**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

***50+ Fellowship Meal – Saturday, February 15th at 6:00pm***

All adults 50 or older are invited to a 50+ fellowship on Saturday, February 15th, at 6:00 pm at the home of Mac and Jan Morson. Bring a dish and come and gather for dinner, fellowship, and fun! To sign up for a dish or get further information, email Donna Lefebvre at [dlefebvre907@gmail.com](mailto:dlefebvre907@gmail.com).

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

Ladies, join us for one of two Bible studies this 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
* Meets at the church building; 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; meets in her home
* 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!

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***Himalayan Outreach Information Meeting***

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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***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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***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 (205) 792-6403.

**Sunday, February 9, 2025**

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

“How Great Thou Art” Hine

**Welcome** Jonathan Shepard

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*[11] I will remember the deeds of the LORD;*

*yes, I will remember your wonders of old.*

*[12] I will ponder all your work,*

*and meditate on your mighty deeds.*

*[13] Your way, O God, is holy.*

*What god is great like our God?*

*[14] You are the God who works wonders;*

*you have made known your might among the peoples.*

*[15] You with your arm redeemed your people,*

*the children of Jacob and Joseph.* (Psalm 77:11–15)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*[1] Behold, how good and pleasant it is*

*when brothers dwell in unity!* (Psalm 133:1)

“A Day for Singing” Langdon, Early, Wong, Leonhardt

“Come Thou Fount” Robinson & Wyeth

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Genesis 46:1-7

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon** Nick Murray

*[1] What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? [2] You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. [3] You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.* (James 4:1–3)

*[18] Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you,*

*and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.*

*For the LORD is a God of justice;*

*blessed are all those who wait for him.* (Isaiah 30:18)

**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]

“This Is My Father’s World” Babcock & Murray

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand” Stennet & White

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Beginnings: “From Famine of Bread to Feast of Grace”

Genesis 45:1–47:27

**The Lord’s Supper**

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion” McCracken

**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** Jared Jones

**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**

*[28] And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

(Romans 8:28)

“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 The Church at Brook Hills, pastor Matt Mason, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For the complex issue of immigration in our country, that God would grant wisdom to our elected and appointed officials for how to best address this issue, that they would uphold the human dignity of immigrants even as they seek to provide security for our country.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Pakistan: for a restoration of peace in troubled areas, especially in the Balochistan region of the country; for the gospel to penetrate this hardened area and for churches to grow in places where they do not yet exist.

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