**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***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.

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***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](mailto:jessehmann@gmail.com).

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***Members’ Meeting, Fellowship Meal, & Kids Summer Party – June 2***

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***Directory Updates***

For all members of CFC, if you have recently moved, added children to your family, or would like to update your email address or picture in the church directory, please email those updates to Keri Westbrook at [kwestbrook@cfcbirmingham.org](mailto:kwestbrook@cfcbirmingham.org).

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

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Description automatically generatedThis 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**.

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***Summer Men's Bible Study on Galatians***

Men, join us for a 7-week men’s Bible study through Galatians this summer. There will be two different meeting time options, starting June 11 & 13 (respectively) **Tuesday morning 6:30-7:30am and Thursday afternoon sometime between 11am-1pm.**Both will be at the church. If interested, please register on the Church Center app so we can get an idea on numbers. If you are interested in the Thursday option please select which of the three time options we have listed that works best for you (11-12, 11:30-12:30 or 12-1). Based on the responses we will determine what time the study on Thursday will happen. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis at [Dennis.Schauer@gmail.com](mailto:Dennis.Schauer@gmail.com).

**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

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

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” Myrin & Redman

**Welcome** Billy Shepard

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*6On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples*

*a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,*

*of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.*

*7And he will swallow up on this mountain*

*the covering that is cast over all peoples,*

*the veil that is spread over all nations.*

*8 He will swallow up death forever;*

*and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,*

*and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,*

*for the LORD has spoken.*

*9It will be said on that day,*

*“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him,*

*that he might save us.*

*This is the LORD; we have waited for him;*

*let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”* (Isaiah 25:6-9)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*1To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: 2May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.* (Jude 1b-2)

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

“The Solid Rock” Mote

**Public Reading of Scripture** – 2 Peter 3:8-15a

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon** Nick Murray

*35They remembered that God was their rock,*

*the Most High God their redeemer.*

*36But they flattered him with their mouths;*

*they lied to him with their tongues.*

*37Their heart was not steadfast toward him;*

*they were not faithful to his covenant.* (Psalm 78:35-37)

*38Yet he, being compassionate,*

*atoned for their iniquity*

*and did not destroy them;*

*he restrained his anger often*

*and did not stir up all his wrath.*

*39He remembered that they were but flesh,*

*a wind that passes and comes not again.* (Psalm 78:38-39)

**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]

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” Townend

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery” Boswell, Papa, & Bleecker

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Beginnings: “A Fresh Start?”

Genesis 9:1-29

**The Lord’s Supper**

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion” McCracken

**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** Brian G.

**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**

*24Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.* (Jude 24-25)

“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.

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 be faithful to our mission of making disciples of Christ who love God and love their neighbor; and that each passing week would bring us more in line with our vision of seeing the gospel spread more deeply into every corner of our lives and more fully unto every corner of the world.

***For Our City***

For Immanuel Church, pastor Austin Baker, their elders, staff, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For the men and women serving in the armed forces, that they would strive to maintain peace and order in the places they are serving, that the Lord would comfort and preserve the families of those who are deployed, and that we would faithfully give thanks to God for these men and women.

***For Our World***

For the nations of Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and for CFC member, Haven Fox, as she travels to minister alongside locals in Uganda on a short-term trip and then returns to Boston for the summer to work with Congolese refugees; that God would give grace and mercy to Ugandan and Congolese people in their countries and in refugee communities around the globe; and for the gospel to reach those in need and that God would help those who hear His good news to walk in faith.

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