**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 Back this Week***

Men, theology breakfast has returned! We’ll meet weekly on Tuesdays, starting at 6:20am, and finishing at 7:15am, in the Fellowship Hall.

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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.

***Additional Easter Volunteers in CFC Kids***

With Easter Sunday approaching, we need extra help in our kids’ classes, as we expect most classrooms to be full. This call is for those who are not already scheduled to serve, and it would be especially helpful if you signed up to serve in a classroom that you don’t already serve in. Please follow the sign-up link in your midweek email if you are willing and able to help on Easter. Thank you for serving with CFC Kids!

***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.

**Sunday, March 30, 2025**

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

“God, Your Everlasting Light” Cowper

**Welcome** Billy Shepard

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*[1] O LORD, you have searched me and known me!*

*[2] You know when I sit down and when I rise up;*

*you discern my thoughts from afar.*

*[3] You search out my path and my lying down*

*and are acquainted with all my ways.*

*[4] Even before a word is on my tongue,*

*behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.*

*[5] You hem me in, behind and before,*

*and lay your hand upon me.*

*[6] Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;*

*it is high; I cannot attain it.*

*[7] Where shall I go from your Spirit?*

*Or where shall I flee from your presence?*

*[8] If I ascend to heaven, you are there!*

*If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!*

*[9] If I take the wings of the morning*

*and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,*

*[10] even there your hand shall lead me,*

*and your right hand shall hold me.*

*[11] If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,*

*and the light about me be night,”*

*[12] even the darkness is not dark to you;*

*the night is bright as the day,*

*for darkness is as light with you.* (Psalm 139:1–12)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*[1] I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2] Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.* (Romans 12:1–2)

“Revive Us Again” Adler, Husband, & MacKay

“Shine into Our Night” Sczebel

**Public Reading of Scripture** – 2 Corinthians 6:14–7:1

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon** Jared Jones

*[13] The LORD looks down from heaven;*

*he sees all the children of man;*

*[14] from where he sits enthroned he looks out*

*on all the inhabitants of the earth,*

*[15] he who fashions the hearts of them all*

*and observes all their deeds.* (Psalm 33:13–15)

*[18] Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,*

*on those who hope in his steadfast love.* (Psalm 33:18)

**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]

“There is a Fountain” Cowper

“O Praise the Name” Sampson, Hastings, & Ussher

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Behold: “The Church that Tolerates”

Revelation 2:18-29

**The Lord’s Supper**

“I Stand Amazed” Gabriel

**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** Brian G.

**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.

**This Week We’re Praying…**

***For Our Church***

For our church, that we would grow in faithfulness in following after Jesus in every area of our lives, that we would withhold no sphere of our lives from the lordship of Christ, that we would be marked by godly integrity in all of the various stations of our individual and corporate lives.

***For Our City***

For Homewood Community Church, pastor Tom Franklin, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For our nation, as the sexual revolution continues to sweep across our country, that believers and churches would display an alternate reality of sexual sanity and wisdom, and that the church would warmly receive all those hurt by the empty promises of sexual sin.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Syria, for Christians there to remain steadfast in the midst of suffering from civil war as well as from persecution, that the hearts of many non-Christians would be turned to the Lord in the midst of their current circumstances, and that the Lord would use the present evils for the good of Syrian people and the glory of his name.

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