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

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***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).

***50+ Fellowship – Postponed to January***

If you were planning to come to the December 6 50+ Fellowship, it has been postponed to a later date in January. Details to come.

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***College Study Break Pancake Dinner – December 5 at 7:00pm***

All college students are invited to a pancake dinner on Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Dinner will be free! Contact Jonathan at (205) 792-6403 with any questions.

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***ABCH Christmas Gifts Due Today!***

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, by providing Christmas gifts for children who are in care. All of the gifts have already been claimed and you can refer to that list 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 TODAY. If you have questions, you can email Keri Westbrook at [kwestbrook@cfcbirmingham.org](mailto:kwestbrook@cfcbirmingham.org).

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***Women’s Christmas Brunch & Book Swap – Saturday, December 7***

Ladies, join us on Saturday, December 7 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall for brunch and a book exchange! We will hear a short devotional, and have an opportunity to pray for supported partners of CFC. Sign up today on the Church Center app and bring a friend!

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**

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

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” Rettino

**Welcome** Nick Murray

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it…14And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.* (John 1:1-5, 14)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

To all who are weary and need rest,

To all who mourn and long for comfort,

To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares,

To all who fail and desire strength,

To all who sin and need a Savior,

This church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus Christ,

the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the guilty,

the Justifier of the inexcusable, the Friend of sinners.

Welcome!

“Joy to the World” Handel & Watts

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Oakley & Wade

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Luke 1:26-38

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

*13Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,*

*but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.*

(Proverbs 28:13)

*1See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.*

(1 John 3:1-3)

**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 Come, O Come Emmanuel” Coffin, Helmore, & Neale

“What a Beautiful Name” Fielding & Ligertwood

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Micah: “The Word of the LORD that Came to Micah”

Micah 1

**The Lord’s Supper**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Mendelssohn & Wesley

**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** Ryan Childress

**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**

*20Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.* (Hebrews 13:20-21)

“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.

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 we would maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3), that any cause for division amongst brothers and sisters in Christ would be addressed quickly and humbly, and that we would be united in mind and love for one another (1 Pet. 3:8).

***For Our City***

For Christ the King Anglican Church, pastor Michael Novotney, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For the many in our country battling with mental health issues: that God would regard with tender compassion those suffering from anxiety, depression, or other mental illnesses; for the close family members of those struggling who are trying to help and to understand; and for counselors and health care providers seeking to provide treatment to the suffering.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Zimbabwe, for strong church leaders who will faithfully preach the gospel, for the true gospel to overcome false teachings and the prosperity message that is prevalent throughout the country, for those suffering from a long drought that has caused food shortages, and also for government leaders to shape better policies for their nation.

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