**About Christ Fellowship Church**

**Our Mission:** We exist to make disciples of Christ who love God and love their neighbor.

**Our Vision:** To see the gospel spread into every corner of our lives and every corner of the globe.

**As we gather** each Sunday, our desire is to engage with the living God in authentic worship, giving him the praise he deserves, as we read, sing, pray, preach, and sit under the truth of God’s Word and respond in obedience. We look to give ourselves to bold prayer, to spend ourselves and our resources through joyful giving, and to create a culture of gracious hospitality among a diversely unified people.

**As we scatter** each week, we commit to give ourselves to one another in sanctifying community, to the lost through faithful evangelism in our spheres of influence, and to the suffering around us with Christ-like compassion, all in hopes of multiplying the witness of Christ in our city and around the world.

**CFC Kids:** As a congregation, we are deeply committed to next-generation discipleship. This church wants to come alongside parents as they raise their children in the Lord. To help toward that end on Sundays, we offer CFC Kids for children from birth through fifth grade. We offer CFC Kids throughout the entire length of the service for children pre-school and younger. Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade will attend the first part of the worship service and then exit for age-appropriate lessons during the sermon. Of course, you may keep your children with you throughout worship, if you like. If you have any questions about CFC Kids, please email Sarah Beth Shepard at sb@cfcbirmingham.org.

10/6/2024

**Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***Prayer Meeting & Fellowship Meal – Tonightat 5:00pm***

All are invited to join us for a prayer meeting and fellowship meal tonight, 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.

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***Fall Women’s Bible Study Offerings***

We will have two bible studies to offer women this Fall. Register on the Church Center app!

1. A daytime study on Exodus, taught by Paige Herr. This class will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be available. This class runs from 9/18-11/13.
2. A nighttime study on 1 John, taught by Brittany Mann. This class will meet on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm at the Mann’s home. This class runs from 9/16-11/4.

***Professional Women’s Lunch – Sunday, October 13 after Church***

Join us for a light lunch after church on October 13 with Phil and Emily Bryan. Guys are also welcome! For more details and to register, go to the Church Center app.

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***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](mailto:caleb@knighteady.com) with questions.

**Sunday, October 6, 2024**

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

“Power in the Blood” Jones

**Welcome** Bart Box

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*8Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,*

*for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;*

*but let them not turn back to folly.*

*9Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,*

*that glory may dwell in our land.*

*10Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;*

*righteousness and peace kiss each other.*

*11Faithfulness springs up from the ground,*

*and righteousness looks down from the sky.*

*12Yes, the LORD will give what is good,*

*and our land will yield its increase.*

*13Righteousness will go before him*

*and make his footsteps a way.* (Psalm 85:8-13)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*2Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.* (Philippians 1:2)

“A Day for Singing” Langdon, Early, Wong, & Leonhardt

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” Newton

**Public Reading of Scripture** – James 3:13-18

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon** Billy Shepard

*25A greedy man stirs up strife,*

*but the one who trusts in the LORD will be enriched.*

(Proverbs 28:25)

*19For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.* (Colossians 1:19-20)

**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 Praise the Name” Sampson, Hastings, & Ussher

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Beginnings: “Broken People, Unbreakable Promises”

Genesis 29:31–31:55

**The Lord’s Supper**

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion” McCracken

**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** Brian G.

**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**

*20The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.* (Romans 16:20)

“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, as we send out teams to two different parts of the world this week, that God would use, direct, and bless the efforts of those who are going out with the gospel; that God would be present here with the families of those that are being left behind; and that as a church, we would be faithful to pray for those who are going as well as faithful to serve in tangible ways the families of those who are gone.

***For Our City***

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

***For Our Nation***

For upcoming presidential election, that God would supply the best individual to lead our country during these times, that God would prevent the further fracturing of our country along political lines by granting unexpected unity, and that Christians would lead the way in modeling that our trust is not in any human leader or political party but in the Lord Jesus alone.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Brazil, that the gospel would be proclaimed boldly and effectively and that local churches would be encouraged and strengthened, for the efforts of CFC team members who are there this week, that medical and dental needs in local communities would be met in a way that opens doors for God to be seen clearly through the work of His people.

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