**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***Himalayan Outreach Information Meeting – Sunday, March 9 at 9:00am***

We urge you to pray for existing needs as well as developing opportunities to spread the gospel and strengthen the presence of the church throughout the Himalayas. We will host a strategy update and travel interest meeting on Sunday morning, March 9th at 9:00am. Breakfast and childcare will be provided. Please register on the Church Center app.

***Upcoming CFC Global Outreach Trip Opportunities***

* **Tanzania / May 22 – June 3**: The goal of this trip is multifaceted: 1) come alongside the local church to equip and encourage local Christ-followers; 2) impact students at Tumaini Jipya Girls School; 3) teach local young adults on biblical manhood and womanhood; 4) begin laying the foundation for a medical mission partnership. Please reach out to Rachel Hagues if you have questions. If you are interested, please fill out the interest form using the link in the midweek email.
* **Germany / July 19-26:**The goal of this trip is to connect with CFC Sent Partners serving in the Middle East for a week of encouragement, learning about ministry in the Arab world, and laboring together in local outreach to Arab tourists. Please reach out to Brian G. if you have questions. If you are interested, please fill out the interest form using the link in the midweek email.
* **Brazil / August 13-21:**The goal is to assist in planting and growing new churches in underprivileged communities by connecting with local people through medical and dental clinics. Medical experience is helpful but not necessary. It is also crucial to have non-medical brothers and sisters to support the work of the clinic and spend time establishing relationships and sharing the gospel. Please reach out to Jess Mann if you have questions. If you are interested, please fill out the interest form using the link in the midweek email.

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***CFC International Lunch – Sunday, March 16th after Church***

CFC is hosting an international lunch for its members and attendees who were born or raised in a country other than the USA. It will take place on **Sunday, March 16th**immediately following the morning service. The aim is to allow those of us with cultural backgrounds distinct from the US to gather together over lunch and to be encouraged through the process. You are welcome to bring food from your home culture to contribute to a diverse meal that will represent our various cultural backgrounds. Register for this free event in the Church Center App.

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***College Worship Night – Thursday, February 20***

All college students are invited to a college worship night on Thursday, February 20th, at 8:00 p.m. in the youth room. If you have any questions, contact Jonathan Shepard at (205) 792-6403.

***College Student Lunch – Sunday, February 23***

All college students are invited to a free lunch immediately following the service on Sunday, February 23 in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, contact Jonathan Shepard.

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***Men's Theology Breakfast***

Men, theology breakfast is returning, starting on Tuesday, February 18th. We’ll meet weekly on Tuesdays, starting at 6:20am, and finishing at 7:15am. The book will be *The Wonderful Works of God* by Herman Bavinck. Come for food, fellowship, and fruitful discussion of God and His Word. Registration is $32.50, which covers the cost of the book. There is also a small suggested weekly donation to cover ongoing food costs. You can register in the church center app. If you already have the book, reach out to Keri ([kwestbrook@cfcbirmingham.org](mailto:kwestbrook@cfcbirmingham.org)) for a discount code.

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***VBS Volunteer Sign Ups***

Now is the time to sign up to volunteer at VBS! VBS will take place at CFC June 23-26 from 9 a.m.-noon. Kids ages 4 through completed 5th grade can participate in VBS. It takes many volunteers to pull off VBS each summer. Whether it's crafts, Bible study, rec time, or missions there's a place for all to serve this year at VBS! We hope to have all volunteers signed up by the end of March so that we can launch participant registration for VBS in April. Register in the Church Center app.

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

Ladies, join us for one of two Bible studies this semester: A daytime study of Exodus that meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am, or an evening study of the Trinity that meets on Monday evenings at 7:00pm. If you have any questions about either, contact Paige Herr at pherr@cfcbirmingham.org.

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

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

“You Said” Morgan

**Welcome** Bart Box

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*[8] Bless our God, O peoples;*

*let the sound of his praise be heard,*

*[9] who has kept our soul among the living*

*and has not let our feet slip.*

*[10] For you, O God, have tested us;*

*you have tried us as silver is tried.*

*[11] You brought us into the net;*

*you laid a crushing burden on our backs;*

*[12] you let men ride over our heads;*

*we went through fire and through water;*

*yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance...*

*[20] Blessed be God,*

*because he has not rejected my prayer*

*or removed his steadfast love from me!* (Psalm 66:8–12, 20)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*[13] But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.* (Ephesians 2:13)

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” Matheson & Miner

“Shine into Our Night” Sczebel

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Genesis 47:28–48:22

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

*[9] The heart of man plans his way,*

*but the LORD establishes his steps.* (Proverbs 16:9)

*[7] In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, [8] which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight [9] making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ [10] as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth*. (Ephesians 1:7–10)

**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]

“Rock of Ages” Toplady

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Beginnings: “Knowing God”

Genesis 47:28—50:26

**The Lord’s Supper**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Chisolm & Runyan

**Offering**

***[9] For 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)

***[7] Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. [8] And 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** Ralph Parrish

**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] For my thoughts are not your thoughts,*

*neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.*

*[9] For as the heavens are higher than the earth,*

*so are my ways higher than your ways*

*and my thoughts than your thoughts.* (Isaiah 55:8–9)

“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 God would grant us clarity, unity, and obvious paths forward as think about the future of our church; that God would present us with opportunities that maximize our church’s impact for the advancement of Christ’s Kingdom; and that the Lord would go before us and establish our steps, guard us from error, and give us increased wisdom.

***For Our City***

For Redeemer Community Church, pastor Joel Brooks, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For President Donald Trump, Governor Kay Ivey, Mayor Randall Woodfin, and all who are in high positions, that they would lead and govern justly, that we may lead peaceful and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Nepal, and in particular for pastors from around the country who will attend the Gospel Conference in Kathmandu this week, that they would be encouraged, strengthened, and aligned with God's vision for healthy churches; as well as for speakers and session leaders as they teach, that they would accurately handle the Word of God to instruct these church leaders.

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