**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***Bible Study Announcement***

Ladies, join us for one of two Bible studies this Spring:

1. **Day Time Study: Exodus, Part 3, led by Paige Herr**

* Dates: April 16–May 7
* Time: Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:15am
* Childcare is provided

1. **Nighttime Study: 3D Gospel Ministry, led by Haven Fox**

* Dates: April 14–May 5
* Time: Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm

Register for either study on the Church Center app!

***Spring Held Gathering – Thursday, May 1***

Ladies, please join us at 6:00pm on Thursday, May 1 for our Spring Held Gathering! We will enjoy dinner, a time of worship, and hear from Brooke Talley, founder of Songs in the Night, a ministry to widows. She will share her personal testimony of loss and new beginnings. Register on Church Center.

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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.

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***Membership Matters Class – Sunday, April 27 at 2:30pm***

If you are interested in becoming a member at CFC, we are planning to hold a Membership Matters class on Sunday, April 27 at 2:30pm. Attending this class is an important part of the process of becoming a member of Christ Fellowship Church. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at cfcbirmingham.org/membership-matters, or email Nick Murray at nmurray@cfcbirmingham.org with any questions.

***Good Friday Service – Friday, April 18 at 6:30pm***

We would love for you to make plans to attend! The service will last about an hour. Pray about someone you could invite.

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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 Registration is Now Open!***

VBS this year will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God’s amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. We will learn together that God made us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. VBS will take place June 23-26 from 9 a.m.-noon. Kids ages 4 (by September 1, 2024) through completed 5th grade are welcome! **VBS registration is currently open for CFC families. We will open registration to the community on May 8.** Register in the Church Center app.

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***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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***College Student Lunch – Today after Church***

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

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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!

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

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

“In Christ Alone” Getty & Townend

**Welcome** Brian G.

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*[1] Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, [2] saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. [3] If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” [4] This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,*

*[5] “Say to the daughter of Zion,*

*‘Behold, your king is coming to you,*

*humble, and mounted on a donkey,*

*on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”*

*[6] The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. [7] They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. [8] Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. [9] And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting,* ***“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”*** *[10] And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” [11] And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”* (Matthew 21:1–11)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*[28] Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”* (Matthew 11:28–30)

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

“Jerusalem” Robinson, Thompson, & Kleyn

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Isaiah 22:15-23

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

*[42] Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; [43] for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.* (John 12:42–43)

*[4] But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, [5] to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. [6] And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” [7] So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.* (Galatians 4:4–7)

**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]

“Before the Throne of God Above” Bancroft & Cook

“It Is Well with My Soul” Spafford & Bliss

**Prayer for Illumination** Daniel Barriault

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

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

Behold: “The Church with an Open Door”

Revelation 3:7-13

**The Lord’s Supper**

“What a Beautiful Name” Fielding & Ligertwood

**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** Ryan Childress

**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 be faithful with evangelistic opportunities this week among family, friends, and neighbors who do not know the Lord; that we would have discernment and boldness in knowing how to best reach them with the gospel; and that the Lord would be pleased to draw people to himself through our faithful witness.

***For Our City***

For Philadelphia Baptist Church, pastor Ryan Adams, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For police officers, firefighters, and first responders, that the Lord would help them to look after the good of others as they serve and protect; that they would be consistent in maintaining peace and just order; and that God would protect them as they serve in dangerous situations.

***For Our World***

For our sent partners, C & D, who are serving in the Middle East: for the handful of believers they are discipling to grow in the Lord and for strength to endure persecution from family, friends, and local authorities; that the Lord would give C & D increased confidence, steadfastness, and trust in His sovereignty and goodness.

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