

## More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements...



### **CFC Kids Memory Verse Challenge - John 20:31 - Unit 18**

Kids can recite John 20:31 on Sunday mornings from March 1 through April 12 to receive a prize from the treasure drawer.

### **VBS Volunteer Signups are Open**

Now is the time to sign up to volunteer at VBS! VBS will take place June 22-25 from 9 a.m. to noon for kids ages 4 through completed 5th grade. It takes many hands to pull off VBS each summer and there are opportunities to serve all week or just one day as your schedule allows! There is nursery care available for volunteers if you have a child younger than 4 years old. Please register in the Church Center App by March 31.



### **Global Outreach Opportunities**

If you are interested in joining CFC's global outreach efforts in 2026, there are two opportunities to be aware of. Rachel Hagues (rachjoy@gmail.com) will be leading 1 or 2 trips to Tanzania to work in our partnership with the girl's school in Ukerewe. Jess Mann (jessehmann@gmail.com) will be leading the medical and evangelistic outreach trip to Brazil in August. Now is the time to inquire about both trips so if you are interested in these opportunities, please contact them directly.

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### **Around the Tables**

Ladies, please join us for dinner in March through Around the Tables! This is a one-time dinner that gives women an opportunity to join other ladies for an evening of good food and fellowship. Choose a date and location that fits your schedule on the Church Center app.



### **College Topgolf Outing - Thursday, March 19**

All college students are invited to a night at Topgolf on Thursday, March 19th, from 7:30-9:30pm. Please register in the Church Center App.

### **College Lunch - Sunday, March 22**

All college students are invited to a free meal in the fellowship hall immediately following the service on Sunday, March 22. Contact Jonathan Shepard (jshepard@cfcbirmingham.org) with any questions.



### **Men's Golf Outing - Friday, March 20**

Men, join us for an afternoon on the golf course on Friday, March 20 at Oak Mountain State Park. We will have multiple sets of consecutive tee times beginning at 12:10pm. Please register in the Church Center app as there are only 24 spots available, first come, first served.

### **Men's Regional Lunches**

Men, join us at one of our regional lunches throughout the metro area as a way to connect with other men at CFC over good food. You can register for these lunches at the link in the midweek email. Reach out to Jared Jones (jjones@cfcbirmingham.org) with any questions.

### **Men's Work Day - Saturday, March 28**

Men, we would love your help on Saturday, March 28 as we do some work in and around the building. Biscuits will be provided at 7:30am. More information will be sent the week of about the specific projects we will be working on and what tools will be helpful to bring.



### **Youth Continues 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.

### **High School Cookout - Friday, March 13**

9th-12th grade students are invited to a cookout at the Shepards house on Friday, March 13 at 6:00pm. Please register in the Church Center App.

**Sunday, March 8, 2026**

### **Pre-Service Music** (\*please remain seated)

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Mason & Watts

### **Welcome**

Billy Shepard

### **Time of Silent Reflection**

### **Call to Worship**

<sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD:

“Heaven is my throne,

and the earth is my footstool;

what is the house that you would build for me,

and what is the place of my rest?

<sup>2</sup> All these things my hand has made,

and so all these things came to be,

declares the LORD.

But this is the one to whom I will look:

he who is humble and contrite in spirit

and trembles at my word.

<sup>3</sup> “He who slaughters an ox is like one who kills a man;

he who sacrifices a lamb, like one who breaks a dog's neck;

he who presents a grain offering, like one who offers pig's blood;

he who makes a memorial offering of frankincense, like one who

blesses an idol.

These have chosen their own ways,

and their soul delights in their abominations;” (Isaiah 66:1-3)

### **Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

### **God's Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

<sup>4</sup> Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. (Revelation 1:4-5)

“How Firm a Foundation”

Funk, Keith, Rippon & Steele

“Living Hope”

Johnson & Whickham

## 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]

## Baptisms

Nathan & Olivia Vincent

<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:3-4)

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Bancroft & Cook

## Prayer for Illumination

Chase Mobbs

## Reading of the Preaching Passage

Mark 4:1-34

## Preaching of God's Word

Bart Box

## The Lord's Supper

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

McCracken

## Offering

<sup>8:9</sup> 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)

<sup>9:7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.  
<sup>8</sup> 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

Lev Bragg

## 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

<sup>22</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup> “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”  
(Numbers 6:22-26)

“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.

## This Week We're Praying...

### For Our Church

For our church, that we would be faithful with evangelistic opportunities this week among family, friends, and neighbors who do not know the Lord; that we would have discernment and boldness in knowing how to best reach them with the gospel; and that the Lord would be pleased to draw people to himself through our faithful witness.

### For Our City

For Urban Hope Community Church, their pastor, Alton Hardy, their elders, staff, and congregation.

### For Our Nation

For President Donald Trump, Governor Kay Ivey, Mayor Randall Woodfin, and all who are in high positions, that they would lead and govern justly, that we may lead peaceful and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way.

### For Our World

For the nation of Saudi Arabia, for an openness from the government that allows more gospel workers to reside in the country, for more people to hear and to receive the gospel, and for the church to grow and thrive.

