**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***Kids Camp Registration is Open***

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 if you have any questions.

***Birds and Bees Seminar***

On January 10, 2025, we are going to host the "Birds and Bees" seminar night. The Birds and Bees seminar is a simple video-based course that aims to give parents the tools and confidence to talk to their young kids about sex. We hope that by educating and empowering your kids, you build a foundation for future conversations, protect them from dangers on and offline, and have the power of the first impression. The course is aimed at parents of kids ages 1–10. We'd love for moms and dads to make a date night out of this evening and attend together if they are able. Dinner is available for purchase if you'd like to make it a full night, or you can come just for the seminar portion. Register on Church Center.

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***Prayer Meeting & Fellowship Meal – Sunday, January 12 at 5:00pm***

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Description automatically generated***All are invited to join us for a prayer meeting and fellowship meal on Sunday, January 12 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.

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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 where we will enjoy delicious food, good fellowship, and spend time in worship together. Our speaker will be local author and counselor Julie Sparkman. An early registration rate is available through the end of the year! 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
* 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
* 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!

**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

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

“Grace Greater than Our Sin” Johnston & Towner

**Welcome** Jared Jones

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*[1] Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!*

*Praise befits the upright.*

*[2] Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;*

*make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!*

*[3] Sing to him a new song;*

*play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.*

*[4] For the word of the LORD is upright,*

*and all his work is done in faithfulness.*

*[5] He loves righteousness and justice;*

*the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.* (Psalm 33:1–5)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*[14] Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;*

*steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.* (Psalm 89:14)

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” Matheson & Miner

“Only a Holy God” Robinson, Thompson, Smith, & Farren

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Luke 10:25-37

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon** Brian G.

*[23] Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, [24] but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”* (Jeremiah 9:23–24)

*[13] And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, [14] by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.* (Colossians 2:13–14)

**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]

“O Fount of Love” Boswell & Papa

“Here Is Love Vast as the Ocean” Rees, Giles, Rives, & Lowry

**Prayer for Illumination** Daniel Barriault

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Micah: “Great Expectations”

Micah 6

**The Lord’s Supper**

“Take My Life” Giglio, Havergal, Malan, & Tomlin

**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** Nick Murray

**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**

*[8] He has told you, O man, what is good;*

*and what does the LORD require of you*

*but to do justice, and to love kindness,*

*and to walk humbly with your God?* (Micah 6:8)

“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.

If you are not a follower of Jesus, we invite you to spend this time in prayer reflecting on the Word that has been preached and the great offer of salvation in Jesus Christ. If you feel so inclined, we invite you to offer the following prayer to God:

“Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.”

**This Week We’re Praying…**

***For Our Church***

For our church: that God would grant us clarity, unity, and obvious paths forward as think about the future of our church; that God would present us with opportunities that maximize our church’s impact for the advancement of Christ’s Kingdom; and that the Lord would go before us and establish our steps, guard us from error, and give us increased wisdom.

***For Our City***

For Iron City Church, pastor Isaac Adams, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For our nation in light of this week’s terror attack in New Orleans, that God would be near to the families and loved ones of the victims, that God would help the authorities who are investigating the matter, and that ultimately God would transform the hearts of those who intend to do evil to other image bearers so that events like these are entirely unthinkable.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Bhutan and particularly for believers in Bhutan: for job opportunities that would allow them to remain in the country to serve small house churches and share the gospel with co-workers, family, and friends, rather than leaving the country to find migrant employment elsewhere; also for pastors to receive the support they need to serve full-time in small churches.

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