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News & Events

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Lent

Lenten Noonday Preaching this Week: South Carolina's Bishop Mark Lawrence and Birmingham's Richard Simmons

The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, Bishop of South Carolina, will preach Monday-Thursday, February 22-25, at 12:05 p.m. Mr. Richard E. Simmons, III, Executive Director of The Center for Executive Leadership in Birmingham, will preach Friday, February 26. See "Worship" on page 3 for more information.

Small Group Leaders to Gather with Mark Lawrence

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). Bishop Lawrence will offer a word of encouragement and equipment to all of the ASG leaders.



A Word from the Vice Dean

Blink! Your life can change in the blink of an eye. One moment everything is tranquil and untroubled, then, in a blink, a single event can change the structure of the family, redesign your financial security, or cause alarm about what appeared to be good health.

The apostles experienced much of this as they followed Jesus. One such story finds Jesus with them in a boat about to cross the Sea of Galilee, with the inferred promise that he will take them to the other side (Mark 5:35-40). Suddenly, in a blink, a storm appeared. Surging waves tormented a calm sea. The apostles became rattled; the fear of perishing became greater than their confidence in the presence of Jesus. Into the panic and turmoil Jesus spoke, "Peace! Be still!" These words calmed the rocking waves and eased the fear within their troubled hearts.

At the onset of sudden anxieties, burdens, setbacks, and afflictions, have confi-

dence that Jesus will be with you always, to the end. Be still and know that he is God. Hear and read his words that calm a frightened, troubled soul. In your helplessness watch his strength be shown. He is the deliverer from our distress, the light in our darkness. He is the transformer of our unsuitable past, molding us into finer, higher quality individuals, And, greater yet, he is our encourager to press on to the end even when we've grown weary in our life's race.

Blinks of life can be stumbling blocks or stepping-stones. God is not unaware of them. As Charles Spurgeon said, "...our trials are allotted to us; God has ordained their season and place, their intensity, and the effect they shall have on us." As God knew the cross his son must bear, he knows the varying burdens we must carry. We have his promise that we will never be given more than we can bear, for his mercy is great.

Yes, your life can change in a blink, but do not worry because God does not blink!

Soli Deo Gloria,

John

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds...

- James 1:2

This Sunday:

February 21, 2010
First Sunday in Lent

Services:

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
5:00 p.m. Evening Service

Canon Smalley will preach at all services.

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

The Dean's Class (Refectory) - *Haiti* - Canon Kinner and Susan Warren

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

The Newcomers' Class (Living Room) - *Hope: Why Doesn't God Answer My Prayer?* - Emily and Oscar Price

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: The Way He Calls People* - Gil Kracke

Class for Parents of Sixth Grade Confirmands (Assembly Hall) - *I Need Answers (ER)* - Jane and Don Menendez

4:00-4:45 p.m.

Gospel Christianity (Living Room) - Canon Smalley

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 91:1-2, 9-16
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Romans 10:8b-13
St. Luke 4:1-13



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



servicing & outreach

The Carpenter's Hands

Volunteers Sought for Workday 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).



Parking During Lent

During Lent the Advent's parking lot at the corner of 6th Avenue North and Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard (21st Street) is especially hard-pressed. We must accommodate volunteers making deliveries for Lenten Lunches and other short-term visitors to the church and Day School. We also must maintain access for emergency vehicles and adequate space to get the bus in and out.

You can help! Please do not block any parking spaces, entrances, or exits at any time.

Parking is available at reasonable rates at meters and at a number of lots and decks within a block of the Advent. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish Leadership Training Event to be Held at St. Stephen's

The Diocese of Alabama will hold the 12th annual Parish Leadership Training Event Saturday, March 13, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, 3775 Crosshaven Drive, in Birmingham. The event will feature a wide variety of workshops designed to challenge and educate lay leaders and clergy. For more information contact Sarah Sartain (715-2060, ext. 314; ssartain@dioala.org).



spiritual growth & fellowship

EYC

Jr. High: Dodgeball

Jr. High youth will play dodgeball this Sunday, February 21, 3:30-4:30 p.m., in the Advent Day School gym. Drop-off and pick-up will be at the porte cochere.

Sr. High: Movie Night

Sr. High will meet this Sunday at Advent Park, 5:00-7:00 p.m., for a movie, pizza, and discussion. Please bring \$5 for pizza.

For more information please contact Cameron (cameron@cathedraladvent.com, 226-3545) or Ginger (ginger@cathedraladvent.com, 443-8563).

Young Adults' Ministry

Open House with Stuart Latimer March 3

Please join other young adults from the Advent for our next Open House: Wednesday, March 3, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at the home of Jane and Don Menendez (4221 Sharpsburg Drive, 35213). We are thrilled to welcome once again Stuart Latimer as our guest. Formerly the RUF minister at Vanderbilt, Stuart is currently the Senior Pastor at Grace Presbyterian Church in Chicago. Please come and bring a friend; it's a great chance to connect with others.

If you have any questions, please contact Gil Kracke (226-3516, gil@cathedraladvent.com).

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.

Advent Small Groups

New Women's Group to Begin February 22

A new small group opportunity for women will begin Monday, February 22. Glynn Lassiter will lead a study on Ephesians, *How Then Shall We Live?* The group will meet at 7:00 p.m. at Advent Park (201 Office Park Drive, Suite 110).

For more information or to sign up, please contact Jennifer Lyles (492-0754, jlyles@askcts.com) or Jane Menendez (871-2169, jlmenendez@gmail.com).

Quote of the Week



Photo: Parker and Jennifer Evans with children Gracie, Parker, and Lucy

Being in a small group for the past six years has given us a context for our lives. The group has offered us mutual support, personal accountability, and the desire to develop our relationship with God. Through tragedy and triumph, our small group encourages/allows/forces us to look at life through the lens of God's Grace for those who don't deserve it.

- Jennifer and Parker Evans

“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

Gabriel Choir to Sing in Festival

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

Lenten Lunches

Childcare Offered Thursdays during Lent

Each Thursday during Lenten Lunches, childcare for young children will be offered in the nursery, 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. You can use this time to volunteer to help prepare and/or serve lunch, or you can attend the preaching service and have lunch.

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

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Joan G. Lacy: (Endowment Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Hanson, III; Judith B. Wagner; Maibeth Porter and Robert Eckinger

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Edwin Charles Harbuck: (Outreach) by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Tilghman

William Kettig Murray: (Radio Ministry) by Ann and Russ Chambliss

Polly Alexander: (Endowment Fund) by Jane Hill Head; W. Woodward Webb



education

Book Group

Next Reading is by FitzSimons Allison

The Advent Book Group will not meet in February. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 24, when the group will discuss C. FitzSimons Allison's *Trust in an Age of Arrogance*. This is Bishop Allison's latest book and is available in the Book Store.

New participants are always welcome. Call John Adams at 321-1236 for more information.



worship

Lenten Noonday Preaching

Mark Lawrence to Speak Monday-Thursday

The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, Bishop of South Carolina, will preach Monday-Thursday, February 22-25, at 12:05 p.m.

A graduate of Trinity School for Ministry in 1980, Mark Lawrence returned to his native California to serve in the Diocese of San Joaquin. In 1984 he was called as Rector of St. Stephen's Church in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Located in a depressed and declining steel mill region in greater Pittsburgh, the church grew remarkably under his leadership. After 13 years in McKeesport, Bishop Lawrence was called to be Rector of St. Paul's Parish in Bakersfield, California, his home parish in his hometown. He also lectured in Anglican and Episcopal Church History at the San Joaquin School for Ministry.

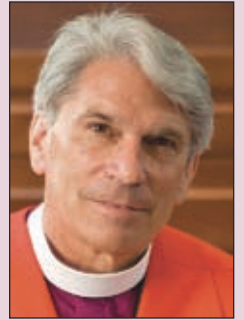
He was elected Bishop in 2006 and consecrated as the 14th Bishop of South Carolina in January, 2008. He and his wife Allison have five grown children and nine grandchildren.

Richard Simmons to Preach Friday

Mr. Richard E. Simmons, III, Executive Director of The Center for Executive Leadership in Birmingham, Alabama, will be the noonday preacher Friday, February 26.

Richard Simmons founded The Center for Executive Leadership in 2002. He works with businessmen, assisting them with the development of their faith through formal Bible studies, teaching, and counseling.

A native of Birmingham, Mr. Simmons graduated from Mountain Brook High School and the University of the South. He worked with the insurance firm Hilb, Rogel, and Hamilton for 28 years, the last 10 as CEO. He speaks widely on a variety of issues, including dealing with man's struggle to find God and follow Jesus Christ as a disciple. Mr. Simmons has written three books (see "Book Store" below). He is married to Holly, and they have three children.

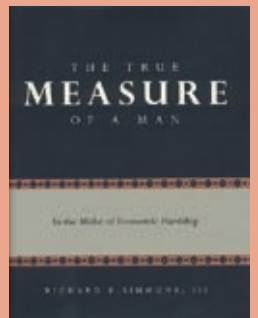


book store

New Book by Lenten Speaker Richard Simmons

In *The True Measure of a Man*, Richard Simmons writes that everyman will face deep, alienating fears at some point in life. It is in these moments when he will find out what his life is all about and what is truly important. The challenges and tragedies of life offer us potential for great good. And it is in these struggles that we have the potential to see our lives transformed.

Regular Book Store hours are Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Sunday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Contact us: 323-2959, ebinfo@episcobooks.com. Visit us any time: www.episcobooks.com.



calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 21 Regular worship schedule EYC: Jr. High - Day School Gym - 3:30 p.m.; Sr. High - Advent Park - 5 p.m.	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
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Every Sunday: Breakfast - Refectory, 8:00 a.m.
Monday-Friday: AA - Coe Conference Room, 12:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday: Lenten Lunches - Refectory/Clingman Commons, 12:05 p.m.

coming up:

- Choral Evensong for Lent: Sunday, March 7, Nave, 4:00 p.m.
- Daylight Saving Time begins: Sunday, March 14, 2:00 a.m.

- Organ Recital: Gillian Weir, British Concert Organist - Sunday, March 21, Nave, 4:00 p.m.

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In Honor of Peggy Rupp: (Outreach) by Jill Hoogstra

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