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News & Events

Rally Day Is September 13; Parish Picnic Set for October 4

Save the dates for two important events taking place on different days this year.

Rally Day is Sunday, September 13, marking the beginning of a new program year. Breakfast will return (8:15-9:00 a.m. in Clingman Commons), with Sunday classes back in full force and weekly Bible studies and small groups returning in earnest. It will also feature the annual Rally Day Skit at the 9:00 a.m. Nave service.

The fall Parish Picnic will be Sunday, October 4, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Regions Field. As always, the picnic will include food, fellowship, and games and activities for kids of all ages. More information to come.

Trinity College Choir to Open Concert Series September 17

The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge will kick off this season's Concert Series on Thursday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. in the Nave. It was voted the fifth best choir in the world in *Gramophone* magazine's "20 Greatest Choirs." For ticket information, visit AdventBirmingham.org/Music or call the music office at 205-443-8553. See page 2 for more information.



A Word from Canon Young

If you've ever been water skiing or water tubing, you know the delight of being pulled behind a boat at great speed: the rush of wind through your hair and the bumping along the surface of the water in the sunshine. My family recently got to share a lake day with friends and took turns being pulled behind a boat on a tube aptly called "G-force." When the boat turns, the tube glides outside the wake, accelerating at a more rapid rate than the boat is traveling. You feel the thrill of rapid acceleration as you get whipped in an arc behind the boat's path. You really feel the G-force pressing you sideways as you slide further and further outside the straight-line inertia of the vessel. It's a real thrill ride!

I don't know about you, but so much in life feels like a G-force tug on my soul. Daily or weekly routines may pace my regular rhythms, but sometimes I blink and the deadline has passed or the appointment I thought was far off is now immediate, and the school year has begun in earnest. I'm hearing the

Steve Miller Band sing, "Time keeps on slipping, slipping, slipping into the future..."

Fall is here. Rally Day is imminent. Bryant-Denny is buzzing. Hobby Lobby has been promoting Halloween and Christmas décor for weeks. Time has warp sped into the present, and I am not always ready for what it brings. Maybe you feel similarly – present in the body but your mind and heart are playing catch up. In a constantly moving world, to what can I anchor for some sanity?

An old Catholic monk named St. Bruno once wrote, "While the world spins, the cross remains fixed." Whatever is going on inwardly or outwardly, you and I can rest ultimately in the one who is unfazed by our temporal status. Fads come and go. Empires rise and fall. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Because you and I are securely tethered to God in Christ, we are upheld by his mighty right hand. Nothing can ultimately undo us because we are loved by the God who is beyond time. Regardless of the season, the chances and changes of this life, we belong body and soul to our Savior.

- Adam

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

- 2 Corinthians 6:2

This Sunday:

September 6, 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

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) – *A Few of Our Favorite Things: Red Harvest – Crime Fiction and the Gospel* – Jack Sharman

Children's & Youth Education:

4K meets at 9:00 a.m. Kindergarten through 3rd graders start the 9:00 service in church before leaving during the children's dismissal for Children's Church. 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 (rising 3K) classes at 8:45 a.m. The Nursery is open for ages 6 weeks-5 years during the 11:00 service.



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



spiritual growth & fellowship

Women's Ministry

Kickoff Set for September 10

Join us to kick off the new program year on Thursday, September 10, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Meet new friends and learn about upcoming events as well as other ways you can get involved and get to know more women in the church. Refreshments will be served. Register through your Realm account or at AdventBirmingham.org/Women. Contact Leslie Housman (Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3511) with questions.

Subscribe to Our Women's Email Newsletter

Opt in to the Women's Ministry newsletter to stay up-to-date with all that's happening in Women's Ministry and be encouraged by a Scripture reflection written by a woman of the parish. Go to AdventBirmingham.org/Subscribe to receive this publication in your email inbox each month.

20s & 30s Ministry

New Season to Kick Off with Dinner September 13

Save the date for the 20s & 30s Fall Kickoff Dinner on Sunday, September 13, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the home of Sidney and Martin Clapp (57 Fairway Drive, 35213). In addition to fellowship and food, Jen Green – an Advent member and psychologist – will join us for a conversation about resilience during the significant life stages many of us are navigating and what the gospel has to say about them. The cost is free. Please sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/20s30s. Contact Will Fagan (Fagan@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.

Caregivers Support Group

Lunch Gathering September 11

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, September 11, 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).

Ageless Adventers

Next Third Wednesday Luncheon Is September 16

The Ageless Adventers will gather for the first Third Wednesday luncheon of the new season on Wednesday, September 16, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209).

Whether you are still active, newly retired, or have been enjoying flexibility for decades, you are welcome! So that we have an accurate count for lunch, please RSVP by Friday, September 11, to Robin Turner (205-226-3500, Robin@CathedralAdvent.com).



making music

Concert Series

Trinity College Cambridge Choir in Concert September 17



The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge will open the 2026-2027 Concert Series on Thursday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m. Under the direction of Steven Grahl (*left*), the choir is a mixed-voice ensemble comprising 36 Choral Scholars and two Organ Scholars. It was voted the fifth best choir in the world in *Gramophone* magazine's "20 Greatest Choirs."

The college's choral tradition dates back to the all-male choir of the 14th century. Directors of Music have included Charles

Villiers Stanford, Alan Gray, Raymond Leppard, Richard Marlow, and Stephen Layton (conductor of Polyphony, featured in last season's Cathedral Concert Series). Steven Grahl was appointed director in 2024.

For ticket information, please visit AdventBirmingham.org/Music or call the music office at 205-443-8553.

Office Closing

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, September 8.

Men's Ministry



A Saturday Morning of Wood Splitting September 12

Men of the Advent (and friends!) are invited to gather for some good old-fashioned wood splitting on Saturday, September 12, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). We will have some large logs and a maul, as well as coffee and donuts. Guys can come by at any point, split some wood, watch others attempt to split wood and laugh, or just hang out on a casual Saturday morning before football. You can take away wood for your fireplace or firepit. Questions? Contact Canon Young on his cell at 205-447-8647.

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



education

The Inquirers' Class

Fall Series to Begin September 13

Are you deciding whether to make the Advent your church home? The Inquirers' Class will help you make that decision. This seven-week series will give you an idea of what the Advent believes and why we believe it. It will begin on Sunday, September 13, from 10:15-10:50 a.m. Please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8562) for more information.

Galatians Small-Group Study

Zoom Group Forming for Adventers 75 and Older

Women and men ages 75 and older are invited to join a Zoom study based on the in-house Galatians study. The study will be facilitated by Mary Ann McCarty, one of the study's authors, on Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., beginning September 23. This group is limited to 20 people. To sign up, contact Fontaine Pope (205-443-8562, Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com).



worship

Lectionary

Sunday, September 6

Psalm 149 • Psalm 119:33-40 • Exodus 12:1-14
Ezekiel 33:7-11 • Romans 13:8-14 • Matthew 18:15-20

Did You Know... about Podcast Subscriptions?

Did you know that you can listen to the audio of sermons, classes, and other events from the Advent? There are several ways you can listen, but the easiest (by far) is to subscribe to our podcast feed in your favorite podcast app (Apple Podcasts, Spotify, etc.). Audio will be automatically uploaded into your feed, making it simple to listen while exercising, in the car, or wherever you'd like.

You can also go to our audio page (AdventBirmingham.org/Audio) to listen to a particular class or sermon. There you can search by speaker, or by using other filters to narrow your search.

Questions? Call the church office (205-251-2324) or email us: Communications@CathedralAdvent.com.

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Ella Cobbs Cook: (Children's Ministry) by Mr. and Mrs. Tommy McGahey; Larry McNeill; Mr. and Mrs. Don Menendez; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moody; David Napach; Jill Nelson; Elizabeth O'Donnell; Jim Porter; Robert Eckinger and Maibeth Porter; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Pritchard; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ray; Richard Reynolds; Randi Rhone; Tommy Roberts; Mary Robinett



serving & outreach

Episcopal Place

Advent Women Hosting Annual Birthday Party September 15

If you like gospel hymns and birthday cake, we have just the right volunteer opportunity for you! The Women of the Advent will throw a birthday party for the residents at Episcopal Place (1112 26th Street South, 35205) on Tuesday, September 15, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. For this fabulous annual event, we decorate the party room; serve cake, ice cream, and drinks; pray for September birthdays; and host an old-time gospel hymn sing-along with the residents (accompanied by the talented duo of Eve Nash and Dwight Williams). All women are welcome to help by: 1) providing food or supplies, or 2) attending the party – where you can choose to serve, socialize, sing, and/or simply smile; no experience or skill required. To sign up or find out more, contact Anne Lynn Langloh (ALangloh@gmail.com, 205-504-0911).

Please join us for this special opportunity to engage with a mission partner, celebrate our Episcopal Place friends, and share the joy of the gospel.

Parish Inreach

What Is the Sonshiners Ministry?

The Sonshiners is a one-year-old ministry which seeks to connect with Adventers over 75 years of age through birthday cards and calls to check on the needs of our parishioners and report any concerns to clergy. Margaret Harper serves as the group's coordinator.

Note: If you have changed your phone number or other contact information and haven't let us know, please contact Rachel DeSanto (205-226-3510, Rachel@CathedralAdvent.com) so that we can update our records.

Local Outreach

Remembering the Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church

In God's providence, the Church of the Advent is situated on the edge of Birmingham's Civil Rights District. Join Canon Young and others on Tuesday, September 15, as we gather with our community for the 63rd annual memorial observance of the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church. There will also be a ribbon cutting for the brand new Education and Visitor Center at the church. Meet Canon Young on the front steps of 16th Street Baptist at 9:00 a.m.

It's paramount for our church community to walk in solidarity with our brothers and sisters not only at 16th Street Baptist, but with other community leaders as we take our place in the life of historic downtown Birmingham. Noted speaker Bryan Stevenson (of *Just Mercy* acclaim) from the Equal Justice Initiative will be the keynote speaker. Contact Canon Young with any questions (Adam@CathedralAdvent.com).

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.

advent clergy

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

diocese of alabama

The Rt. Rev. Richard T. Lawson III, Bishop

transitions:

Births: Emmeline Hill Hagood, daughter of Claire and Jeff, on August 5; Hayes Patrick Coady, son of Nina and Danny, on August 21

Marriage: Rosemary Turner and Kimble Ratliff, on August 22

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Sarah B. Neal: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Linda Kennedy

Frank Lankford Jr.: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Josey Lee

Bryan Ratliff: (Endowment Fund) by Bama and David Mills

Dr. Thomas F. Teardo: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Donald C. Sanders; Kate Kiefer

Naneita Leach Cobbs: (Garden Fund) by Virginia Shepherd • (Endowment Fund) by Virginia Cade

In Honor of Charlie Owens: (Pastoral Care) by Liz and Charlie Scribner

In Honor of Mary Ann McCarty's Ordination: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Lyn Lanier and Bobbi Lecznar



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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sept 6 Regular worship schedule	7 Labor Day Church office closed	8	9	10 Women's Ministry Kickoff - Cranmer House - 6:30 p.m.	11 Caregivers Support Lunch - Cranmer House - noon	12 Men's Wood Splitting - Cranmer House - 8:00 a.m.
Sept 13 Rally Day Breakfast - Clingman - 8:15 a.m. Skit at 9:00 a.m. Nave service 20s & 30s Kickoff Dinner - 57 Fairway Drive - 5:00 p.m.	14	15	16 Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon	17 Concert Series: The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge - Nave - 7:00 p.m.	18	19

Monday-Friday (No meeting on September 7): 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.