

More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements...



CFC Kids Memory Verse Challenge - 1 Corinthians 10:31 - Unit 16

Kids can recite 1 Corinthians 10:31 on Sunday mornings from January 4 through January 25 to receive a prize from the treasure drawer.

CFC Kids Volunteers Needed

As we look ahead to the new year, we need to grow our mighty CFC Kids Volunteer Team! We currently have openings for 4 preschool and 1 elementary volunteers. These additional volunteers will help fill spots of current volunteers who will take time off and welcome new babies (praise the Lord!).

If you can join in serving in CFC Kids, please fill out the form in the midweek announcements. Once you have your form filled out, we will be in touch with next steps! If you have any questions about serving in CFC Kids, please reach out to Katie Sibley (ksibley@cfcbirmingham.org) or Sarah Beth Shepard (sb@cfcbirmingham.org).



No Youth Tonight

There will be no youth tonight. Youth will begin meeting again on Sunday, January 11, 2026.

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New Year, New Time!

Moving forward, Sunday Morning Worship will begin at 10:00am.

Prayer Meeting & Fellowship Meal – Sunday, January 11 at 5:00pm



All are invited to join us for a prayer meeting and fellowship meal on Sunday, January 11 with dinner starting at 4:45pm. Dinner is free, but please RSVP at this QR code to help us order the correct amount of food. Childcare will be available for kids elementary ages and down.



Women's Bible Study

Women's Spring Bible Study: The Gospel of John Part 2 will begin January 28 from 9:30-11:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare is available. Be sure to register for yourself and your child/children if needed on the Church Center app. Email Paige Herr (pherr@cfcbirmingham.org) if you have any questions.

Women's Winter Retreat - February 6-7, 2026

Ladies, join us on Friday, February 6 and Saturday, February 7, 2026 for a weekend of fellowship and reflection around the topic of "Satisfied" with speaker and author Joanna Kimbrel. This will be a great opportunity to fellowship and worship together, and to have our hearts refreshed as we look to a new year. Think now of friends, neighbors, and family who would be blessed to join this experience. Register in the Church Center app. Prices will go up in January.



In-Person Update from our Sent Partners C & D - January 11

C & D recently returned to the U.S. and we invite you to come and hear ministry updates and learn about ways you can pray for them in the months ahead. Join us on January 11, at 8:45am in the Fellowship Hall. Please register in the Church Center app. Light breakfast items will be provided. There will not be childcare for this meeting.

New Hope Girls' School Student Sponsorships

Tumaini Jipya [New Hope] Girls' School in Tanzania, a ministry partner of CFC, is in need of more student sponsorships. This enables at-risk girls who would not be able to go to school otherwise to go to a boarding school where they are safe, can hear the Gospel, and receive regular discipleship. A sponsorship is \$50 a month of \$600 for the year and covers all their food, uniforms, and basic school supplies. Gifts can be made at the link in the midweek email. Please email Rachel Hagues (rachjoy@gmail.com) with any questions.

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Pre-Service Music (*please remain seated)

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

Johnston & Towner

Welcome

Ryan Childress

Time of Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

- ¹ *Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*
- ² *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*
- ³ *For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.*
- ⁴ *In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.*
- ⁵ *The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.*
- ⁶ *Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*
- ⁷ *For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand. (Psalm 95:1-7)*

Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

God's Greeting & Mutual Greetings

¹⁹ *On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." (John 20:19)*

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Myrin & Redman

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

Kauffman, et al.

Public Reading of Scripture

Matthew 5:13-20

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Brian G.

³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment. (Psalm 51:3-4)

¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
(Psalm 51:16-17)

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

[*that is the true Christian church of all times and all places]

“O Fount of Love” Boswell & Papa

“Yet Not I but through Christ in Me” Robinson, Thompson, & Farren

Prayer for Illumination Will Mitchell

Reading of the Preaching Passage Matthew 5:1-12

Preaching of God's Word Jonathan Shepard

The Lord's Supper

“Take My Life” Giglio, Havergal, Malan, & Tomlin

Offering

^{8:9} For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though
he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by
his poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

^{9:7} Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not
reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that
having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound
in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

Prayer of Intercession

Will Kynes

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Benediction

¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

“Doxology”

Bourgeois & Ken

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Visitors and members alike are encouraged to fellowship with one another after the service. If you would like to speak with a pastor about a need in your life or for prayer, one will be available at the front of the room.

Additional Explanatory Notes of Worship Elements

The Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day as part of our worship and witness. The Lord's Supper is an occasion for believers in Christ to be reminded of Jesus' death in our place, to be strengthened by the promise of His coming, and to be renewed toward God and one another. All who have identified with Christ in baptism and who are in good standing with a local church that preaches the gospel are welcome at the Table.

This Week We're Praying...

For Our Church

For our church, that we would be faithful in discipling one another; that our Growth Groups would be places of biblical growth and accountability; and that we would grow together in godliness as we study the Bible together in church, Growth Groups, and one-on-one relationships.

For Our City

For Double Oak Community Church, their pastor, Adam Robinson, their elders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation

For an increase in healthy churches in every city across our country: that these churches would be known for their gospel proclamation, their love of neighbor, and their commitment to the truth; that God would supply them with faithful pastors, elders, and church members; and that God would close the doors of churches that confuse the world by editing the truths of the Bible or by maligning the character of God.

For Our World

For Tumani Jipya school in Tanzania: for the start of a new school year, for new students who recently arrived to feel welcome, for teachers to walk closely with the Lord and lead the students to do the same, and for school leaders to have wisdom as they work in the school and in the community.

