**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***Youth Meets Tonight from 5:00-7:00pm***

The youth will meet tonight! Join us for free dinner, Bible study, and games!

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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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***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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***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 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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***Germany Trip Informational Meeting – Sunday, March 16 at 9:00am***

CFC is going to Germany in July to work with partners in an outreach effort among people from the Middle East. Led by Bart Box, this opportunity is open to a larger number of people than the average trip and families are welcome. Come hear more at an interest meeting on Sunday, March 16th, at 9:00am. We’ll meet in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no breakfast or childcare provided.

***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.
* **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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***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, March 9, 2025**

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

“O Fount of Love” Boswell & Papa

**Welcome** Brian G.

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*[14] For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, [15] from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, [16] that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17] so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, [19] and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

*[20] Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, [21] to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.* (Ephesians 3:14–21)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*In love [5] he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, [6] to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.* (Ephesians 1:4b–6)

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

“Shine into Our Night” Sczebel

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Mark 12:28-34

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

*[15] Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, [16] from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.* (Ephesians 4:15–16)

*[1] Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. [2] And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.* (Ephesians 5:1–2)

**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]

“In Christ Alone” Getty & Townend

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Robinson & Wyeth

**Prayer for Illumination** Daniel Barriault

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Behold: “The Church that Runs Cold”

Revelation 2:1-7

**The Lord’s Supper**

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death” Kauflin, Getty, Boswell, et. al

**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** Will Mosteller

**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 the next generation being raised up in our church: that our church as a whole and parents in particular would be faithful to lead our children and youth to love the Lord their God with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength; that the Word of God would continually be upon our lips as we disciple them; and that God would be pleased to save many young people at CFC for the sake of his fame among the nations.

***For Our City***

For Mountain Brook Community Church, pastor Tim Kallam, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For our nation: that God would awaken our country’s collective conscience regarding the reality of abortion; that more states would limit or prohibit abortions so that more innocent children would live; that churches would lead the way in creating a culture of life that cares for moms, dads, and babies, especially those who face difficult and desperate situations; and that legislators would wisely create laws and practices that will allow human flourishing for all, including the unborn.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Bhutan, for gospel seeds that have been sown in recent weeks to bear sustaining fruit, for more laborers to enter the field of work, and for multiple pathways to open for God's people to reside full-time in the country.

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