**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***Men's Work Day – Saturday, April 5***

There will be a men's work day on April 5 at 7:30am. Biscuits and coffee will be provided. We have a number of projects inside and outside of the building. More info on tools and equipment to bring will be sent out the week of. Register on the Church Center app and reach out to Jared at [jjones@cfcbirmingham.org](mailto:jjones@cfcbirmingham.org) if you have any questions.

***Men's Theology Breakfast***

We are not meeting this week, but will resume on Tuesday, April 1.

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***No Youth Tonight***

Due to Spring Break, CFC Youth are not meeting tonight. We’ll be back on Sunday, April 6.

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***Around the Tables Dinners***

Around the Tables is a series of one time dinners for 8-10 people that provide the opportunity for women to fellowship and meet new friends around a meal. Sign up on the church center app to join a meal in one of four different locations over the next month!

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***Prayer Meeting & Fellowship Meal – Sunday, April 6 at 5:00pm***

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AI-generated content may be incorrect.All are invited to join us for a prayer meeting and fellowship meal on Sunday, April 6 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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***Upcoming CFC Global Outreach Trip Opportunities***

* **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.
* **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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***Good Friday Childcare Registration***

CFC Kids will be offered during our Good Friday service for preschool children. We do ask that any children registered for this service be sitting unassisted and crawling. Registration will close on Tuesday, April 15th so we can arrange the correct number of childcare workers. We will open as many classes as necessary to accommodate everyone who registered by this deadline. Register on the Church Center app.

***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 9am-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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***College Student Lunch – Today after Church***

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 (205) 792-6403.

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

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

“Rock of Ages” Hastings & Toplady

**Welcome** Bart Box

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*[1] The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof,*

*the world and those who dwell therein,*

*[2] for he has founded it upon the seas*

*and established it upon the rivers.*

*[3] Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?*

*And who shall stand in his holy place?*

*[4] He who has clean hands and a pure heart,*

*who does not lift up his soul to what is false*

*and does not swear deceitfully.*

*[5] He will receive blessing from the LORD*

*and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

*[6] Such is the generation of those who seek him,*

*who seek the face of the God of Jacob.* (Psalm 24:1–6)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*[1] Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. [2] And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”* (Luke 15:1–2)

“Holy, Holy, Holy” Dykes & Heber

“All Glory Be to Christ” Kensrue

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Numbers 25:1-8

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon** Bart Box

*[3] But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. [4] Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.* (Ephesians 5:3–4)

*[9] Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,*

*[10] nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. [11] And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.* (1 Corinthians 6:9–11)

**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]

“Here Is Love Vast as the Ocean” Rees, Giles, Rives, & Lowry

“O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer” Stiff

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

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

Behold: “The Church that Holds Fast & Holds Wrong”

Revelation 2:12-17

**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** Billy Shepard

**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**

May you remain faithful, persevering in the face of opposition and overcoming by the blood of the Lamb, so that one day, not too distant from today, you may with all the saints behold in the new Jerusalem the face of Him who loves you and gave Himself for you, never to weep again, suffer again, or die again, only to reign forever with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

“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 make us faithful to hold fast to Jesus in the face of opposition, that we would be faithful to hold fast to the teachings of Jesus in a world bent on distracting us from him, that we would maintain integrity and purity in a crooked world, and that we would always be quick to repent whenever we wander into sin.

***For Our City***

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

***For Our Nation***

For president Donald Trump and all other elected officials, that they would use authority for the benefit of others; that they would act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly; and that they would exercise discernment and wisdom in governing our cities, states, and nation.

***For Our World***

For our sent partners, O & K who are serving in Southeast Asia, for encouragement and refreshment during the time they are visiting family and friends in the States, for continued grace to acclimate to life as a family of three on the field, for and for increased opportunities for more people to hear the gospel in their own language through O & K’s efforts.

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