**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.

5/19/24

**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.

**Urgent Summer CFC Kids Needs**

We need help in CFC Kids from May-July in various spots on our CFC Kids team. If you have not been able to serve kids regularly this year, this would be a great opportunity to help and see what serving in CFC Kids is like! If you are a regular teacher in CFC Kids and would like to help out an additional week this summer, you can sign up too! **Use the link in your midweek email to sign up for specific dates and classrooms**.



***Youth Cookout Tonight at 5:00pm***

Tonight at 5:00pm we’ll meet at the Box home for a cookout. Reach out to Billy at bshepard@cfcbirmingham.org with 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 19, 2024**

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

“Agnus Dei” Smith

**Welcome** Bart Box

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*1God is our refuge and strength,*

 *a very present help in trouble.*

*2Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,*

 *though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,*

*3though its waters roar and foam,*

 *though the mountains tremble at its swelling.*

*4There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*

 *the holy habitation of the Most High.*

*5God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;*

 *God will help her when morning dawns.*

*6The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;*

 *he utters his voice, the earth melts.*

***7The LORD of hosts is with us;***

 ***the God of Jacob is our fortress.***

*8Come, behold the works of the LORD,*

 *how he has brought desolations on the earth.*

*9He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;*

 *he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;*

 *he burns the chariots with fire.*

*10“Be still, and know that I am God.*

 *I will be exalted among the nations,*

 *I will be exalted in the earth!”*

***11The LORD of hosts is with us;***

 ***the God of Jacob is our fortress.***(Psalm 46)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*17Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, to the glory of God.* (Romans 15:7)

“Holy, Holy, Holy” Dykes & Heber

“Christ Is Mine Forevermore” Robinson & Thompson

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Genesis 7

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

*37For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, 39and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man…* *44Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.* (Matthew 24:37-39, 44)

*8In overflowing anger for a moment*

 *I hid my face from you,*

*but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,”*

 *says the LORD, your Redeemer.*

*9 “This is like the days of Noah to me:*

 *as I swore that the waters of Noah*

 *should no more go over the earth,*

*so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you,*

 *and will not rebuke you.*

*10For the mountains may depart*

 *and the hills be removed,*

*but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,*

 *and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,”*

 *says the LORD, who has compassion on you.* (Isaiah 54:8-10)

**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]

“This Is My Father’s World” Babcock & Murray

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Chisolm & Runyan

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

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

Beginnings: “A Hard Rain’s A-Gonna Fall”

Genesis 6:9–8:22

**The Lord’s Supper**

“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor” Boswell & Papa

**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** Billy 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**

*24The LORD bless you and keep you;*

*25the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*

*26the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.* (Numbers 6:24-26)

“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.

**This Week We’re Praying…**

***For Our Church***

For our church, that as we promise to do in our church covenant, that we would more faithfully seek the salvation of our friends, family, and neighbors through our godly living, faithful gospel proclamation, and intercessory prayer.

***For Our City***

For Iron City Church, pastor Isaac Adams, their elders, staff, and congregation.

***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 CFC members who will serve in Tanzania this week: for Greg and Rachel Hagues, Megan and Sandon Ward, Brittany Mann, and Bethany Tarrant, that God would bless their efforts to serve vulnerable girls at the New Hope Secondary School, and that God would continue to supply for all the school’s ongoing needs.



