

More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements...



Youth Meets Tonight

Youth meets tonight during the prayer meeting. Youth will eat with the rest of the church beginning at 4:45 and will meet in the youth room for Bible Study after dinner. Please pick up your child from the youth room right after the prayer meeting concludes. Contact Billy Shepard (bshepard@cfcbirmingham.org) with any questions.

Youth Camp - July 13-17 - Registration is Open!

The youth will attend Student Life Camp in Asheville, NC, July 13-17. The cost is \$375 per student, with a \$50 discount if you register multiple students. Register today on the Church Center app.

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Prayer Meeting & Fellowship Meal – Tonight at 4:45pm



All are invited to join us for a prayer meeting and fellowship meal on Sunday, May 3 with dinner starting at 4:45pm. If you haven't already done so, please register at this QR code as soon as possible. Childcare will be available for kids elementary ages and down.

Singles and Young Adults Cookout – Sunday, May 17 at 4:30pm



All singles and young adults are invited to a cookout at Jonathan and Charlie Ann Shepard's house on Sunday, May 17 at 4:30pm. Dinner will be provided and there will be several yard games as we enjoy an evening of fellowship with one another. You can register at this QR code or in the Church Center App.



CFC Kids Memory Verse Challenge - John 3:16 - Unit 19

Kids can recite John 3:16 on Sunday mornings from April 19 through May 10 to receive a prize from the treasure drawer.

VBS 2026 - June 22-25 9am-12:00pm



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

More VBS Volunteers Needed!

We are still trying to fill the following VBS volunteer roles: 4 yr old bible study, Pre-K bible study, and Kindergarten bible study. Some of these are even just two day needs. We are so close! Please sign up on the Church Center app or at the link in the midweek email.



Summer Bible Study - Wednesday Evenings Beginning May 15

Janet Thorn is leading an evening study of the names of God on Wednesdays this summer, starting May 15. Email Janet (janetthorn7@gmail.com) for further details.

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Pre-Service Music (*please remain seated)

“Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy”

Hart & Owen

Welcome

Jonathan Shepard

Time of Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

¹ *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!*

² *Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!*

³ *Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

⁴ *Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

⁵ *For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100:1-5)*

Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

God's Greeting & Mutual Greetings

² *May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. (Jude 1:2)*

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Dykes & Heber

“Living Hope”

Johnson & Whickham

Public Reading of Scripture

Isaiah 35:1-7

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Bart Box

*Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.*

***We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

⁹ *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)*

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds,
Light of Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven
and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of
the Father;
He shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church;
we confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins;
we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

“Not In Me” Schumacher & Ward

“Your Will Be Done” Robinson & Thompson

Prayer for Illumination Will Mitchell

Reading of the Preaching Passage Mark 7:24-8:10

Preaching of God’s Word Bart Box

The Lord’s Supper

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand” Stennett & White

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 Victor Cheng

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

¹⁰ ***“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11)***

“Doxology” Bourgeois & Ken

This Week We’re Praying...

For Our Church

For our college students as they leave from Birmingham for home or for mission work around the world this summer, that God would use this summer for those who are serving overseas to confirm their calling and to give them experiences that will help them toward a long-term future in mission work, and that God would use this summer for those who are returning home for work opportunities to advance His kingdom and prepare them for their vocational futures.

For Our City

For Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church, their pastor, Caleb Click, their elders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation

For our nation, that God would rid our country of any sin of racism, that we would work to bring about significant change in areas where there is injustice, and that local churches around our nation would be diverse pictures of the reconciliation found in the gospel.

For Our World

For our sent partners, C & E, who are serving Muslims in Europe and the ME: for the handful of believers they are discipling to grow in the Lord, for strength to endure; and that the Lord would give C & E increased confidence, steadfastness, and trust in His sovereignty and goodness.

