**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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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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***VBS Set Up Right After the Service***

We could use some help right after the service today!

* If you are staying to decorate classrooms, please go immediately to the fellowship hall for lunch and instructions, and not straight to your room. (Reminder: for our set up time this afternoon, we are asking that you make arrangements for your kids to be off site while you are here).
* We could use some men to remove the section of chairs in the worship room under the house right screen.

***VBS Last Minute Announcements***

VBS week is here! June 23-26 from 9am-noon. Please know the following important details:

1. If your child plans to participate and is not registered, go ahead them on Church Center right now! Spaces for some age groups will fill up and we will move to a waitlist once groups are full.
2. If you want to invite friends, neighbors, and coworkers, use the digital invite from your midweek email!
3. We would love to have a few more people signed up to serve as floaters to help during VBS. You could end up in a nursery class, paired as a buddy with a specific child, or just helping with last minute needs to make VBS run smoothly! Sign up on Church Center and select "no preference" and tell us which days you are available to help out.
4. We are collecting donations to stock our VBS Volunteer Room to keep our volunteers hydrated, caffeinated, and well fed! To see the list of needed items, check out the sign up in your midweek email. If you'd like to include a note of encouragement to the volunteers with your contribution, we will hang it up in the volunteer room! Donations can be brought to the CFC Kids desk any time before VBS.

***2025-2026 CFC Kids Volunteer Sign Ups***

It's time to prepare for a new year in CFC Kids! We are looking for 325 volunteers to serve once a month in one of our classroom groups. Fill out the form on Church Center, which will ask for your preferences about classroom groups and roles. **We need all forms to be completed by June 30**. Below are a few important notes regarding serving in CFC Kids:

* You are committing to serve once a month from August 2025-July 2026.
* If you are expecting, or will welcome a baby in that time frame, still do complete the form. We will make adjustments for the time you need to be out!
* Only one form per household is needed, unless couples would like to serve in different places.
* Even if you currently volunteer, we need a new sign-up form completed!

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***Himalayan Outreach Trip***

If you are interested in traveling with a group to the Himalayas this Fall, in order to learn more about the region and our strategy there, please reach out to Brian G. The general dates for this trip are November 6-15, 2025.

**Sunday, June 22, 2025**

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

“Rock of Ages” Hastings & Toplady

**Welcome** Nick Murray

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*[15] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. [16] For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. [17] And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. [18] And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. [19] For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, [20] and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.* (Colossians 1:15–20)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*[4] Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, [5] and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.* (Revelation 1:4b-5a)

“All Creatures of Our God and King” Francis, Draper, & Baird

“Behold Our God” Altrogge & Baird

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Acts 1:6-11

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

*[10] For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.* (2 Corinthians 5:10)

*[21] For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.* (2 Corinthians 5:21)

**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]

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death” Boswell, Getty, Kauflin, et. al

“Be Thou My Vision” Byrne & Hull

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Behold: “He Shall Come to Judge the Living and the Dead”

Revelation 11:15-19

**The Lord’s Supper**

“Only a Holy God” Farren, Robinson, Smith, & Thompson

**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** Jonathan 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**

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.

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 VBS this week: for all kids who are attending VBS (both those we know and those who are guests at our church), that God would open their hearts to hear His Word in a fresh and new way; that these kids would understand and believe that God’s Word is rock solid truth that they can bank their lives on; that God will bless our efforts to raise money for for our partners in Tanzania; and that God would give stamina and joy to the many volunteers who are serving in various capacitates throughout the week.

***For Our City***

For Mountain Brook Community Church, pastor Tim Kallam, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For president Donald Trump and all other elected officials, that they would use authority for the benefit of others; that they would act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly; and that they would exercise discernment and wisdom in governing our cities, states, and nation.

***For Our World***

For our partners in the community of Ukerewe, Tanzania: that God would supply the resources needed for a small bus to transport girls safely to and from the girls’ school; for an end to the abusive tragedies that take place on a regular basis in the wider region; for leaders and teachers in the school, as well as those in the nearby church, to boldly proclaim hope through the gospel.

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