VBS Volunteers

We are so excited for Vacation Bible School! Our volunteers will be serving our children, so let's serve them by filling a hospitality room with food and drinks throughout VBS. Sign up to bring items on the VBS webpage at AdventBirmingham.org/VBS.

We Need a Few Group Leaders

We still need a handful of volunteers to be group leaders who lead groups of children from station to station. If you are available and feel a nudge, please contact Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com) or Gunter Owens (Gunter@CathedralAdvent.com).

Women's Bible Studies

Thursday-Morning Study Continues

Join Rita Wright and Mary Berkeley Pritchard on Thursdays, 6:45-7:45 a.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) for a study on the book of Mark. This "drop-in" group meets year-round. Come when you can!

Walking with God: A Journey in Step with the Savior

Join us for this six-week Beth Moore video study. This study journeys through Scripture to explore what walking with God looked like throughout the biblical storyline. It offers rich teaching, practical application, and thought-provoking questions to help you begin – or continue – your own walk with God.

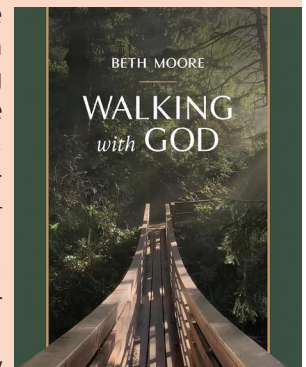
There are two meeting opportunities:

- *Wednesday evenings* at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209) June 10-July 22 (no meeting on July 1), 6:30-8:30 p.m.

- *Thursday mornings* in the church Living Room (Nursery provided.)

June 11-July 23 (no meeting on July 2), 9:30-11:30 a.m.

For more information or to register, contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8562).



If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. - Romans 8:11

Memorial Day Closing

The church office will be closed Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, May 26.

Subscribe to Our Email Lists

The Advent uses several email lists to communicate with parishioners quickly about various news and events. You can sign up for any of these four lists at AdventBirmingham.org/Subscribe. On that page, click the "Subscribe" button to receive Parish-Wide News, Email *Adventurer*, Women of the Advent, and/or Pastoral Care Notices, which share news of births and deaths in and close to our parish.



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Advent House Prayer Ministry



Intercessory Prayer Continues at Advent House

The Advent House Prayer Ministry is here for you, particularly if you have recognized a need, large or small, for God's help in your life. Prayer intercessors will pray for you as they gather in the name of Jesus Christ, trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and depend upon the power of Christ Jesus to bring about healing – spiritual, physical, and emotional – for you.

If you would like to schedule a prayer appointment at Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205), please contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com).



worship

Lectionary

Sunday, May 24

Psalms 104:25-35, 37 • Numbers 11:24-30

Acts 2:1-21 • 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23 • John 7:37-39

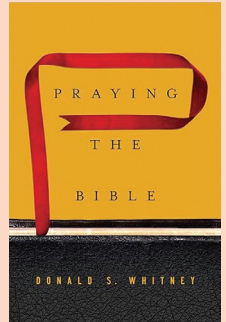


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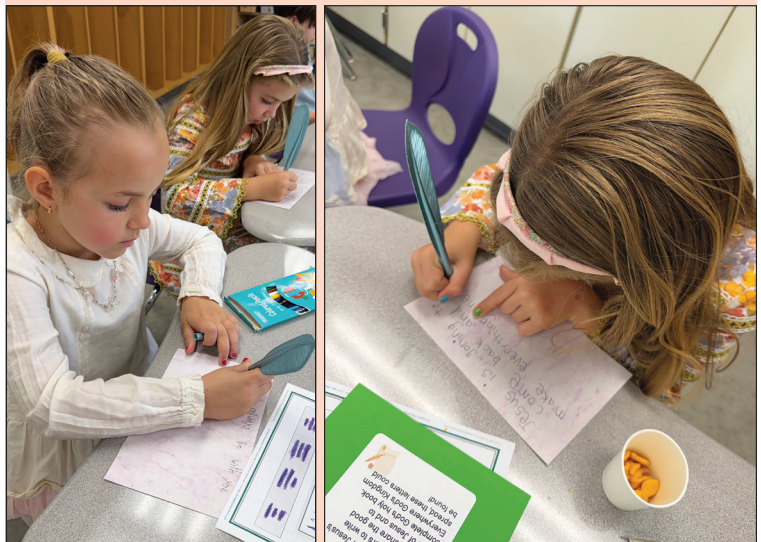
Men's Summer Bible Study

Summer in the Psalms: Praying the Bible

Join us for this 12-week event on Tuesday mornings, June 2-August 25, from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Led by Craig Ogard, we will read and discuss the book *Praying the Bible* by Donald S. Whitney and apply it by praying through a Psalm together. Please contact Craig (CTOgard@aol.com, 205-966-5656) for more information.



Children's Ministry



Above: On May 3, children learned how Paul spread the gospel through letters, and that those letters make up much of the New Testament. We loved watching Kindergarten and 1st grade write their own letters about the truths and good news of Jesus.

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. - Acts 2:1-4

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. - 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 24 Day of Pentecost Holy Communion at all services	25 Memorial Day Church office closed	26	27 Vacation Bible School Set-Up Day - Advent - 10:00 a.m.	28	29	30
May 31 Trinity Sunday Holy Communion at all services 20s and 30s Dinner - 2500 Aberdeen Road - 5:30 p.m.	June 1 Vacation Bible School - Advent - 9:00 a.m.	2 Vacation Bible School - Advent - 9:00 a.m.	3 Vacation Bible School - Advent - 9:00 a.m.	4 Vacation Bible School - Advent - 9:00 a.m. VBS Closing Lunch - Refectory/Clingman Commons - 11:30 a.m.	5	6

Monday-Friday (No meeting May 25): 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.