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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.

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Description automatically generated***VBS Volunteers***

Have you completed your VBS volunteer registration? **We are still eager to fill more Bible study leader spots!**VBS will take place at CFC June 24-27 from 9am-Noon. Register at this QR Code. If you have questions, or are on the fence about being able to volunteer, please email Sarah Beth at sb@cfcbirmingham.org.

***CFC Kids Volunteers Needed***

We need to add **more volunteers** for the summer CFC Kids rotation! You would serve once a month in May, June, and July. We have openings in the following age groups:

* Nursery / Red - 4 months-18 months
* Orange - 18 months-2 year olds
* Yellow - 2-3 year olds
* Blue - 4-5 year olds

**Please email Sarah Beth at sb@cfcbirmingham.org today if you are willing to serve with one of these groups!**

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**Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

***Prayer Meeting and Fellowship Meal – Tonight at 5:00pm***

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***May Youth Meetings***

Youth will meet tonight during the prayer meeting for an end of year party! Since we're already having dinner in conjunction with the prayer meeting tonight, only dessert will be provided. On May 19th, we’ll meet at the Box home for a cookout. Reach out to Billy at bshepard@cfcbirmingham.org with any questions about the party, and check your email for details on the cookout.

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***Men’s Work Day – Saturday, May 18at 7:75am***

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.

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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).

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Luther

**Welcome** Nick Murray

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*1Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,*

*for I am poor and needy.*

*2Preserve my life, for I am godly;*

*save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.*

*3Be gracious to me, O Lord,*

*for to you do I cry all the day.*

*4Gladden the soul of your servant,*

*for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.*

*5For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,*

*abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.*

*6Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;*

*listen to my plea for grace.*

***7In the day of my trouble I call upon you,***

***for you answer me.***

*8There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,*

*nor are there any works like yours.*

*9All the nations you have made shall come*

*and worship before you, O Lord,*

*and shall glorify your name.*

*10For you are great and do wondrous things;*

*you alone are God.*

*11Teach me your way, O LORD,*

*that I may walk in your truth;*

*unite my heart to fear your name.* (Psalm 86:1-11)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*6Seek the LORD while he may be found;*

*call upon him while he is near;*

*7let the wicked forsake his way,*

*and the unrighteous man his thoughts;*

*let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,*

*and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.* (Isaiah 55:6-7)

“Christ the True and Better” Boswell & Papa

“Here Is Love Vast as the Ocean” Edwards, Lowry, & Rees

**The Apostles’ Creed** Billy Shepard

**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]

**Baptisms** Molly Hughes & Evangeline Drain

*12“And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, 13came to me, and standing by me said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him. 14And he said, ‘The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth; 15for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. 16And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.’* (Acts 22:12-16)

“Man of Sorrows” Kottas & Bliss

“In Christ Alone” Getty & Townend

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Beginnings: “A Tale of Two Cities”

Genesis 4:17–5:32

**The Lord’s Supper**

“What a Beautiful Name” Fielding & Ligertwood

**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** Dave Nix

**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**

*11For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. 13You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.* (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

“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**

***Baptism***

Baptism is a visual of the gospel story and a powerful reminder to the church of their identity with the crucified and risen Christ. The sacrificial death of Jesus and His victorious, bodily resurrection from the dead form the backdrop to baptism as believers are symbolically united to their Redeemer. Baptism in no way saves us, but it does call attention to the One who has saved us. If you know Jesus as Savior but have never been baptized, please speak with an elder after the service. If you are a baptized believer, rejoice today as you are reminded of your salvation in and through Jesus Christ. To God be the glory!

**This Week We’re Praying…**

***For Our Church***

For our church, that we would maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3), that any cause for division amongst brothers and sisters in Christ would be addressed quickly and humbly, and that we would be united in mind and love for one another (1 Pet. 3:8).

***For Our City***

For Homewood Community Church, pastor Tom Franklin, their elders, staff, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For our nation, that God would bring unity where there is deep division, that elected and appointed officials would strive for greater consensus amid significant polarization, and that the church would model Christlike love and charity to all—even toward those with whom we fundamentally disagree.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Bhutan, for openness that would allow God's people to travel to and live and work in the country, for God to open the hearts of people in Bhutan so they may see the kindness of the Lord that leads to repentance and belief.

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