**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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***Members Meeting – Sunday, March 2 at 5:00pm***

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AI-generated content may be incorrect.All members are invited to join us for a fellowship meal and members' meeting on Sunday, March 2 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 will enjoy activities, crafts, inflatables, and a Bible lesson. Our younger preschool kids will still have childcare provided.

***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 16thimmediately 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 Student Lunch Today***

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

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***Men's Theology Breakfast***

Men, theology breakfast has returned! 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.

**Sunday, February 23, 2025**

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

“The Love of God” Lehman

**Welcome** Nick Murray

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*[6] Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel*

*and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:*

*“I am the first and I am the last;*

*besides me there is no god.*

*[7] Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.*

*Let him declare and set it before me,*

*since I appointed an ancient people.*

*Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.*

*[8] Fear not, nor be afraid;*

*have I not told you from of old and declared it?*

*And you are my witnesses!*

*Is there a God besides me?*

*There is no Rock; I know not any.”* (Isaiah 44:6–8)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*[1] To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: [2] May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.*

(Jude 1b-2)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Wesley

“Revelation Song” Riddle

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Daniel 7:1-14

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

*[27] For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.* (Matthew 16:27)

*[17] And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, [18] knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, [19] but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. [20] He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you [21] who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.* (1 Peter 1:17–21)

**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 Behold the Wondrous Mystery” Boswell, Papa, Bleecker

“Is He Worthy?” Peterson & Shive

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Behold: “A Word from Above”

Revelation 1:1-8

**The Lord’s Supper**

“Only a Holy God” Farren, Robinson, Smith, & Thompson

**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** Brady Graves

**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**

*[20] He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! [21] The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.* (Revelation 22:20–21)

“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, as we promise to do in our church covenant: that we would continue to give cheerfully and generously to the support of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations, and that God would be pleased to take our resources and use them His glory.

***For Our City***

For Shades Mountain Baptist Church, pastor George Wright, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For an increase in healthy churches in every city across our country: that these churches would be known for their gospel proclamation, their love of neighbor, and their commitment to the truth; that God would supply them with faithful pastors, elders, and church members; and that God would close the doors of churches that confuse the world by editing the truths of the Bible or by maligning the character of God.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Brazil and our friends and partners of CFC who are living and working in the country, for their churches to be strengthened, for their gospel proclamation to be bold, for God to supply the needs they have for various resources, and for their outreach efforts to university students as well as to underprivileged communities plagued by gang and drug violence.

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