**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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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.

***ABCH Christmas Gift Signups Available Now***

Each year, we have the opportunity to support children and moms who are in the care of one of our local partners, the Alabama Baptist Children's Home. You can sign up to buy a gift at the link in your midweek email. Gifts need to be unwrapped, with a post-it note or sticker with the recipient's name somewhere on the gift, and brought to church and dropped off at the table in the commons any Sunday morning from now until December 1st. There are many gifts to be bought, which means ample opportunities for many of us to be involved! There are many gifts to be bought, which means ample opportunities for many of us to be involved! If you have questions, you can email Keri Westbrook at [kwestbrook@cfcbirmingham.org](mailto:kwestbrook@cfcbirmingham.org).

***Thanksgiving Host Homes for Internationals***

If you are interested in hosting a small group of international students for a Thanksgiving meal on a day within the dates of November 17-28 please contact Dennis Schauer at 205-527-6845, or by email at

[schauer.dennis@gmail.com](mailto:schauer.dennis@gmail.com) for more details.  If you know you would like to host already, fill out the form in your midweek email.

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***Membership Matters Class – Today at 2:00pm***

If you are interested in becoming a member at CFC, we are planning to hold a Membership Matters class today at 2:00pm. 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.

***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 Taziki’s for adults and pizza for kids, so plan accordingly! Classes begin at 5:35pm and will conclude at 6:25pm.

***20s/30s Friendsgiving Potluck***

There will be a 20s/30s friendsgiving potluck on Friday, November 15th, at 7pm. It will be hosted at Drew and Madi Allen's home. To RSVP and sign up for a dish, go to the link in your midweek email. Please text Stephanie Palmer at (864) 237-5642 with any questions.

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***College Worship Night – Thursday, November 14***

All college students are invited to a college worship on Thursday, November 14 at 8:00pm in the youth room. If you have any questions, contact Jonathan at (205) 792-6403.

***College Thanksgiving Lunch – Sunday, November 17 after Church***

All college students are invited to a free Thanksgiving lunch immediately following the service on Sunday, November 17, in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, contact Jonathan at (205) 792-6403.

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***Men’s Golf Outing – Friday, November 15***

We are hosting a men's golf outing at RTJ at Oxmoor Valley on Friday, November 15th. We have tee times from 12:00 to 12:50. The cost is $50. These 24 slots are first-come, first-served, so register early. Register on Church Center. Email Jared Jones at [jjones@cfcbirmingham.org](mailto:jjones@cfcbirmingham.org) with questions.

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***Youth Winter Retreat – January 17-19, 2025***

The youth will have their second ever Winter Retreat January 17-19, 2025 at Shocco Springs. The cost is $175 and that includes transportation and all meals. If you plan to register more than one student, please reach out to Keri for a discount code. Please register in Church Center by December 1st.

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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. At this time, registration is only open to CFC families, but we will open registration to friends of CFC families in December if space allows. Register in Church Center. Please let Sarah Beth know if you have any questions.

**Sunday, November 10, 2024**

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

“The Solid Rock” Mote

**Welcome** Bart Box

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*1Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,*

*for in you my soul takes refuge;*

*in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,*

*till the storms of destruction pass by.*

*2I cry out to God Most High,*

*to God who fulfills his purpose for me.*

*3He will send from heaven and save me;*

*he will put to shame him who tramples on me.*

*God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!*

*4My soul is in the midst of lions;*

*I lie down amid fiery beasts—*

*the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows,*

*whose tongues are sharp swords.*

***5Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!***

***Let your glory be over all the earth!***

*6They set a net for my steps;*

*my soul was bowed down.*

*They dug a pit in my way,*

*but they have fallen into it themselves.*

*7My heart is steadfast, O God,*

*my heart is steadfast!*

*I will sing and make melody!*

*8 Awake, my glory!*

*Awake, O harp and lyre!*

*I will awake the dawn!*

*9I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;*

*I will sing praises to you among the nations.*

*10For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,*

*your faithfulness to the clouds.*

***11Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!***

***Let your glory be over all the earth!***(Psalm 57)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*7Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.* (Romans 15:7)

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Neander

“Jerusalem” Robinson, Thompson, & Kleyn

**The Apostles’ Creed** Brian G.

**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]

**Baptisms** Eric & Melissa VanKooten

*4We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.* (Romans 6:4-5)

“All I Have Is Christ” Kauflin

“Rock of Ages” Hastings & Toplady

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Beginnings: “Nightmare Scenario”

Genesis 37

**The Lord’s Supper**

“Jesus, Strong & Kind” Buchanan, Robinson, Farren, & Thompson

**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** Steve Killough

**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**

*14The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.* (2 Corinthians 13:14)

“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**

***Baptism***

Baptism is a visual of the gospel story and a powerful reminder to the church of their identity with the crucified and risen Christ. The sacrificial death of Jesus and His victorious, bodily resurrection from the dead form the backdrop to baptism as believers are symbolically united to their Redeemer. Baptism in no way saves us, but it does call attention to the One who has saved us. If you know Jesus as Savior but have never been baptized, please speak with an elder after the service. If you are a baptized believer, rejoice today as you are reminded of your salvation in and through Jesus Christ. To God be the glory!

**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 Shades Mountain Baptist Church, pastor George Wright, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For the future president Donald Trump, that he would lead our nation wisely and righteously, that he might work and speak to bring unity and not division to our polarized population, and that the policies which will be adopted in the next four years would promote human flourishing for all.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Egypt: for an enduring boldness among Christians throughout the country; for pastors to boldly lead their flocks; for Christians to boldly proclaim Christ to family, friends, and neighbors; and that God would add to the number of believers throughout their nation.

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