**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***Women’s Summer Book Study Offerings***

Ladies, join us for any of our Women's Summer Book Studies available in the months of June and July. Both day and night options available at various locations and time offerings. See the sign-ups on Church Center for details or contact Paige Herr at pherr@cfcbirmingham.org with any questions. \*Childcare spots are limited for day options.

Day Options

* *Perfected* by Bethany Broderick (Bluff Park)
* *Seated with Christ* by Heather Holleman (Hoover)

Night Options

* *The Envy of Eve* by Melissa Kruger (Bluff Park)
* *The Lord of Psalm 23* by David Gibson (Mountain Brook)
* *Perfected* by Bethany Broderick (Homewood)

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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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***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 now open to the community.** So invite your friends! Register in the Church Center app.

***VBS Volunteer Updates***

* VBS Volunteer training will take place **next Sunday, May 18** directly after the service.
* We still need about 15 more volunteers for VBS. You can serve for the full week or just one, two, or three days. We want to fill the spots before training takes place on May 18. Register on the Church Center app.

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***Drivers Needed for Rides to Church for International Students***

We are in need of 6-10 people who would be willing to be on a rotation of giving rides to Sunday worship for international students who are without their own transportation. Almost all students needing rides live in the downtown area, typically 5-10 minute drive away from the church.  This is an immediate need so anyone who is able to help is appreciated. Contact Dennis at [schauer.dennis@gmail.com](mailto:schauer.dennis@gmail.com) or by text or call 205-527-6845 if you are able to serve in this way!

***Brazil Trip – August 13-21***

If you are interested in the CFC Outreach trip to Brazil this year, please fill out the associated interest form to start the process (which you can find in your midweek email).The goal of this trip 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.

***Tanzania Wish List and Donations***

We have a team from CFC going back to Tanzania in May and they would love your help in collecting supplies and necessary items for the trip. They have items on an Amazon wish list, which you can find on the link in your midweek email. Please follow the instructions from that email. All items need to be received by May 16. Contact Brittany Mann at [brittany.m.mann@gmail.com](mailto:brittany.m.mann@gmail.com) with any questions.

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***No Youth Tonight***

No youth meeting tonight. Hug your mothers! But we will meet next Sunday (May 18) for our end of the year party. Make plans to be there!

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

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

“We’re Redeemed” Hooten & Heine

**Welcome** Brian G.

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*[1] May God be gracious to us and bless us*

*and make his face to shine upon us,*

*[2] that your way may be known on earth,*

*your saving power among all nations.*

*[3] Let the peoples praise you, O God;*

*let all the peoples praise you!*

*[4] Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,*

*for you judge the peoples with equity*

*and guide the nations upon earth.*

*[5] Let the peoples praise you, O God;*

*let all the peoples praise you!*

*[6] The earth has yielded its increase;*

*God, our God, shall bless us.*

*[7] God shall bless us;*

*let all the ends of the earth fear him!* (Psalm 67)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*[3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, [4] who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, [5] to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.* (Galatians 1:3-5)

“Let the Nations Be Glad” Boswell & Papa

“Nothing but the Blood” Lowry

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Revelation 6

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon** Billy Shepard

*[7] But you, you are to be feared!*

*Who can stand before you*

*when once your anger is roused?* (Psalm 76:7)

*[8] Rejoice not over me, O my enemy;*

*when I fall, I shall rise;*

*when I sit in darkness,*

*the LORD will be a light to me.*

*[9] I will bear the indignation of the LORD*

*because I have sinned against him,*

*until he pleads my cause*

*and executes judgment for me.*

*He will bring me out to the light;*

*I shall look upon his vindication.* (Micah 7:8–9)

**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]

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Robinson & Wyeth

“It Is Well with My Soul” Bliss & Spafford

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Behold: “Signs, Sealed, Delivered”

Revelation 6-7

**The Lord’s Supper**

“Psalm 23” David

**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 Johnston

**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 mothers in our church, that God would grant them endurance in the menial tasks of motherhood, grace in the challenging tasks of motherhood, and that he would enable them to be faithful to teach eternal truths to their children; also, for God’s grace to those women in our church who long to be mothers but who have not yet been granted the children they desire.

***For Our City***

For Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, pastor David Eldridge, 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 Colombia, for God to supply a growing number of pastors to shepherd healthy churches across the country, for churches to be planted in locations beyond their principal cities and for networks of healthy churches to help build one another up, and that as these churches continue to grow that believers from Colombia would reach out globally, especially in North Africa and the Middle East.

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