

More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements...



No Youth Tonight

Youth will not meet tonight. Youth will return next Sunday, April 12.

Middle School Bowling Night - Friday, April 17

We are hosting a bowling night for the middle schoolers at Vestavia Bowl on Friday, April 17th. You can drop your middle schooler off at the bowling alley at 6:30pm and pick them up at 8:30pm. CFC will cover the cost of bowling but any youth are responsible for any snacks they want to buy while there. Please register on the Church Center App so we know how many to expect!



Men's Worship Night - Sunday, April 19 at 5:00pm



Men, join us for a night of fellowship and worship on Sunday evening, April 19. We will enjoy a time of fellowship over a meal that will be served around 5:00pm followed by a time of worship as we sing together and dive into the Word. Please register at this QR code or in the Church Center App



College Lunch - Sunday, April 19

All college students are invited to College Lunch immediately following the service on Sunday, April 19. Lunch will be provided at no cost. Contact Jonathan Shepard (jshepard@cfcbirmingham.org) with any questions.

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Membership Matters Class - Monday, April 13

If you are interested in becoming a member at CFC, we are planning to hold a Membership Matters class on Monday, April 13, at 6:00pm. Attending this class is an important part of the process of becoming a member of Christ Fellowship Church. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at this QR code, at cfcbirmingham.org/membership-matters, or email Ryan Childress at rchildress@cfcbirmingham.org with any questions. Pizza will be provided for dinner!



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 Registration is Open!

VBS Registration is now open for CFC families. VBS will take place June 22-25 from 9 am - noon. Kids ages 4 by June 22 through completed 5th grade are welcome to participate. You can register and find more information on the Church Center App. Registration for the community will open May 7.

More VBS Volunteers Needed!

Volunteer sign ups for VBS will remain open until we fill all needed positions. Specifically we need more Bible study leaders and nursery workers! Please register on the Church Center App.

CFC Kids - Preschool Park Day - Saturday, April 18

Preschool families — you're invited to join us at McCallum Park on April 18 from 3:00–5:00 p.m.! Registration is not required, but if you plan to attend, we encourage you to register on the Church Center App so we can quickly communicate with you if we need to make any weather-related changes. Older siblings and friends are welcome! A small snack will be provided for each child.

CFC Kids - Basecamp 345 - April 24-25



All 3rd-5th graders are invited to join us for our very first Basecamp weekend April 24-25. Basecamp 345 is a CFC Kids discipleship weekend designed to equip kids with the tools they need to follow Jesus for a lifetime. Through kid-friendly inductive Bible study training, worship, and plenty of fun, we will help them learn how to explore God's Word for themselves.

You can register your 3rd-5th grader, register to be a volunteer, and find more information on the Church Center App. Please reach out to Sarah Beth (sb@cfcbirmingham.org) with any questions!

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Pre-Service Music (*please remain seated)

"The Power of the Cross"

Getty & Townend

Welcome

Bart Box

Time of Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened. (Luke 24:1-12)

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)

"Because He Lives"

Gaither

"Christ Is Risen"

Fieldes & Maher

"In Christ Alone"

Getty & Townend

Public Reading of Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Billy Shepard

³ *He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

⁴ *Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted. (Isaiah 53:3-4)*

⁵ *But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.*

⁶ *All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:5-6)*

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]

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Bancroft & Cook

“What a Beautiful Name”

Fielding & Ligertwood

Prayer for Illumination

Will Mitchell

Reading of the Preaching Passage

Luke 24:13-35

Preaching of God's Word

Bart Box

The Lord's Supper

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

Kauflin, et al.

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

Dave Nix

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 *When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.” (Revelation 1:17-18)*

“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 people of hope, joy, and resurrection, that our lives would reflect the risen Savior, and that our testimony before the world would be clear, compelling, and faithful.

For Our City

For all gospel-preaching churches in our city, that they would clearly proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as our only hope in life and death, and that those hearing the gospel proclaimed might trust in Christ and give their lives to follow him.

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 the persecuted church around the world: that the hope of the resurrection would encourage obedience, endurance, and perseverance during suffering and tragedy; that these believers' faithful responses to persecution would produce conviction among those who are persecuting believers; and that God would turn those who are enemies of the gospel today into faithful followers of Christ tomorrow.

