**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***Winter Weekend Reset*** ***– January 24-25***  
Ladies, join in us on Friday night, January 24 and Saturday morning for a weekend retreat, here at the church building. Our speaker will be local author and counselor Julie Sparkman. Register at cfcbirmingham.org/women or on the Church Center App.

***Women’s Winter Bible Study Options***

Ladies, join us for one of two Bible studies next semester:

1. **Day Time Study: Exodus, Part 2 (Exodus 16-21)**

* Dates: January 15—March 19
* Time: Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:15am
* Led by Paige Herr
* Meets at the church building; childcare is provided
* There is no need to have completed the Exodus, pt.1 Study to come!

1. **Night Time Study: Trinity Theology Study**

* Dates: January 27—March 19
* Time: Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm
* Led by Brittany Mann; meets in her home
* We’ll study Michael Reeves’ book *Delighting in the Trinity* (purchase your own copy of the book)

Register for either study at cfcbirmingham.org/women or on the Church Center app!

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***Prayer Meeting & Fellowship Meal – Sunday, February 2 at 5:00pm***

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Description automatically generatedAll are invited to join us for a prayer meeting and fellowship meal on Sunday, February 2 with dinner starting at 4:45pm. Dinner is free, but please RSVP at this QR code to help us order the correct amount of food. Childcare will be available for kids elementary aged and down.

***Membership Matters Class – Monday, February 3 at 6:00pm***

If you are interested in becoming a member at CFC, we are planning to hold a Membership Matters class on Monday, February 3 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 cfcbirmingham.org/membership-matters, or email Nick Murray at nmurray@cfcbirmingham.org with any questions.

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***Kids Camp Registration Closes TODAY***

Registration for summer Student Life Kids Camp is available now. Kids Camp is for our students who are currently in 3rd-5th grades. Camp will take place at Shocco Springs Conference Center, July 15-18. Registration for friends of CFC families is now available, as space permits. Register in Church Center. Please let Sarah Beth know with any questions. Registration closes today.

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***2025 Global Opportunities Breakfast – Sunday, January 26 at 9:00am***

Throughout 2025, there are multiple opportunities to serve globally in Tanzania and Brazil as well as serving in connection to our sent partners in the Middle East. Come hear about opportunities to join teams traveling to Tanzania, Brazil, and Europe at the upcoming interest meeting on **Sunday, January 26th, at 9:00am**. Breakfast and Childcare will be provided. Please register via Church Center for the interest meeting.

***2025 Outreach Focus in the Himalayas***

We urge you to pray for existing needs as well as the developing opportunities to spread the gospel and strengthen the presence of the church throughout the Himalayas. Updates regarding specific part-time and full-time service opportunities are still to come throughout the year so we encourage you to pray about your possible role in this area of outreach at CFC. We will host a strategy update and travel interest meeting in March.

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***No Youth Group Meeting Tonight***

In light of Winter Retreat, the youth will be off tonight!

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***College Lunch Today after Church***

All college students are invited to a free lunch immediately following the service today in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, contact Jonathan at (205) 792-6403.

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

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

“Romans 11 (Doxology)” Peterson

**Welcome** Nick Murray

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*[13] The LORD looks down from heaven;*

*he sees all the children of man;*

*[14] from where he sits enthroned he looks out*

*on all the inhabitants of the earth,*

*[15] he who fashions the hearts of them all*

*and observes all their deeds.*

*[16] The king is not saved by his great army;*

*a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.*

*[17] The war horse is a false hope for salvation,*

*and by its great might it cannot rescue.*

*[18] Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,*

*on those who hope in his steadfast love,*

*[19] that he may deliver their soul from death*

*and keep them alive in famine.* (Psalm 33:13–19)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*[18] The LORD is near to the brokenhearted*

*and saves the crushed in spirit.* (Psalm 34:18)

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

“Be Thou My Vision” Byrne & Hull

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Genesis 40

**Prayer of Lament & Promise of Restoration** Jared Jones

*[1] Why, O LORD, do you stand far away?*

*Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?*

*[2] In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor;*

*let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.*

*[3] For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul,*

*and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD.*

*[4] In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him;*

*all his thoughts are, “There is no God.”…*

*[11] He says in his heart, “God has forgotten,*

*he has hidden his face, he will never see it.”*

*[12] Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand;*

*forget not the afflicted.*

*[13] Why does the wicked renounce God*

*and say in his heart, “You will not call to account”?*

(Psalm 10:1–4, 11–13)

*[14] But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation,*

*that you may take it into your hands;*

*to you the helpless commits himself;*

*you have been the helper of the fatherless…*

*[17] O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted;*

*you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear.*

(Psalm 10:14, 17)

**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]

“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul” Steele & Twitt

“It Is Well with My Soul” Spafford & Bliss

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Beginnings: “The God Who Never Forgets”

Genesis 40-41

**The Lord’s Supper**

“In Christ Alone” Getty & Townend

**Offering**

***9For 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)

***7Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8And 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** Jason Kirk

**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**

*[15] “Can a woman forget her nursing child,*

*that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?*

*Even these may forget,*

*yet I will not forget you.*

*[16] Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.”*

(Isaiah 49:15–16a)

“Doxology” Bourgeois & Ken

We are pleased that you have joined 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 members of our church who are currently enduring trials and suffering of various kinds: that God would draw near to them, hold them fast, and make them fruitful during the time of their affliction; that their fellow church members would join in sharing their burdens; that they would grow in their faith in God’s promises; and that God would providentially work these trials for the good of those that suffer and for God’s glory.

Also, that the Lord would cause lasting fruit to grow in the lives of the 43 youth who attended the youth winter retreat this past weekend.

***For Our City***

For Grace Fellowship Church, pastor Joel Busby, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For future president Donald Trump, for a peaceful inauguration this week, and for his tenure in office to be marked with wise policy decisions that enable all Americans to flourish and allow Christians to live peaceful and quiet lives focused on fulfilling the Great Commission.

***For Our World***

For gospel partners in China, for open doors to spread the gospel among unreached peoples in remote mountain areas, for their protection from persecuting authorities and their sustained presence in unchurched regions so that they may work long-term in the church planting task.

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