

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 Camp Registration - Deadline January 30

All current 3rd-5th graders are invited to join us at Student Life for Kids Camp July 14-17 at Shocco Springs! For more information about camp and to sign up, visit the Church Center app. Registration is now open to friends of CFC members. Registrations for kids camp will close on January 30. If you have any questions regarding our Kids Camp week, reach out to Sarah Beth Shepard (sb@cfcbirmingham.org).



Youth Returns Tonight

Youth meets tonight from 5:00-7:00pm. Join us for Bible Study, dinner, and games! Contact Billy Shepard (bshepard@cfcbirmingham.org) with any questions.

Youth Winter Retreat Registration - Deadline January 18

The youth will have their annual Winter Retreat February 13-15 at Shocco Springs. The cost is \$175, which includes transportation and all meals. If you plan to register for more than one student, please reach out to Billy (bshepard@cfcbirmingham.org) for a discount code. You can register in the Church Center app. Registration will close January 18.

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Prayer Meeting & Fellowship Meal – Tonight at 5:00pm



All are invited to join us for a prayer meeting and fellowship meal tonight with dinner starting at 4:45pm. Dinner is free, but please RSVP at this QR code. Childcare will be available for kids elementary ages and down.



Women's Bible Studies

Women's bible studies are back! To register for a study or to find out more information, visit the Church Center app. You can also email Paige Herr (pherr@cfcbirmingham.org) with any questions.

- Monday Night Option: Sermon on the Mount study led by Brittany Mann. Begins January 26 at 7:00pm.
- Wednesday Morning Option: The Gospel of John Part 2. Begins January 28 from 9:30-11:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare is available.
- Wednesday Night Option: Galatians study led by Janey Thorn. Begins January 14 at 6:00pm. Email Janet (janethorn7@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Created for a Purpose - June 8-12

CFC (with Homewood Community Church) will host a summer creative arts camp June 8-12. This program teaches rising 3rd-8th grade girls that they are a unique masterpiece created by God. Early registration for CFC/HCC members only will open January 14 and close January 16. Eligible families will receive an email January 14 with a registration link.



New Hope Girls' School Student Sponsorships

Tumaini Jipya Girls' School in Tanzania, a ministry partner of CFC, is in need of more student sponsorships. A sponsorship is \$50 a month or \$600 for the year. Gifts can be made at the link in the midweek email. Please email Rachel Hagues (rachjoy@gmail.com) with any questions.



Men's Theology Breakfast

Men, theology breakfast is returning on Tuesday, January 20. We will meet weekly on Tuesday mornings from 6:20-7:15am to walk through *A Heart Aflame for God: A Reformed Approach to Spiritual Formation* by Matthew Bingham. You can register on the Church Center app.



College Lunch - Today

All college students are invited to a free lunch immediately following the service today in the fellowship hall.

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Pre-Service Music (*please remain seated)

"Come Ye Sinners"

Hart & Owen

Welcome

Bart Box

Time of Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

¹ *Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.*

² *Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her*

*that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.*

³ *A voice cries:*

*"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

⁴ *Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.*

⁵ *And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

⁹ *Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;*

*say to the cities of Judah,
"Behold your God!"*

¹⁰ *Behold, the LORD God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.*

¹¹ *He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young. (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)*

Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

God's Greeting & Mutual Greetings

⁶ *“Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.” (Isaiah 12:6)*

“Nothing but the Blood” Lowry

“Shine into Our Night” Sczebel

Public Reading of Scripture Malachi 3:1-5

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon Will Mosteller

¹⁶ *Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;*

*cease to do evil,
¹⁷ learn to do good;*

*seek justice,
correct oppression;
bring justice to the fatherless,
plead the widow's cause. (Isaiah 1:16-17)*

¹⁸ *“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.” (Isaiah 1:18)*

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]

“Behold Our God” Baird & Altrogge

“Before the Throne of God Above” Bancroft & Cook

Prayer for Illumination Will Mitchell

Reading of the Preaching Passage Mark 1:1-8

Preaching of God's Word Bart Box

The Lord's Supper

“Jesus Paid It All” Grape, Hall, and Nifong

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 Billy Shepard

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

¹⁷ *“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;*

¹⁸ *even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.*

²¹ *And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ (Acts 2:17-18, 21)*

“Doxology” Bourgeois & Ken

This Week We're Praying...

For Our Church

For our church, as we promise to do in our church covenant: that we would continue to give cheerfully and generously to the support of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations, and that God would be pleased to take our resources and use them for His glory.

For Our City

For Iron City Church, their pastor, Isaac Adams, their elders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation

For our lawmakers and elected officials, that God would grant them moral clarity, biblical convictions, and deep compassion as they address the issue of abortion, that innocent life would be vigorously protected, that human dignity would be preserved, and that a culture of death would be transformed into a culture of life and human flourishing. Also, for those who have had abortions or paid for abortions, that they would know the freeing and forgiving power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

For Our World

For the nation of Syria, for Christians there to remain steadfast in the midst of suffering from civil war as well as from persecution, that the hearts of many non-Christians would be turned to the Lord in the midst of their current circumstances, and that the Lord would use the present evils for the good of the Syrian people and the glory of his name.

