

SENIORS MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

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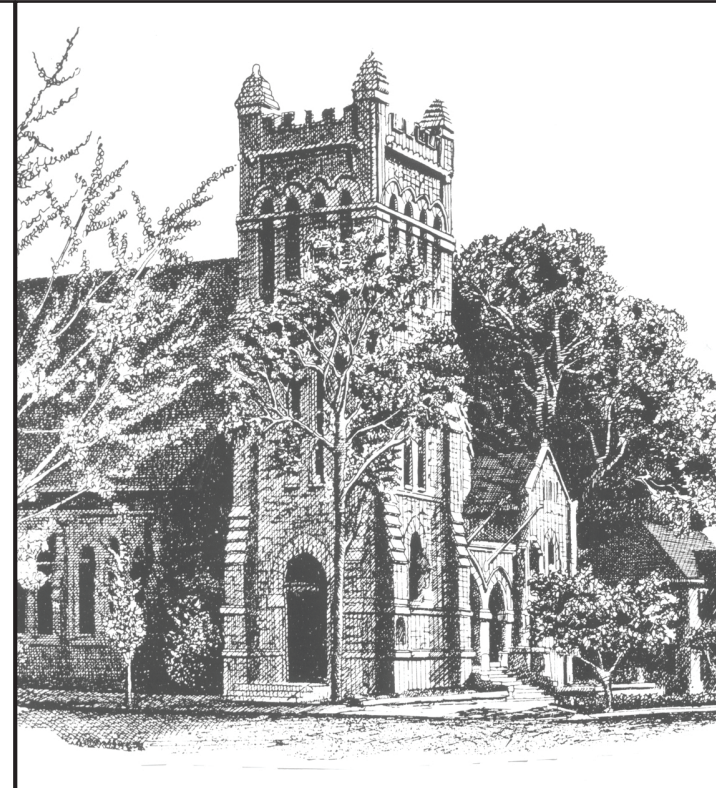
Seniors Ministries Newsletter

The Cathedral Church of the Advent in the City of Birmingham, Alabama

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- Cliff Jenkins
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- Peggy Rupp
- Tonya Smith
- Leighton Wilson
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Seniors Ministries Mission:
 Service
 Worship
 Activities
 Teamwork

Ministries for those age 60 years (+/-)

Reservations Necessary . . .
 check out these exciting events:

Screwtape Letters

Saturday, September 17
 4:00 show
 BJCC • \$54.00 / ticket

Reservation deadline is ASAP. Leave a message for Katherine at 443-8559

We need a minimum of 10 people to receive this discount.

The Screwtape Letters theatrical production is presented by the Fellowship for the Performing Arts whose mission is to produce engaging theatre from a Christian worldview. One of the great blessings of this play is how it opens up questions of faith. Experience the unique way in which Fellowship for the Performing Arts carries out its ministry with other members of your Advent family.

Chanticleer

Friday, October 7
 7:30 p.m. show

CCA Nave • \$25.00 / advanced ticket

Chanticleer is a Grammy Award-winning and world's top male a cappella choir. For more information on this world-renowned ensemble, visit its website, www.chanticleer.org. Tickets for this concert are now available through the Advent Music Office by calling 443-8553 or 226-3505. Ticket prices are \$25 general admission or \$30 at the door.

If you wish to carpool, please leave a message for Katherine at 443-8559. On the day of the event, I may be reached on my cell phone: 482-5566.

“Who Knocks”

Tonya Smith, Lay Chaplain

Acts 12: 1-18 tells one of my favorite stories of the early church. Herod throws Peter in prison, and the church gathers to pray for him. During the night, an angel frees him from his chains and walks him out of prison. Peter only realizes that the experience is not a dream after the angel has left him. Imagine his excitement as he knocks at the door of the house where his church family prays. He can hardly wait to tell them the good news: God has set the prisoner free!

But instead of the warm, delighted reception we might expect, Peter is left knocking on a closed door as the church debates the servant girl's sanity. When they finally open the door and see that Peter truly is free, he sends them to tell James and the brothers what has happened.

Anyone who has tasted of God's power and goodness will recognize many things in this story. What stands out is how difficult it is, even for believers, to actually see what God is doing. On an individual level, Peter, whose encounter with God's power was very direct, can only see clearly when the crisis is over. We may hope that this made him sympathetic to the incredulity of his brothers and sisters in the house.

I wonder how James and the brothers responded when they heard. Verse 17 tells us that Peter

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was not to be present for that report either. But maybe as witnesses multiplied and joy replaced sorrow, the story seemed more credible. . . maybe.

Being receptive to the work of God does not come easily in a cynical world. So often when we refer to “reality” we mean only the dark and disturbing things that must be dealt with and managed, the things that make us feel imprisoned and trapped. While those things are certainly real and do cause genuine sorrow in this world, Christians know that there is a stronger reality of hope and good news that has ultimately conquered death and set us free. We also know that very often that reality stands patiently outside a closed door and knocks.

Revelation 3: 20-21 *“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me. I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne, as I myself first won the victory and sit with my Father on the throne.”*

Why Participate in Advent Senior Ministries?

(Taken from Leighton and Susan Wilson’s article)

As we progress through middle age, the word “Senior” is often looked upon negatively and is a time we don’t want to enter into any time soon. Although we realize there are significant changes that have already started to happen like children leaving home, preparing for retirement and noticing physical changes. Even with all these changes, there is still a resistance to accepting what we consider “senior” implies. A transition in the way we think about this blessing of life will gradually take place with each of us. We at the Advent, under the direction over Joe Warren, invite all people who are ages 60 and above to join us in the many activities we have to support our mission statement: “SERVICE, WORSHIP, ACTIVITIES & TEAMWORK. Please take time to make a note on your calendar of the activities that may be of interest to you or someone you know. We would be delighted to have you join us as we worship and serve the Lord in our time together.

Cliff Jenkins

Galatians 6: 9-10 *“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”*

The first thing people say about Cliff Jenkins is that he has always been eager to help wherever he sees a need. He has generously contributed his building skills to many projects for the church and his friends within it. His Seafood Feasts brought large numbers of church members together.

Over fifteen years ago, he started a group called “Helping Hands” that provided help for those in the congregation who were sick or experiencing a specific need, such as transportation assistance or meals during a recovery period. This group developed into a flourishing Pastoral Care Ministry that continues to bless those in need at the Advent.

Scripture comes to life in obedient servants like Cliff Jenkins, and the body of Christ is strengthened and built up. James said of Abraham in James 2:22 “You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works.” This is true of all followers of Christ.

Over The Mountain Festival of Sacred Music

Sunday, February 19, 2012

4:00 p.m.

Mountain Brook Baptist Church

Dr. Timothy Banks directs the choir made up of area residents. This year’s presentation is entitled “Awake the Harp”, taken from Haydn’s *Creation*. The concert consists of great music and audience participation.

To carpool, call Katherine at 443-8559.

Wonderful Wednesdays

St. Martins in the Pines
4941 Montevallo Road
Irondale, AL 35210-2497
(205) 956-9381

“Wonderful Wednesdays” is sponsored by Advent’s Seniors Ministries. It is our goal to bring a bit of the Advent to our resident parishioners at St. Martin’s. To this end, Advent visitors are welcome to join us for the special programs followed by lunch in the private dining room of the apartments. A full lunch is available for \$7.50. To place a reservation, please leave a message for Katherine at 443.8559.

Wonderful Wednesdays

Programs 11:30

Apartments Atrium

Lunch 12:00

Apartments Private Dining Room

AUGUST 24

JANE MENENDEZ A WORD

SEPTEMBER 28

MELANIE ROGERS VIOLIN

OCTOBER 12

BARRY MCRAE A WORD

NOVEMBER 9

DR. HARRIS FIRST BULL RUN

DECEMBER 14

TONYA SMITH POETRY

JANUARY 25

(NO EVENT) ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 21

(NO EVENT) LENT & SPRING BREAK

APRIL 25

FOWLER-NELSON DUO-PIANO

MAY 9

SHARON BENEFIELD PIANO SING ALONG

Friday Feast

“Friday Feast” offers an opportunity for fellowship with other members of the Advent family. Please feel free to invite guests to join us for lunch. Reservations will be for 11:30 A.M. If you wish to carpool, please notify Katherine on her cell phone: 482-5566. Departure times from Advent Park will vary according to the location of the restaurant.

August 26

Bright Star • Old Time Favorite
304 19th St. N. • Bessemer • 35020

September 30

Brio • Tuscan Grill
Brookwood Village

October 28

Firebirds • Wood Fired Grill
Patton Creek • Hoover

January 27

Magnolia Café • Meat & Three
Altadena Square

April 27

Old Cook Stove • Mennonite Homestyle
Danville, Alabama

Speaker and Luncheon Events

Wednesday, October 5 • 11:30 a.m.

CCA • \$6.00 / lunch

Reservation deadline is Sunday, October 2 please call: Katherine at 443-8559

Dr. James Brown - History Professor - Samford University - will present the history of Cherokee - style cane basketry. Don’t miss this opportunity for fellowship, good food and devotion.

Wednesday, November 16 • 11:30 a.m.

Clingman Commons

Antique Nature Prints

Gilbert Johnston is a lifelong lover of art and nature. As an avid traveler, he has experienced the beauty of the Lord’s creation around the world. Mr. Johnston will share his knowledge and love of art history through his collection of Antique Nature Prints.