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News & Events

A Reminder About the Porte Cochere Project

Repair work on the porte cochere will be taking place over the next several weeks. During this time, the awning area will be closed and the drive-through lane in the parking lot on the corner of Sixth Avenue North and Richard Arrington Jr Blvd. will not be accessible. We should be able to enter and exit the building through the doors underneath the porte cochere while this work is being done, and to access the handicap and visitor parking spaces on the western side of the lot; you'll need to enter and exit through the western side gate. Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time, as we make these necessary repairs.

Another Great Vacation Bible School

We held VBS June 1-4 at the Advent, and it was a wonderful week of learning and fun. See page 2 for VBS photos, and watch for a report on VBS 2026 in the next issue of the Adventurer.

Team Returns from Trip to Amistad

A team of 13, including six teenagers, visited our mission partners at Amistad in Bolivia the first week of May. See page 3 for a report on the trip.



A Word from Canon Young

There's a famous image floating around the internet – you've likely seen it. It's a close-up of Jesus' face, with his eyes squinted and mouth open in a joyous laugh. It's known today as *Laughing Jesus* but is based on a 1973 pencil sketch by Canadian artist Willis Wheatley titled *Jesus Christ, Liberator*. That is the visual I brought back from our mission team's recent visit to Cochabamba, Bolivia. We spent a week at Amistad, the long-time mission partner of the Advent, the family style village where orphaned children are being cared for in loving homes.

There's a simplicity and wonder in the experience of playing games in a foreign country where cultural, socio-economic, and language barriers seem nearly obsolete. Blowing up balloons, kicking soccer balls back and forth, squirting one another with water guns, and holding hands while walking in the park are some of the simple interactions our teens and adults had with the Amistad children. Smiles abounded, laughter

resounded, and we departed with a mix of joy and ache with the bittersweet parting after such a rich and fulfilling week together.

While there, one of the Bible studies was on the topic of the joy of Jesus. We reflected on how readily children and the vulnerable sought out and were magnetically attracted to Jesus in his earthly ministry. "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belong the Kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). The ready reception of the poor, lame, oppressed, and burdened was a hallmark of Jesus' presence in Galilee. The same is true today – the broken, hurting, lonely, and needy find healing and comfort in the goodness of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He desires us to come as children, to embrace us in his good care, and to redeem our condition. Who, after all, can be most joyous? The ones who know suffering but also know salvation. The ones who know the bitterness of their sin but also know the vast depths of their forgiveness. The ones who know they are loved beyond knowing. May the laughing Jesus who welcomes sinners and sufferers like you and me draw us ever deeper into his gracious care.

- Adam

See what kind of love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

- 1 John 3:1

This Sunday:

June 14, 2026

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Mary Ann McCarty

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Mary Ann McCarty

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Will Fagan

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Will Fagan

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.):

June 14: **The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *The Faith Once for All Delivered: Twenty Centuries in Four Sundays* – Jason Wallace

Jesus' Gracious Command (Chapter Room) – *Come to Me* – Leslie Housman

20s and 30s Class (Lower School Library) – *Christianity Is Entirely for Your Benefit* – Madison Nye

June 21: **The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *The Faith Once for All Delivered: Twenty Centuries in Four Sundays* – Jason Wallace

Jesus' Gracious Command (Chapter Room) – *Abide in Me* – Leslie Housman

20s and 30s Class (Lower School Library) – *Christianity Is Entirely for Your Benefit* – Elizabeth and Will Fagan

Next Sunday:

June 21, 2026

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Canon Young

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Canon Young

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Refectory.

Preacher: Vice Dean Murray

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Vice Dean Murray



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education

Vacation Bible School



A Week of Learning and Fun

The Advent held a wonderful Vacation Bible School June 1-4. Children in 3K-3rd grade experienced *Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God*, while our 4th and 5th graders delved into *The "I Am" Statements of Jesus*. Watch for a report on VBS 2026 in the next issue of the *Adventurer*.



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.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Women's Ministry

"The Middle" Gets a New (Old) Name

In the fall of 2021, "The Middle" gathered women on the tail-end of raising children while also caring for aging parents. As the members of this group are moving beyond this stage of life, co-chairs Heather McCalley and Debbie Brazeal thought it would be a good time for the group to return to its original name, St. Elizabeth's Guild. As St. Elizabeth's Guild, this group would continue to meet twice a year for fellowship and a speaker or activity, as well as help to provide two-serving entrees for participants in our Caregivers' Ministry every other month.

Look for information regarding a St. Elizabeth's Guild summer get-together soon!

Contact Heather McCalley (Heather.McCalley@gmail.com) or Debbie Brazeal (DebbieBrazeal@gmail.com) if you'd like to get involved with St. Elizabeth's Guild.

Advent guilds are groups of women defined by age, life stage, or common interest. There are a wide variety of options available, accepting new members anytime. Contact Leslie Housman (205-226-3511, Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com) to learn more about the guilds and which might be a fit for you.

Save the Date: Women's Retreat Set for February 5-7

Remember that time we had the Women's Retreat and it wasn't so humid our clothes stuck to us as we walked to our cabins? When we weren't forced to choose between going on the Women's Retreat and meeting our child's teacher? When we got to make s'mores and drink hot chocolate by the fireplace?

Mark your calendar for Friday-Sunday, February 5-7, 2027, for our next Women's Retreat at Camp McDowell. More information to come!

Subscribe to Our Email Newsletter

Stay up to date on what's happening by opting in to receive the Women's Newsletter in your inbox each month. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Subscribe and click the "Subscribe" button under "Women of the Advent."



worship

Lectionary

Sunday, June 14

Psalm 116:1,10-17 • Psalm 100
Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) • Exodus 19:2-8a
Romans 5:1-8 • Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

Sunday, June 21

Psalm 86:1-10,16-17 • Psalm 69:8-11 (12-17) 18-20
Genesis 21:8-21 • Jeremiah 20:7-13
Romans 6:1b-11 • Matthew 10:24-39

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



spiritual growth & fellowship

20s & 30s Ministry



Welcome to Summer!

Adventers and friends in their 20s and 30s had a wonderful Welcome-to-Summer Dinner at the home of Lyn and James Bradford on May 31. We are grateful for our fellowship. If you are looking for a church home or know someone who is, we would love to have you join us. Contact Will Fagan (Fagan@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.



serving & outreach

Lenten Lunches



Maranathan Academy Receives Proceeds Check

The Advent delivered a check drawn from Lenten Lunches proceeds to Maranathan Academy on June 2. The academy is in the process of renovating a wonderful new school building on Parkway East in Roebuck. *Photo above (l-r): Donna Dukes, Founder and Executive Director; Ann Campbell from Lenten Lunches; and Adventer Frances Nichols, who serves as Director of Development at Maranathan.*

Thanks to all who supported Lenten Lunches in 2026.

World Mission



Report from a Rich and Fulfilling Trip to Amistad

A team of 13, including six teenagers, traveled to Cochabamba, Bolivia, to visit our mission partners at Amistad the last week of May. It was a week full of play, prayer, and sharing in the gospel with the children, staff, and mamas of Amistad. It was fitting to be there on Pentecost Sunday, where worship was done in English and Spanish, with rich fellowship over pizza following the service. The ministry of Amistad is vast – beyond the 60 children and mamas of the children's village, the team met with two teenage girls' houses, a boys' teenage house, and Amistad for Families, a preventative intervention ministry for parents and children that addresses needs in the wider community. The gospel is going forth among the least, last, and lost at the fringes in Birmingham, Bolivia, and beyond! The team consisted of members of the Young, Evans, and Townsend families, as well as Liz Lee, Katherine Lawson, and Amistad Director Chris King.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.
- Psalm 32:11



Regarding Flower Memorials

In reviewing our monthly flower contribution records, we have discovered that some of our information may be outdated or inaccurate. If you would like to continue giving flower memorials or be removed from our list, please contact Rachel DeSanto (Rachel@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3510) to ensure that our information is correct.

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transitions:

Marriages: Hayden Dunbar and Walt Evans, on May 23; Grace Anne Logan and Collins Meier, Jr., on May 30

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Naneita Leach Cobbs: (Garden Fund) by Trudy Evans • (Pastoral Care) by Mary Altz-Smith and Alan Stamm • (Endowment Fund) by Jeanie Matthews

Ella Cobbs Cook: (Endowment Fund) by Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Greer

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 14 Regular worship schedule Youth Food and Fellowship - Crest- line Elementary - 4:00 p.m.	15 Youth Park Place Partners - Advent Kitchen - 9:30 a.m.	16	17	18	19	20
June 21 Regular worship schedule	22 Youth Park Place Partners - Advent Kitchen - 9:30 a.m.	23	24	25	26	27 Ordination and Consecration of the 13th Bishop of Alabama - Nave - 10:00 a.m.

Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

Intercessory Prayer Available at Advent House: Intercessory prayer is on-going through the Advent House Prayer Ministry. To schedule a prayer session at Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205), call Kathy Logue at 205-410-4622.