**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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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. Registration for friends of CFC families is now available, as space permits. 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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***Christmas Eve Service – Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00pm***

We will hold our Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00pm. There will be no CFC Kids offered, as we encourage families to come and worship together. We will have activity packs for preschool and elementary kids. The service should last about an hour.

***Year End Giving***

As we approach the end of the year, we want to begin by giving God thanks for the way he has provided for our church through your faithful giving. The Lord is good, and we are grateful that we have been able to support church ministries, give to local initiatives, and provide for our global partners. If you would like to give in the year 2024, you can either: 1) deposit your gift in the offering basket on December 29 (final Sunday of the year), 2) give online by December 31, or 3) mail a check to 76 Green Springs Hwy, Birmingham, AL 35209, postmarked by December 31.

***Prayer Meeting & Fellowship Meal – Sunday, January 12 at 5:00pm***

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Description automatically generated***All are invited to join us for a prayer meeting and fellowship meal on Sunday, January 12 with dinner starting at 4:45pm. Dinner is free, but please RSVP at this QR code to help us order the correct amount of food. Childcare will be available for kids elementary aged and down.

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***Winter Weekend Reset*** ***– January 24-25***  
Ladies, join in us on Friday night, January 24 and Saturday morning for a weekend retreat where we will enjoy delicious food, good fellowship, and spend time in worship together. Our speaker will be local author and counselor Julie Sparkman. An early registration rate is available through the end of the year! Register at cfcbirmingham.org/women or on the Church Center App.

***Women’s Winter Bible Study Options***

Ladies, join us for one of two Bible studies next semester:

1. **Day Time Study: Exodus, Part 2 (Exodus 16-21)**

* Dates: January 15—March 19
* Time: Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:15am
* Led by Paige Herr
* Childcare is provided
* There is no need to have completed the Exodus, pt.1 Study to come!

1. **Night Time Study: Trinity Theology Study**

* Dates: January 27—March 19
* Time: Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm
* Led by Brittany Mann
* We’ll study Michael Reeves’ book *Delighting in the Trinity* (purchase your own copy of the book)

Register for either study at cfcbirmingham.org/women or on the Church Center app!

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

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

“Christ the True and Better” Boswell & Papa

**Welcome** Bart Box

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*[1] Oh sing to the LORD a new song,*

*for he has done marvelous things!*

*His right hand and his holy arm*

*have worked salvation for him.*

*[2] The LORD has made known his salvation;*

*he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

*[3] He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness*

*to the house of Israel.*

*All the ends of the earth have seen*

*the salvation of our God.*

*[4] Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;*

*break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

*[5] Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,*

*with the lyre and the sound of melody!*

*[6] With trumpets and the sound of the horn*

*make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!*

*[7] Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;*

*the world and those who dwell in it!*

*[8] Let the rivers clap their hands;*

*let the hills sing for joy together*

*[9] before the LORD, for he comes*

*to judge the earth.*

*He will judge the world with righteousness,*

*and the peoples with equity.* (Psalm 98)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*[5] O house of Jacob,*

*come, let us walk*

*in the light of the LORD.* (Isaiah 2:5)

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” Rettino

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Coffin, Helmore, & Neal

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Luke 2:1-21

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

*[9] Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.* (Matthew 5:9)

*[1] Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. [2] Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.* (Romans 5:1–2)

**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]

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” Hughes & Wesley

“Is He Worthy?” Peterson & Shive

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Nick Murray

Micah: “Then & There; Here & Now”

Micah 4:1–5:1

**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** Grant Watson

**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**

*[1] Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,*

*which cannot be moved, but abides forever.*

*[2] As the mountains surround Jerusalem,*

*so the LORD surrounds his people,*

*from this time forth and forevermore.* (Psalm 125:1–2)

“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 our church, that we would be faithful with evangelistic opportunities this week among family, friends, and neighbors who do not know the Lord; that we would have discernment and boldness in knowing how to best reach them with the gospel; and that the Lord would be pleased to draw people to himself through our faithful witness.

***For Our City***

For Covenant Presbyterian Church, pastor Robby Holt, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For those Americans living in poverty, that the church would open her eyes to see those around us living in crippling need, that God would give us—individually and corporately—ways to meet tangible needs of those we encounter, and that those in poverty would be treated with dignity and loving-compassion.

***For Our World***

For our sent partners Chris and Vickie in Ecuador, for the strengthening of their local church through pastors who can serve their body well as well as through lay leaders who can serve in small group ministry, for unity as it pertains to the vision and direction of the church, and for Vickie as she works with student athletes, specifically for consistent discipleship opportunities to develop.

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