**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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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.

***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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***Last Equip of the Semester Tonight***

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

***Directory Updates***

For all members of CFC, if you have recently moved, added children to your family, or would like to update your email address or picture in the church directory, please email those updates to [kwestbrook@cfcbirmingham.org](mailto:kwestbrook@cfcbirmingham.org).

***Members Meeting – Sunday, December 8 at 5:00pm***

All members are invited to join us for a fellowship meal and members' meeting on Sunday, December 8th at 5:00pm. We will first gather for dinner, which will be provided by CFC, and then begin the members' meeting afterward. Childcare will be offered after the meal. To help us order the correct amount of food and have enough rooms for childcare, please RSVP on Church Center. The meal will be Maya Mexican, so plan accordingly. We will also have special Christmas activities for ages 2 and up they will not want to miss!

***50+ Fellowship – Friday, December 6***

All those age 50+ are invited to a 50+ Christmas Around the World fellowship dinner on Friday, December 6th, at 6:00 pm, to be held at the home of Mac and Jan Morson.  Guests can sign up to bring a dish from another culture or nation and one re-gifted or new Christmas gift ($10 maximum) for a gift exchange game (if they would like to participate in the game**)**. Sign up for a dish to bring at the link in the midweek email.

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***College Thanksgiving Lunch – Today after Church***

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

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***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.

**Sunday, November 17, 2024**

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

“Agnus Dei” Smith

**Welcome** Nick Murray

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*1The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;*

*let the many coastlands be glad!*

*2Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;*

*righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.*

*3Fire goes before him*

*and burns up his adversaries all around.*

*4His lightnings light up the world;*

*the earth sees and trembles.*

*5The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,*

*before the Lord of all the earth.*

*6The heavens proclaim his righteousness,*

*and all the peoples see his glory.*

*7All worshipers of images are put to shame,*

*who make their boast in worthless idols;*

*worship him, all you gods!*

*8Zion hears and is glad,*

*and the daughters of Judah rejoice,*

*because of your judgments, O LORD.*

*9For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;*

*you are exalted far above all gods.*

*10O you who love the LORD, hate evil!*

*He preserves the lives of his saints;*

*he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.*

*11Light is sown for the righteous,*

*and joy for the upright in heart.*

*12Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,*

*and give thanks to his holy name!* (Psalm 97)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.* (Galatians 1:3-5)

“The Solid Rock” Mote

“Not in Me” Schumacher & Ward

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Luke 18:9-14

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

*5This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.* (1 John 1:5-8)

*9If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.* (1 John 1:9-10)

**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]

“Thy Mercy, My God” Stocker & McCracken

“All Sufficient Merit” Barnard & Fowler

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Beginnings: “The Light Shines in the Darkness,

and the Darkness Has not Overcome It”

Genesis 38

**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** Winston Durbin

**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**

*23Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.* (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

“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.

**This Week We’re Praying…**

***For Our Church***

For the next generation being raised up in our church: that our church as a whole and parents in particular would be faithful to lead our children and youth to love the Lord their God with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength; that the Word of God would continually be upon our lips as we disciple them; and that God would be pleased to save many young people at CFC for the sake of his fame among the nations.

***For Our City***

For Faith Presbyterian Church, pastor Jason Sterling, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For our nation, that God would bring true spiritual revival, that people would grow dissatisfied with their sin and long for the truth of the gospel, and that healthy churches would display the glory of God and the hope of the gospel to those around them.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Mali, for God to raise up gospel workers and church planters and sustain them for a long service in this difficult place, for God to open the hearts of people in Mali to follow Christ, and that a great number of people from Mali would be included in the great multitude around God’s throne for all eternity.

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