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News & Events



February 17, 2010

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes: Day School Ensemble sings; nursery available
- 12:05 p.m. Noonday Preaching and Lenten Lunches begin
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes; Cathedral Choir sings; nursery available

Bishop Parsley and Gilbert Lennox to Preach at Noonday this Week

The Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley, Jr., Bishop of Alabama, will open the Advent's Lenten Preaching series on Ash Wednesday, at 12:05 p.m. The Rev. Gilbert Lennox, Senior Pastor of Glenabbey Church, Belfast, Northern Ireland, will preach Thursday and Friday, February 18 and 19. See "Worship" on page 3 for more information.

Get to Church Easily on Mercedes Marathon Sunday

See page 3.



A Word from Canon Warren

I grew up with doctors all around me, father, uncle, two brothers, and father-in-law. I have always marveled at anyone who could get into, much less finish, medical school. It is certainly a different "breed" in my opinion. I remember taking my father to his doctor's office a couple of years before he died at age 91. We sat for what seemed an eternity in the waiting room. After a while, my father slowly got up, walked to the counter and asked the receptionist, "Do you know who I am?" She answered, "Yes sir, Dr. Warren, be seated out there, and we will be with you when we can." I said, "Welcome to our world, Dad." At my father-in-law's 90th birthday celebration, I said to him, "Gosh, Pops, I sure hope I look that good when I am 90." He quickly retorted, "You don't look that good now, Joe!" It seems the older we get the softer the sands we walk in. Time seems to take away whatever power, prestige, and even dignity we worked so hard for all our lives. As we listen to the cries from under the rubble and the sounds of the

quaking earth, God trumpets from the book of Hebrews, "Receive the Kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for God is a consuming fire" (12:28).

I know what Abraham Lincoln meant when he said, "All men are created equal," in terms of equal rights, treating every person with dignity and respect. I also know what the second commandment says. It is still difficult to think of all men being created equal, though. I marvel at super-smart and accomplished people. I was making funeral arrangements with the family of one of these phenomenal persons, and I was carrying on about how the deceased seemed to dwarf the rest of us in her intellect and accomplishments. A young lady quietly responded, "Well, Rev. Warren, you do know the great equalizer lies in death; all men are cremated equal." It is fruitless to discuss who is the greatest when death occurs and the words are said over the remains, ashes to ashes and dust to dust. Harsh words? Maybe so, but only if those remains represent all that remains. The question many struggle with is, does it end there or not. Jesus says no! What do you say?

- Joe

Jesus said... "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live..."
- St. John 11:25

This Sunday:

February 14, 2010
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Services:

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Canon Kinner will preach at all morning services.

5:00 p.m. Evening Service

Preacher: Dean Limehouse

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

The Dean's Class (Refectory) - *Hosea: The Prophet of God's Love* - Canon Kinner

The Vice Dean's Class (Staff Conference Room) - *Studies In 2 Peter* - Vice Dean Harper

The Newcomers' Class (Living Room) - *What It Does Not Mean to Be a Christian* - Matthew Menendez

Trinity Bible Study (An Open Study of Ruth) (Diocesan Conference Room) - Steve Tilghman and Jon Harbuck

Young Adults' Class (Chapter Room) - *The Angularity of Jesus: Baptism and Temptation* - Gil Kracke

Class for Parents of Sixth Grade Confirmands (Assembly Hall) - *It's Always a Leap (Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade)* - Jane and Don Menendez

The 9:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on WXJC 850 AM, 92.5 FM, and www.850WXJC.com. Sermon text and audio are available on our website, www.AdventBirmingham.org.

Children's & Youth Education:

Classes are offered for three-years and older. See Sunday's service leaflet for details. Nurseries are open 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Lectionary:

Psalm 99

Exodus 34:29-35

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

St. Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



servicing & outreach

The Carpenter's Hands

Workday Set for February 20

Adventers will volunteer with Carpenter's Hands, a ministry committed to decent, affordable housing in Birmingham, on Saturday, February 20. Participants will gather in the parking deck of Canterbury UMC at 8:00 a.m., caravan to the work-site, and return by 2:30 p.m. Bring a bagged lunch, work-gloves, and a servant heart. Older children are welcome to participate when accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information or to sign up, please contact Becky Rone (226-3512, rebecca@cathedraladvent.com)

World Missions

Advent's Newest Missionary



Joseph Edward Deibert was born Friday, January 29, in Managua, Nicaragua. His parents, Mike and Lauren, oversee ESVO Ministries, a vocational school for Nicaraguan men and women. Proud grandparents are Adventers Barbara and Ed Partridge. For more information about ESVO, please visit www.esvoministries.com.



spiritual growth & fellowship

EYC

Let's Do Lunch

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to come to lunch at Brookwood Mall after church this Sunday, February 14. Meet in the youth ministers' office after Sunday School, and we'll go together in the church bus. Boys will eat at Five Guys with Cameron, and girls will eat at Jason's Deli with Ginger. Parents can pick up at those locations at 12:30 p.m.

Please contact Cameron (cameron@cathedraladvent.com, 226-3545) or Ginger (ginger@cathedraladvent.com, 443-8563) with questions.

Lenten Lunches

Help to "Fill-Up" Bodies and Souls

Lenten Lunches will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and continue through Maundy Thursday, April 1. We need help with entrees, sandwiches, and desserts, and we need volunteers for the wait staff and chicken pickers. If you are interested in helping with this ministry to benefit Advent Outreach, please contact Marian Phillips (240-0686, peskadora@me.com)

Childcare Offered for Young Children during Lent

Each Thursday during Lenten Lunches, childcare will be offered from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the nursery. You can use this time to volunteer to help prepare and/or serve lunch, or you can simply use the time to come hear the speaker and have lunch with friends. What a deal!

Reservations are strongly requested. Just email Leslie Housman (lhousman@bellsouth.net) so she will know to expect your little one(s).



Advent Small Groups

"Come and See"

We encourage you to "come and see" about Advent small groups. Starting in February, two new evening groups will meet for five weeks to study *Good News for People with Big Problems*. This material was developed by David Zahl with Mockingbird Ministries. It is an excellent resource and a study well worth the investment of time.

If you are interested in these or any other small group opportunities, please call Jane Menendez (871-2169) or Barry McRae (602-1061).

Small Group Leaders to Gather February 22

Leaders of Advent Small Groups are invited for dessert and coffee with the Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, Bishop of South Carolina, on Monday, February 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Latimer House (2828 Culver Road in Mountain Brook Village). A speaker in our Lenten Preaching series this year, Bishop Lawrence will offer a word of encouragement and equipment to all of the ASG leaders.



Quote of the Week

Our small group provides a place for Christian fellowship, Scripture study, and prayer within an accepting and caring community of friends. We have grown in our faith and in our knowledge of Scripture and the gospel, which has given us

a foundation to begin to see God's calling in our lives. We are so grateful to participate each week, and value small groups as a "tie" that binds us to the bigger church throughout the week.

- Jody and Greg Dean

Pastoral Notice: If you are going into the hospital, have need of prayer or counsel, or have a house member unable to attend church, please call the Pastoral Care Office at 226-3500.

“Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of the Lord which he obtained with his own blood.”
Acts 20:28



making music

Children's Choirs

Members of the **Gabriel Choir** will participate in a children's choir festival in Atlanta. Singers will travel to Atlanta on Friday, February 19, and take part in the festival the morning of Saturday, February 20. Contact Sharon Benefield (871-1914, sharon@ca.thedraladvent.com) for more information.



spiritual growth & fellowship

Men's Ministry

Gilbert Lennox to Lead Retreat February 19-20

The 2010 Men's Retreat will take place February 19-20 at Camp McDowell, from dinner on Friday through late Saturday morning. The retreat leader is the Rev. Gilbert Lennox, Senior Pastor at Glenabbey Church, Belfast, Northern Ireland, and one of this year's Lenten preachers (see story right). Questions? Contact Canon Craig Smalley (443-8569, craig@cathedraladvent.com).



worship

Lenten Noonday Preaching

Bishop Parsley to Open Series Ash Wednesday

The Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley, Jr., Bishop of Alabama, will preach Ash Wednesday, February 17, at 12:05 p.m.

Henry Parsley was elected and consecrated Bishop Coadjutor in 1996 before becoming the 10th Bishop of Alabama in 1999. Before his call to Alabama he served parishes in South Carolina and North Carolina.

Bishop Parsley is chair of the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops. He also serves as Chancellor of the University of the South, Sewanee, and as a member of the Board of Regents of the university, from which he graduated with honors. He preached on *The Protestant Hour* radio program and has been active in many outreach ministries of the Episcopal Church. He and his wife Rebecca have one son.



Belfast's Gilbert Lennox to Preach Thursday and Friday

The Rev. Gilbert Lennox, Elder and Senior Pastor of Glenabbey Church in Belfast, Northern Ireland, will be the noonday preacher Thursday and Friday, February 18 and 19.

A native of Belfast, Gilbert Lennox attended Queen's College in that city, earning a degree in Modern Languages and training as a teacher. In 1988 he helped found Glenabbey Church, and in 1995 he left his career in education to devote himself to Bible teaching and leadership, both within Glenabbey and internationally.

Mr. Lennox is the author of *Getting The Message*, a guide to personal Bible study, and of several devotional guides to the New Testament, writing in particular for Bible teachers and pastors in the developing world. He is married to Heather, and they have four grown children.



memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Gambrill Lynn: (Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dixon • (Endowment Fund) by Mary Lee W. Sullivan; Betty and Forrest Lipscomb, James McVoy

Getting to Church on Marathon Sunday

The Mercedes Marathon and Half-Marathon will be run this Sunday, February 14, starting at 7:00 a.m. Here are two easy routes to get to church and find a place to park:

- **From the South** - Take Red Mountain Expressway to the 2nd Avenue North Exit and then go north on Carraway Boulevard. Turn left onto 6th Avenue North - exercise caution at the intersection of 6th Avenue and 24th Street, following instructions of the police officer there to avoid runners. Turn left onto 22nd Street, go one block and turn right onto 5th Avenue, going the wrong way (west) to the Financial Center Parking Deck or the Day School parking lot. Stay on the right side of 5th Avenue to avoid runners. If you enter downtown from the south via Richard Arrington Boulevard (21st Street) you will experience delays at 2nd Avenue South and 5th Avenue North - not recommended.
- **From the North** - Take I-59/20 to the 22nd Street Exit and then go south on 22nd Street. Turn right onto 5th Avenue North, going the wrong way (west) to the Financial Center Parking Deck or the Day School parking lot. Stay on the right side of 5th Avenue to avoid runners.

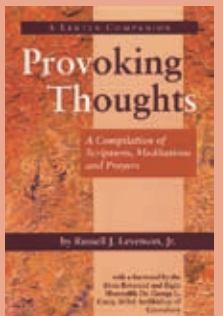


book store

A Lenten Companion from Russell Levenson

Provoking Thoughts: A Lenten Companion - This compilation begins with Ash Wednesday and carries you through Easter Day. Each day has a Scripture passage, a meditation, a question for reflection, and a prayer. All of us need times of reflection and renewal, and this book is intentionally written as a possible avenue towards deepening and strengthening your personal relationship with God.

Regular Book Store hours are Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Sunday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. The store will be closed Thursday and Friday, February 11 and 12 (Cindy at Diocesan Convention selling books), and Monday, February 15 (Presidents' Day). Contact us: 323-2959, ebinfo@episcobooks.com. Visit us any time: www.episcobooks.com.



calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 14 Regular worship schedule EYC Lunch @ Brookwood - Youth Ministers' Office - 11 a.m.	15 Allen Ross Bible Study - Advent Park - 7 a.m.	16 Young Adult Bible Study - Chapter Room - 11:30 a.m.	17 Ash Wednesday Service schedule listed below Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley, Jr. - 12:05 p.m.	18 Vice Dean's Bible Study - Chapter Room - 7:15 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rev. Gilbert Lennox - 12:05 p.m.	19 Women's Bible Study - Latimer House - 9:15 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rev. Gilbert Lennox - 12:05 p.m.	20 Carpenter's Hands Workday - Canterbury UMC - 8 a.m.
Feb 21 Regular worship schedule	22 Allen Ross Bible Study - Advent Park - 7 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence - 12:05 p.m.	23 Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence - 12:05 p.m.	24 Holy Communion - Chapel - 11:30 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence - 12:05 p.m.	25 Vice Dean's Bible Study - Chapter Room - 7:15 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence - 12:05 p.m.	26 Women's Bible Study - Latimer House - 9:15 a.m. Lenten Noonday Preaching - Mr. Richard E. Simmons, III - 12:05 p.m.	27

Every Sunday: Breakfast - Refectory, 8:00 a.m.
 Monday-Friday: AA - Coe Conference Room, 12:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday (*Starting February 17*): Lenten Lunches - Refectory/Clingman Commons, 12:05 p.m.

coming up:

•Ash Wednesday, February 17 - Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes: 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

- Men's Retreat with the Rev. Gilbert Lennox: Friday-Saturday, February 19-20, Camp McDowell
- Choral Evensong for Lent: Sunday, March 7, Nave, 4:00 p.m.

transitions:

Birth: Joseph Edward Deibert, son of Michael and Lauren, on January 29

Death: Ann Adams Pritchard, on January 28

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

John "Jack" Bingham: (Outreach) by Phyllis and Charles McCrary, officers and directors of Alabama Power Co.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Terry; S. Allen Baker, Jr.; Everett H. Erlick; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Edwards; Herbert Stockham; Isabel L. McCormack

Harold A. Bowron, III: (Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Tilghman; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson

Ann Schuler Aird: (Outreach) by Charlotte S. Murdock

James Hugh Miller, Jr.: (Outreach) by Charlotte S. Murdock

Charlotte Hardage: (Pastoral Care Discretionary Fund) by Jimmy and Lulu Abernathy

William Warren Lassiter, III: (Advent House) by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Greene

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