**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***Women’s Ministry 2025 Save the Dates***

* Exodus Bible Study, Pt. 2 — January 15-March 19
* Women’s Reset Conference — January 24-25

Registrations for these events will be available on the Church Center app soon!

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***Youth Christmas Party – Sunday, December 15 after Church***

The youth Christmas party will directly follow the worship service on Sunday, December 15th. Lunch and ridiculous games will be provided. Festive attire is encouraged but not required!

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***Members Meeting – Tonight at 5:00pm***

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Description automatically generatedAll members are invited to join us for a fellowship meal and members' meeting tonight at 5:00pm. We will first gather for dinner, which will be provided by CFC, and then begin the Members' Meeting afterward. To help us order the correct amount of food and have enough rooms for childcare, please RSVP at this QR code. During the meeting, kids in our green, blue, and elementary age groups will participate in a Christmas Celebration complete with activities, crafts, inflatables, and a Bible lesson. Our younger preschool kids will still have childcare provided.

***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. 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.

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***Members’ Meeting Help in CFC Kids Tonight***

Parents! During the Members Meeting tonight, we could use 3 adults to assist the CFC Kids Staff with the activities happening for ages 4 and up in CFC Kids! If you are willing to help out, please email Sarah Beth at sb@cfcbirmingham.org. \*\*We do recommend just one person per household volunteer so that one spouse can still attend the meeting.

***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.

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

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

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” Peterson

**Welcome** Billy Shepard

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*[5] Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, [6] who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, [7] but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. [8] And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. [9] Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, [10] so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11] and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.* (Philippians 2:5-11)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*[4] For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;*

*he adorns the humble with salvation.* (Psalm 149:4)

“Angels We Have Heard on High” Barnes & Chadwick

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” Hughes & Wesley

**The Apostles’ Creed** Nick Murray

**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** Tucker Guice

*[3] Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” [4] Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” [5] Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. [6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. [7] Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’* (John 3:3-7)

“In Christ Alone” Getty & Townend

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Mendelssohn & Wesley

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Micah: “The Preaching We Despise (But Desperately Need)”

Micah 2

**The Lord’s Supper**

“Amen, Amen” Robins & Watts

**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** Jordan Sibley

**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**

*[8] Good and upright is the LORD;*

*therefore he instructs sinners in the way.*

*[9] He leads the humble in what is right,*

*and teaches the humble his way.*

*[10] All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,*

*for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

(Psalm 25:8-10)

“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!

***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 the new members that we will add to covenant membership this evening, that we would faithfully fulfill our covenantal obligations to one another: spurring one another on to love and good deeds, meeting together consistently, praying for one another regularly, sharing in each other’s joys, bearing each other’s burdens, and serving one another selflessly, for our good and God’s glory.

***For Our City***

For Hunter Street Baptist Church, pastor Buddy Gray, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For an end to gun violence in our country, that violent shootings would cease forever, that our swords would be beat into plowshares, that the underlying sin which ultimately leads to these horrible instances would be confronted with the gospel, and that our elected and appointed officials would work wisely to create solutions to this devastating issue.

***For Our World***

For our sent partners, O & K who are serving in Southeast Asia, praise God for their successful completion of full-time language study! Pray for opportunities for more people to hear the gospel in their own language through O & K’s efforts, for an upcoming move within their country of service and for new work visas to be approved, and as they make these transitions, pray for wisdom in knowing how to spend their time and invest in a new place.

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