**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***Youth Meets Tonight***

Youth meets this Sunday, May 18th, at 5:00pm for our end of the year party! Contact Billy Shepard with any questions.

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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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***Members Meeting & Fellowship Meal – Sunday, June 1 at 5:00pm***

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AI-generated content may be incorrect.All members are invited to join us for a fellowship meal and members’ meeting on Sunday, June 1 at 5:00pm. We will first gather for dinner, which will be provided by CFC, and then the Members' Meeting afterward. To help us order the correct amount of food and have enough rooms for childcare, please RSVP at this QR code. The meal will be Maya Mexican, so plan accordingly.

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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 **today** directly after the service.
* We still need about 12 more volunteers for VBS. You can serve for the full week or just one, two, or three days. Register on the Church Center app.

***More Red Classroom Volunteers Needed***

Summer is here so that means more of our youngest friends are ready to join the nursery classes in CFC Kids! We would love to add an additional volunteer to each room so we can safely accommodate everyone who would like to include their kids in Red 1 or Red 2. Contact Sarah Beth at [sb@cfcbirmingham.org](mailto:sb@cfcbirmingham.org) if you are willing and able to serve!

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

We need 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.

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**

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

“Not in Me” Schumacher & Ward

**Welcome** Ryan Childress

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*[1] Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,*

*and to you shall vows be performed.*

*[2] O you who hear prayer,*

*to you shall all flesh come.*

*[3] When iniquities prevail against me,*

*you atone for our transgressions.*

*[4] Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,*

*to dwell in your courts!*

*We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,*

*the holiness of your temple!*

*[5] By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,*

*O God of our salvation,*

*the hope of all the ends of the earth*

*and of the farthest seas;*

*[6] the one who by his strength established the mountains,*

*being girded with might;*

*[7] who stills the roaring of the seas,*

*the roaring of their waves,*

*the tumult of the peoples,*

*[8] so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth*

*are in awe at your signs.*

*You make the going out of the morning*

*and the evening to shout for joy.* (Psalm 65:1–8)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*[7] Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, to the glory of God.* (Romans 15:7)

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

“How Firm a Foundation” Funk, Keith, Rippon, & Steele

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Psalm 141:1-2

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon** Jared Jones

*[1] Be not silent, O God of my praise!*

*[2] For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me,*

*speaking against me with lying tongues.*

*[3] They encircle me with words of hate,*

*and attack me without cause.*

*[4] In return for my love they accuse me,*

*but I give myself to prayer.* (Psalm 109:1–4)

*[9] The LORD has heard my plea;*

*the LORD accepts my prayer.* (Psalm 6:9)

**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]

“Revelation Song” Riddle

“Amazing Grace” Newton

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Behold: “The Sound of Silence”

Revelation 8:1-5

**The Lord’s Supper**

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion” McCracken

**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** Steve Killough

**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 youth who have graduated from high school this week, that God would be with them as they make transitions to college or to different cities or into jobs, that God would lead them to healthy churches and helpful Christian friendships in this next phase of their lives, and that God would use the next several years to form them into people who do His Kingdom work in the world regardless of their vocation.

***For Our City***

For The Church at Brook Hills, pastor Matt Mason, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For those Americans living in poverty, that the church would open her eyes to see those around us living in crippling need, that God would give us—individually and corporately—ways to meet tangible needs of those we encounter, and that those in poverty would be treated with dignity and loving-compassion.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Tanzania and the CFC team going there this week: for safety as they travel; for teaching opportunities in the community to contribute to the growth of local disciples; for the girls school to be strengthened through the efforts of the people and resources we send; and for the leaders of the school and the nearby local partner church to have wisdom for future decisions.

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