

More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements...



Youth End of Year Party - Tonight!

The youth will have their end of the year party tonight, from 5:00-7:00pm at the church. We will have dinner and games provided! Reach out to 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.




Brazil Mission Trip - August 21-29


Jess Mann will be leading a trip to Brazil this August. The goal of this trip is to assist in planting and growing new churches in underprivileged communities by connecting with local people through medical and dental clinics. Medical experience is helpful but not necessary. It is also crucial to have non-medical brothers and sisters to support the work of the clinic and spend time establishing relationships and sharing the gospel. Registration is open in the Church Center App. Please reach out to Jess Mann (jessehmann@gmail.com) if you have questions.

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Singles and Young Adults Cookout - Today at 4:30pm

 All singles and young adults are invited to a cookout at Jonathan and Charlie Ann Shepard's house this afternoon 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.

CFC Members' Directory Updates


 We need your help updating our Members' Directory! Please check the directory to ensure your card is updated (especially pictures) and if you need any changes made, use this QR to request those changes. Reach out to Jonathan Shepard (jshepard@cfcbirmingham.org) if you have any questions.



VBS Volunteer Training - Today!

Reminder for those who have registered to volunteer at VBS this year, there is a VBS Volunteer Training immediately following the service today. Lunch will be provided.

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

 VBS Registration is open for everyone! VBS will take place June 22-25 from 9am-12:00pm. 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. Invite your neighbors and friends for a week full of learning and fun!



Summer Bible Studies

Women's Summer Bible Studies are back! There are several different study options listed below. To register for a study or to find more information, visit the Church Center App.

- [Study of the Names of God](#) - Wednesday Nights beginning May 13
- [Study of Joanna Kimbrel's Satisfied](#) - Tues. Nights beginning June 2
- [1 & 2 Peter Bible Study](#) - Thursday Mornings beginning June 4
- [Study of James](#) - Monday Nights beginning June 29



1 Timothy Men's Bible Study

Men, join us for a two month long inductive bible study this summer! We will be working our way through the book of 1 Timothy and using the inductive method to guide our weekly discussions. Our aim for this study is to commit to deeply and regularly engaging with God's word and to challenge one another to live it out in our daily lives. Please reach out to Dennis Schauer (schauerdennis@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Pre-Service Music (*please remain seated)

"God Your Everlasting Light" Cowper & Smith

Welcome Ryan Childress

Time of Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

- Praise the LORD!
For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.*
- The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.*
- He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.*
- He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.*
- Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.*
- The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground. (Psalm 147:1-6)*

Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

God's Greeting & Mutual Greetings

²⁸ "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28-29)

"Revive Us Again" Adler, Husband, & MacKay

"Shine Into Our Night" Sczebel

Public Reading of Scripture Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon Brian G.

² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

¹⁶ *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (Romans 1:16)*

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]

“Christus Victor (Amen)” Fowler, Getty, Boswell, & Papa

“O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer” Stiff

Prayer for Illumination Will Mitchell

Reading of the Preaching Passage Mark 8:27-9:1

Preaching of God's Word Bart Box

The Lord's Supper

“O Praise the Name” Sampson, Hastings, & Ussher

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

Ben Baxter

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

²⁵ *Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” (John 11:25-27)*

“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 faithfully do what we promise in our church covenant: that together we would draw near to God weekly in worship, that we would delight in the glory of God, depend on the presence of God, grow in the knowledge of God, and submit to the Word of God as the all-sufficient authority in our lives and in His church.

For Our City

For Valleydale Church, their pastor, Mac Brunson, their elders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation

For our nation's judicial system, that judges from the Supreme Court to traffic court would give right judgments, and that those looking for justice would look to God as the final and never-failing Judge.

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.

