

More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements



Information Breakfast for Ongoing Service Opportunity – November 3

Red Mountain Grace is a local charity seeking to show Christian hospitality to those who are traveling far from home to receive long term medical treatment in Birmingham. Friends from Red Mountain Grace will join us for breakfast from 9:00-10:00am on Sunday, November 3rd in the CFC Fellowship Hall to discuss ways that CFC can serve alongside them. Breakfast is free, and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP on Church Center.

Cross Con 2025

Cross Con is a conference designed to call this generation to make their lives count. Brian G. will be leading a group from CFC to attend this year's conference from January 2-4, 2025, in Louisville, Kentucky. Cross is designed for college and grad-school students as well as young professionals who want to engage with others and hear from speakers such as John Piper, David Platt, Trip Lee, Kevin DeYoung and others with an emphasis on the gospel, the local church, and the nations. We will be putting together a group to attend and now is the time to register, which you can do on the Church Center app.

Community Outreach Volunteer Opportunity at CFC

On Tuesdays and Thursdays this Fall, CFC is hosting the tutoring program of ZeroZero Foundation, which supports children and families in under-served parts of Birmingham. We would love a church member to be present at the building for each session. To see dates and times and to sign up, visit the link in your midweek email. Contact Caleb Schmidt at caleb@knighteady.com with questions.

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Equip Continues Tonight

The Fall semester of our Sunday evening Equip classes continues tonight. Dinner is served beginning at 4:45pm. The meal will be Publix chicken fingers, so plan accordingly! Classes begin at 5:35pm and will conclude at 6:25pm.

Prayer Meeting & Fellowship Meal – Sunday, November 3 at 5:00pm



All are invited to join us for a prayer meeting and fellowship meal on Sunday, November 3 with dinner starting at 4:45pm. No adult Equip classes will meet, as all adults will attend the prayer meeting. But we will teach all of our kids Equip classes. Dinner is free and will be Maya Mexican, so plan accordingly! Kids classes and the prayer meeting will begin at 5:35pm and will conclude at 6:25pm.

College Ministry

College Student 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 Shepard at (205) 792-6403.

College Bonfire – Thursday, October 24 at 7:00pm

All college students are invited to a bonfire and s'mores night on Thursday, October 24th at 7:00pm. It will be at Jonathan Shepard's home, 1525 Glenwood Rd, Hoover AL 35226. We hope to see you there!



CFC Kids and Youth Mission Morning – November 9

In partnership with Christian Service Mission, we are planning a Mission Morning on November 9 from 8:45-11:00 at Glen Iris Elementary School!

- This service project is for kids and students in 2nd grade and up. A parent must accompany their child for kids 2nd-5th grades during the Mission Morning. Youth students can be dropped off, (although we'd love those parents to stay too! We will be taking care of a lot of cleaning inside and outside of the school during our time there.
- The projects we need to complete, will only be age appropriate for those in 2nd grade and up. However, if you'd like to get younger kids involved, we are going to collect donations for the school in advance! The school has mentioned they need hand sanitizer, Kleenex, and Clorox wipes. We will have a donation bin available in the lobby near the coffee station on Sunday morning until our service project date.

Sign up on church center. Your sign up will help us plan project groups in advance and is required! For any questions you can reach out to Sarah Beth Shepard.



Kids Camp Registration Now 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. At this time, registration is only open to CFC families. Check out the Church Center app for cost, FAQs, etc., and sign up today! Please let Sarah Beth know if you have any questions.

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Pre-Service Music (*please remain seated)

"The Love of God"

Lehman

Welcome

Nick Murray

Time of Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

² O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

⁴But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

⁸And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities. (Psalm 130)

Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

God's Greeting & Mutual Greetings

¹Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity! (Psalm 133:1)

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Van Dyke & Beethoven

"His Mercy Is More"

Boswell & Papa

Public Reading of Scripture – Luke 15:11-32

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Billy Shepard

¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matthew 6:14-15)

¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

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]

“Jesus Paid It All” Grape, Nifong, & Hall

“O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer” Stiff

Prayer for Illumination Will Mitchell

Reading of the Preaching Passage

Preaching of God's Word Nick Murray

Beginnings: “Sweet Revenge Reconciliation”
Genesis 33

The Lord's Supper

“Yet Not I but through Christ in Me” Robinson, Thompson, & Farren

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

Brad Lowe

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

¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:16-21)

“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 God's direction as we respond to the growth of our church: that God would guide us to perceive what is right and wise; that he would grant us the courage to pursue what we ought to pursue and the grace to accomplish it; and that by his Holy Spirit, he would spare us from all false choices, for his glory, our good, and the spread of the gospel to every corner of the world.

For Our City

For the Church at Brook Hills, pastor Matt Mason, their staff, elders, and congregation.

For Our Nation

For the complex issue of immigration in our country, that God would grant wisdom to our elected and appointed officials for how to best address this issue, that they would uphold the human dignity of immigrants even as they seek to provide security for our country.

For Our World

For the nation of Nepal, and particularly for Tibetans living in Nepal, for more laborers to be added to the task of planting churches and spreading the gospel throughout the mountain regions of Northern Nepal, for Kathmandu Community Baptist Church as they train and equip pastors to lead healthy churches in the country, and for a vision to reach more Tibetans among these churches.

