**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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***Prayer Meeting & Fellowship Meal – Tonight 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 tonight 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.

***Membership Matters Class – Sunday, April 27 at 2:00pm***

If you are interested in becoming a member at CFC, we are planning to hold a Membership Matters class on Sunday, April 27 at 2:00pm. 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 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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***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 – Sunday, April 13 after Church***

All college students are invited to a free lunch immediately following the service on Sunday, April 13 in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, contact Jonathan (205) 792-6403.

**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

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

“Be Thou My Vision” Byrne & Hull

**Welcome** Nick Murray

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*[32] “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33] Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. [34] It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. [35] Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—[36] lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. [37] And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”* (Mark 13:32–37)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*“Awake, O sleeper,*

*and arise from the dead,*

*and Christ will shine on you.”* (Ephesians 5:14b)

“His Mercy Is More” Boswell & Papa

“Revelation Song” Riddle

**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]

**Baptisms** Nathan Woods, Alexis Mendoza, Ella Rae Flynt

*[4] We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. [5] For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.* (Romans 6:4–5)

“Jesus Paid It All” Grape, Nifong, & Hall

**Prayer for Illumination** Chase Mobbs

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Behold: “The Church that Is Dead”

Revelation 3:1-6

**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** Jonathan 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**

***Baptism***

Baptism is a visual of the gospel story and a powerful reminder to the church of their identity with the crucified and risen Christ. The sacrificial death of Jesus and His victorious, bodily resurrection from the dead form the backdrop to baptism as believers are symbolically united to their Redeemer. Baptism in no way saves us, but it does call attention to the One who has saved us. If you know Jesus as Savior but have never been baptized, please speak with an elder after the service. If you are a baptized believer, rejoice today as you are reminded of your salvation in and through Jesus Christ. To God be the glory!

***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 not merely have the reputation of being alive but instead that the resurrection life of Christ would pervade our church, that signs of life would be evident to one another and to the world, and that we would diligently stay awake as we listen to the voice of Christ and follow his leading in our lives.

***For Our City***

For the work and ministry of the Alabama Baptist Children’s Home, that God would continue to bless their efforts and direct their steps as they seek to provide loving homes for children both in our city and abroad.

***For Our Nation***

For our nation, that God would bring true spiritual revival, that people would grow dissatisfied with their sin and long for the truth of the gospel, and that healthy churches would display the glory of God and the hope of the gospel to those around them.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Myanmar, for those suffering from the recent earthquake that brought widespread devastation to the country, for an end to the civil war that has impoverished most of the country, for peace to return and for justice to come for the people of Myanmar, and for airstrikes to cease during the earthquake aftermath so relief and aid can enter.

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