**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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***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 from 11:30am-12:30pm.**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).

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Description automatically generated***VBS Is This Week!***

This year at VBS kids will be challenged as they discover that God’s truth never changes and everyone needs Jesus. **VBS will take place June 24-27 from 9 am-Noon.** Kids ages 4 (by September 1, 2024) through completed 5th grade are welcome! Register at this QR code.

***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 Needs throughout the Week***

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Description automatically generatedWe are collecting donations to stock our VBS Volunteer Room to keep our volunteers hydrated, caffeinated, and well-fed! If you'd like to help out with VBS, but can't be there in person–this would be a great way to do so! To see the list of needed items, check out this QR code. 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.

***2024-2025 CFC Kids Volunteer Sign Ups***

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Description automatically generatedIt'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.This QR code will take you to the form to sign up. **We need all forms to be completed by June 30.**

Below are some important notes about serving in CFC Kids:

* You are committing to serve once a month from August 2024-July 2025.
* 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 are a current volunteer, we need a new sign-up form completed!

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***Mid-East Strategy Update – Sunday, July 21 at 9:00am***

Come hear from CFC Sent Partners who live and serve in the Middle East on July 21st at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. They will share stories about God's work in their place of service, ways we can pray for them, and ways we can strategically connect with the work they are leading. This is one of the key areas of focus for our global strategy at CFC. Breakfast will be provided. Children are welcome, we will have group childcare. If children will eat breakfast, please include them in the registration. Please register using the church center app.

**Sunday, June 23, 2024**

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

“Be Thou My Vision” Byrne & Hull

**Welcome** Brian G.

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*25To whom then will you compare me,*

*that I should be like him? says the Holy One.*

*26Lift up your eyes on high and see:*

*who created these?*

*He who brings out their host by number,*

*calling them all by name;*

*by the greatness of his might*

*and because he is strong in power,*

*not one is missing.*

*27Why do you say, O Jacob,*

*and speak, O Israel,*

*“My way is hidden from the LORD,*

*and my right is disregarded by my God”?*

*28Have you not known? Have you not heard?*

*The LORD is the everlasting God,*

*the Creator of the ends of the earth.*

*He does not faint or grow weary;*

*his understanding is unsearchable.*

*29He gives power to the faint,*

*and to him who has no might he increases strength.*

*30Even youths shall faint and be weary,*

*and young men shall fall exhausted;*

*31but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;*

*they shall mount up with wings like eagles;*

*they shall run and not be weary;*

*they shall walk and not faint.* (Isaiah 40:25-31)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

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

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

“O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer” Stiff

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Romans 4:13-25

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon** Billy Shepard

*24Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”* (Mark 9:24)

*31”Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah…33For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”* (Jeremiah 31:31,33-34)

**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

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

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

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

Beginnings: “Trust Him When to Simply Trust Him

Seems the Hardest Thing of All”

Genesis 15-16

**The Lord’s Supper**

“I Will Trust My Savior Jesus” Maxwell, Robinson, Thompson, & Bennett

**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** 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**

*13May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

(Romans 15:13)

“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**

*†* ***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 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 Nepali translation projects to meet gospel needs in that nation; 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 Redeemer Community Church, pastor Joel Brooks, their elders, staff, 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 China, for Chinese brothers and sisters on the front lines of gospel advance among unreached people groups in Western China, for inroads among unreached communities to develop, for laborers to enter these places, and for churches to be planted as people receive the gospel.

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