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## News & Events

### New Members Confirmed

Twenty-four youths and 24 adults were confirmed as members of the Advent on May 17. Please join us in welcoming them as we give thanks for their being a part of our parish family. See page 2 for a listing of our new members.

### Vacation Bible School Begins June 1

VBS 2026 will be held Monday-Thursday, June 1-4, 9:00 a.m.-noon at the Advent. Training for our volunteers will be Sunday, May 31, at 10:05 a.m. We need help providing snacks for these volunteers during VBS. See page 2 for more information.

### New Youth Staff Accept Call to Advent

We are happy to announce two new hires in our Youth Ministry. Jake Parks will serve alongside Margot Cooney as our Directors of Youth Ministry. Caroline Bass will be our Associate Director of Youth Ministry. See page 3 for details.

### Adventurer Begins Summer Schedule

Beginning this week, the *Adventurer* will be published every other week for the next 12 weeks, concluding with the issue dated August 9/16. We will resume weekly publication with the issue dated August 23, 2026.



## A Word from Mary Ann McCarty

I love summer. It makes me feel free, childlike, and aware of my Southern bones. I love the way the trees are thick with green leaves, and the bright flowers stubbornly bloom, making the world vibrant. Yes, it's annoyingly hot and humid, but the heavy heat tells me I am at home. In a couple of months, I will certainly moan, complaining about still being hot. But as summer arrives, I get excited for a bit of slowness that the school calendar and even the weather enforces upon us.

In summer I share the kids' joy as they squeal and laugh at the swimming pool while I marvel at their mothers' consistent, caring insistence on sunscreen. In summer I compile my own summer reading list, full of whatever seems enjoyable and restful. In summer I sit outside in the lingering daylight, watching the day slowly fade away and letting my heart calm down as the fireflies begin to blink.

I know this season can be hectic for many, running from activity to vacation to weddings while still trying to work. Yet for others of us, those days are behind us, and we are learning not to wear busyness like a badge of honor. Either way, summer reminds me there is a season for everything under the sun, and God has made us creatures who need rest, even as God rested on the seventh day.

I have noticed rest and slowness nurture my spiritual life. When I take a break from needing to produce, I can listen to God's voice more easily. With a calmer schedule, I can receive the gift of God reflected in the people around me more readily. My brain focuses and my heart opens more when I have increased space in my calendar. May you feel free to rest in whatever way you can, and may God's Spirit nourish you as you go this summer.

- Mary Ann

**One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

- Psalm 27:4

## This Sunday:

May 31, 2026

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

Preacher: Will Fagan

**9:00 a.m. Holy Communion**

*In the Nave.* Preacher: Will Fagan

**9:00 a.m. Holy Communion**

*In the Refectory.* Preacher: Mary Ann McCarty

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

Preacher: Mary Ann McCarty

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

Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Live), YouTube, or Facebook Live to access our stream.

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

May 31:

**The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *Christ at the Center:*

*Paul's Letter to the Philippians (4:1-23)* – Dean Pinter

**Why Am I a Christian?: Challenges and Reasons**

**for Believing** (Chapter Room) – Bill Wortman

**20s and 30s Class** (Lower School Library) – *Christi-*

*anity Is Entirely for Your Benefit* – Will Fagan

June 7:

**The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *The Faith Once for*

*All Delivered: Twenty Centuries in Four Sundays* –

Jason Wallace

**20s and 30s Class** (Lower School Library) – *Christi-*

*anity Is Entirely for Your Benefit: The Gift of Spon-*

*taneity* – Paul Zahl and Will Fagan

## Next Sunday:

June 7, 2025

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

Preacher: Canon Pinter

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

*In the Nave.* Preacher: Canon Pinter

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

*In the Refectory.*

Preacher: Canon Young

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

Preacher: Canon Pinter



# GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

## New Members Confirmed

Bishop Curry officiated as 24 youth and 24 adults were confirmed as members of the Advent on May 17. Thanks to all of the staff and volunteer who helped prepare our youth and adults for membership.



Youth confirmed (above):

Kathleen Anderson, Eleanor Black, Max Dapkus, Hamilton Gervin, Ford Getz, Tate Green, Watson Harrison, Carlisle Hemrick, Annie Israel, Holmes Lucas, Mary Parham McCurry, Anne McElrath, Wade McGowan, Katie Grace Montgomery, James Moore, Paul Nelson, Louise Norwood, Carter Novak, Arden Price, Fort Robinson, Charlotte Scribner, Amelia Spardello, Libby Thuston, Thomas Van Hauen



Adults confirmed (above):

Stewart Alvis, Caroline Bishop, Kyle Bishop, Katie Bromberg, Amy Christensen, Dane Christensen, Patrick Druhan, Conner Gayda, JJ Gayda, Phillip Gewin, Robert Koeller, Mary Krontiras, Jordan Laboon, Tyler Love, Whitney Lucas, Kate Wells Nelson, Mary Rose Patrick, Kaitlin Payne, Jackson Reeves, Kristina Reeves, John West, Blake Wheeler, Jack Williams, Jordan Williams



## education

### Vacation Bible School

#### VBS Begins June 1

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Advent Monday-Thursday, June 1-4, 9:00 a.m.-noon for former 3K through 5th grade. The theme this year for 3K-3rd Grade is *Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God*. Children will experience the love of God and grow in his word and gospel while having a blast with friends and leaders! Older children who recently completed 4th and 5th grade will have a separate VBS, exploring the "I Am" statements of Jesus, held during the same dates/times. Learn more at [AdventBirmingham.org/VBS](http://AdventBirmingham.org/VBS). For more information, contact Tara Davis ([Tara@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tara@CathedralAdvent.com)).



#### Help Provide Snacks for Volunteers

We are so excited for VBS, June 1-4! 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](http://AdventBirmingham.org/VBS).

#### Volunteer Training Set for May 31

All VBS adult and youth volunteers: Please make plans to join us for the required VBS training on Sunday, May 31, 10:05-10:55 a.m. in the Assembly Hall. You will receive all the information you need to prepare for VBS. Questions? Contact Tara Davis ([Tara@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Tara@CathedralAdvent.com)).

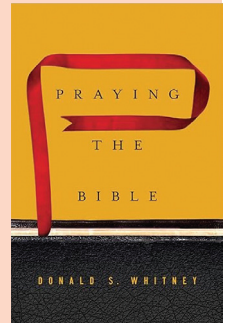
#### Closing Lunch June 4

We will have a closing lunch on the last day of VBS, Thursday, June 4, 11:30 a.m.-noon in the Refectory and Clingman Commons. Participants' family members are invited to join as we conclude our 2026 VBS!

### 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](mailto:CTOgard@aol.com), 205-966-5656) for more information.



### Women's Bible Study

#### 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!

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

## New Youth Staff to Join Us June 1

We are thrilled to announce two new hires in the Advent's Youth Ministry. They will begin work June 1.

Jake Parks (*above right*) is a soon-to-be graduate of Beeson Divinity School. Originally from Enterprise, Alabama, Jake is a graduate of the University of Alabama and brings more than a decade of youth ministry experience, having served churches in Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, San Diego, and Washington, D.C. He and his wife Emma have a son, Zane, and are expecting a daughter early this fall. Jake and Margot Cooney will serve as our Directors of Youth Ministry.



Caroline Bass (*below right*) is a recent graduate of Beeson Divinity School and is from Birmingham. After graduating from Samford, she served in the youth ministry of a local church and on mission teams in the Middle East, reflecting her passion for sharing the gospel in cross-cultural contexts. Caroline will be our Associate Director of Youth Ministry. We are grateful for John Mark Haase's continued service as our Boys' Youth Associate.



## education

### Women's Summer Bible Studies

#### Study of Jonah to Begin June 3

Bill Wortman will lead a study of Jonah 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](mailto:AMGuin@aol.com)) for more information.

#### 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:

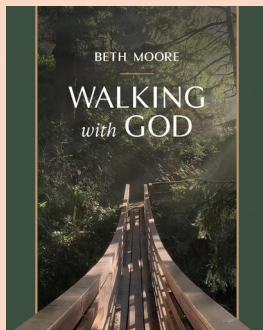
- **Wednesday evenings** at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209)

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](mailto:Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-443-8562).



## spiritual growth & fellowship

### 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](http://AdventBirmingham.org/20s30s). Contact Will Fagan ([Fagan@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto: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](mailto:Robin@CathedralAdvent.com), 205-226-3500).

## Sunday Children's and 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. 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.



## worship

### Lectionary

*Sunday, May 31*

Psalm 8 • Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 • Matthew 28:16-20

*Sunday, June 7*

Psalm 33:1-12 • Psalm 50:7-15  
Genesis 12:1-9 • Hosea 5:15-6:6  
Romans 4:13-25 • Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

## diocesan staff

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry, Bishop of Alabama

## advent staff

The Very Rev. R. Craig Smalley, Dean and Rector  
 The Rev. Canon Thomas P. Murray, Vice Dean  
 The Rev. Canon James "Jay" W. Gardner, III, Canon Pastor

The Rev. Canon Dr. Dean L. Pinter, Canon Theologian  
 The Rev. Canon Adam A. Young, Canon Missioner  
 The Rev. William J. Fagan, Director of Parish Life and Evangelism  
 The Rev. Mary Ann McCarty, Curate  
 The Very Rev. Dr. Paul F.M. Zahl, Dean Emeritus

## transitions:

**Baptisms:** Kameron Keel Mayhew, son of Ginny and Tyler, on May 17; Lee Allen Mayhew, son of Ginny and Tyler, on May 17

**Marriages:** Kate McCarroll Bumgarner and Thomas McMann, on May 9; Harriett Grace Ann Phillips and Tyler Adam Locklar, on May 16

## memorials:

### Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

**Hugh Browning Thornton, Jr.:** (Endowment Fund) by Gina and Hank Long  
**Ella Cobbs Cook:** (Children's Ministry) by Mr. and Mrs. E. Todd Sharley, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Lambert; John I. Clisby; Mr. and Mrs. Allen W. McCluney  
**David Dailey:** (Endowment Fund) by Kevin Collins  
**John Rudolph:** (Endowment Fund) by Meade Whitaker, Jr.  
**In Honor of Susan Elliott:** (Garden Fund) by Turner and Ethan Hughes



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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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
June 7 Regular worship schedule Youth Food and Fellowship - Mountain Brook Elementary - 4:00 p.m.	8 Youth Park Place Partners - Advent Kitchen - 9:30 a.m.	9	10	11	12 Caregivers Support Lunch - Cranmer House - noon	13

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.