**About Christ Fellowship Church**

**Our Mission:** We exist to make disciples of Christ who love God and love their neighbor.

**Our Vision:** To see the gospel spread into every corner of our lives and every corner of the globe.

**As we gather** each Sunday, our desire is to engage with the living God in authentic worship, giving him the praise he deserves, as we read, sing, pray, preach, and sit under the truth of God’s Word and respond in obedience. We look to give ourselves to bold prayer, to spend ourselves and our resources through joyful giving, and to create a culture of gracious hospitality among a diversely unified people.

**As we scatter** each week, we commit to give ourselves to one another in sanctifying community, to the lost through faithful evangelism in our spheres of influence, and to the suffering around us with Christ-like compassion, all in hopes of multiplying the witness of Christ in our city and around the world.

**CFC Kids:** As a congregation, we are deeply committed to next-generation discipleship. This church wants to come alongside parents as they raise their children in the Lord. To help toward that end on Sundays, we offer CFC Kids for children from birth through fifth grade. We offer CFC Kids throughout the entire length of the service for children pre-school and younger. Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade will attend the first part of the worship service and then exit for age-appropriate lessons during the sermon. Of course, you may keep your children with you throughout worship, if you like. If you have any questions about CFC Kids, please email Sarah Beth Shepard at sb@cfcbirmingham.org.

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**Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***VBS Registration is Now Open!***

This year at VBS kids will be challenged as they discover that God’s truth never changes and everyone needs Jesus. Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock! **VBS will take place June 24-27 from 9 am-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 VBS registration to the community on May 9. Register at this QR code.



***May Youth Meetings***

NO Youth tonight. Hug your mothers! On May 19th, we’ll meet at the Box home for a cookout. Reach out to Billy at bshepard@cfcbirmingham.org with any questions.

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***Men’s Work Day – Saturday, May 18at 7:45am***

There will be a Men's Work Day on Saturday, May 18th at 7:45am. Biscuits and coffee will be available at 7:30. We have a number of projects inside and outside of the building. Register on the church center app or reach out to Jared Jones at jjones@cfcbirmingham.org if you have any questions.



***Women’s Summer Bible Studies***

Join us for an in-depth study of Galatians in both a daytime and nighttime offering. Over several weeks this summer we will study the book of Galatians in an approachable study that we hope you can join no matter your summer schedule. We look forward to studying with you!  Childcare is available for daytime study **only**, so be sure to register yourself and your child/children. Choose to register for all weeks or only the weeks you can attend. Register at cfcbirmingham.org/women.



***Brazil Mission Trip – October 9-17***

CFC is planning to send a team back to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from October 9-17. The goal is to connect with and evangelize people in underprivileged communities through short term medical and dental clinics. Medical experience is helpful but not necessary. It is just as crucial to have non-medical Christian brothers and sisters to support the work of the clinic and to spend focused time establishing relationships with locals through evangelism. If interested in going, please contact Jess Mann at jessehmann@gmail.com.

**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

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

“Old Rugged Cross” Bennard

**Welcome** Bart Box

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*1Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!*

*2 O Lord, hear my voice!*

*Let your ears be attentive*

 *to the voice of my pleas for mercy!*

*3If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,*

 *O Lord, who could stand?*

*4But with you there is forgiveness,*

 *that you may be feared.*

*5I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,*

 *and in his word I hope;*

*6my soul waits for the Lord*

 *more than watchmen for the morning,*

 *more than watchmen for the morning.*

*7O Israel, hope in the LORD!*

 *For with the LORD there is steadfast love,*

 *and with him is plentiful redemption.*

*8And he will redeem Israel*

 *from all his iniquities.* (Psalm 130)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*15Can a woman forget her nursing child,*

 *that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?*

*Even these may forget,*

 *yet I will not forget you.*

*16Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.*

 (Isaiah 49:15-16a)

“His Mercy Is More” Boswell & Papa

“I Stand Amazed” Gabriel

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Psalm 14

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon** Brian G.

*30Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.* (Ephesians 4:30)

*4Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,*

 *and give thanks to his holy name.*

*5For his anger is but for a moment,*

 *and his favor is for a lifetime.*

*Weeping may tarry for the night,*

 *but joy comes with the morning.* (Psalm 30:4-5)

**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]

“All I Have Is Christ” Kauflin

“Rock of Ages” Toplady

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Beginnings: “Getting to the Bottom of Things”

Genesis 6:1-8

**The Lord’s Supper**

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

**Offering**

***9For 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)

***7Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8And 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** Jared Jones

**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**

*14The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.* (2 Corinthians 13:14)

“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 Double Oak Community Church, pastor Adam Robinson, their elders, staff, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For this year’s upcoming presidential election, that God would give us a president who might govern us justly, that He would grant wisdom to our presidential candidates as they prepare to address the issues that we face, and that God would mercifully give us a leader who would bring greater unity to our increasingly polarized nation.

***For Our World***

For our sent partners O & K in East Asia: for a healthy delivery of their first baby as the due date quickly approaches; for the additional needs that accompany childbirth in a foreign country, far from family and friends; for the gospel sharing opportunities that they have had recently, that the gospel seeds planted among their friends and neighbors would bear good fruit.



