**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***Youth July Tribe Night Tonight***

The last 3 Sunday evenings in July (July 14th, 21st and 28th), the youth will meet from 5:00-6:45pm for dinner, Bible study, and games that we have turned into a competition that we are calling Tribes. We are so excited about how tribes will help bring our new 6th graders into the fold. If your student(s) plans to come to youth in July, it would be a great help to us to let us know! You can register for Tribes on the Church Center app.

***Youth Back to School Service – August 11th at 5:00pm***

CFC youth will host a joint back to school service with the youth from Homewood Community Church in the CFC Worship Room. It will be from 5:00pm-7:00pm on Sunday, August 11th. Dinner is included.

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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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***Membership Matters Class – Sunday, August 11 at 2:00pm***

If you are interested in becoming a member at CFC, we are planning to hold a Membership Matters class on Sunday, February 11th at 2:00pm. Attending this class is an important part of the process of becoming a member of Christ Fellowship Church. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at cfcbirmingham.org/membership-matters, or email Nick Murray at nmurray@cfcbirmingham.org with any questions.

***Prayer Meeting & Fellowship Meal – August 5 at 5:00pm***

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***50+ Fellowship – Friday, August 16 at 6:00pm***

All adults aged 50 and older are invited to a 50+ dinner and fellowship at the home of Mac and Jan Morson on Friday, August 16th, at 6:00 pm.  You may sign up to bring a dish, using the link in your midweek email. Please contact Donna Lefebvre for more information or with questions.

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***Promotion Sunday – August 18***

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***Mandatory CFC Kids Training – Today after Church***

Mandatory CFC Kids training will be today after the service with lunch provided. Please RSVP in the Church Center App and let us know if you can or cannot attend. There is a video option if you are unavailable on the 28th. Only one person per household is required to complete the training as no childcare is provided during this meeting.

***Pool Party for CFC Kids’ Volunteers & Families – Saturday, August 3***

If you are signed up to serve as a CFC Kids volunteer in 2024-2025, we hope you'll join us for the Kick Off Pool Party, Saturday, August 3. We will be there from 6:15-8:15 with pizza and popsicles provided! Please sign up in the Church Center App if you can attend so we know how much pizza to purchase.

**Sunday, July 28, 2024**

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

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

**Welcome** Bart Box

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*1I will bless the LORD at all times;*

*his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

*2My soul makes its boast in the LORD;*

*let the humble hear and be glad.*

*3Oh, magnify the LORD with me,*

*and let us exalt his name together!*

*4I sought the LORD, and he answered me*

*and delivered me from all my fears.*

*5Those who look to him are radiant,*

*and their faces shall never be ashamed.*

*6This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him*

*and saved him out of all his troubles.*

*7The angel of the LORD encamps*

*around those who fear him, and delivers them.*

*8Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!*

*Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!*

*9Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,*

*for those who fear him have no lack!*

*10The young lions suffer want and hunger;*

*but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.* (Psalm 34:1-10)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*To all who are weary and need rest,*

*To all who mourn and long for comfort,*

*To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares,*

*To all who fail and desire strength,*

*To all who sin and need a Savior,*

*This church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus Christ,*

*the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the guilty,*

*the Justifier of the inexcusable, the Friend of sinners.*

*Welcome!*

“His Mercy Is More” Boswell & Papa

“Shine into Our Night” Sczebel

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Psalm 34:11-22

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

*1Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,*

*whose sin is covered.*

*2Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,*

*and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

*3For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away*

*through my groaning all day long.*

*4For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;*

*my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.* (Psalm 32:1-4)

*5I acknowledged my sin to you,*

*and I did not cover my iniquity;*

*I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”*

*and you forgave the iniquity of my sin*. (Psalm 32:5)

**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]

“O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer” Stiff

“O Praise the Name” Sampson, Hastings, & Ussher

**Prayer for Illumination** Daniel Barriault

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Beginnings: “*Déjà vu* for Abraham (and Us)”

Genesis 20

**The Lord’s Supper**

“Yet Not I but though Christ in Me” Robinson, Thompson, & Farren

**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** Jason Kirk

**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**

*5May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.* (2 Thessalonians 3:5)

“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 the elders of our church, that these men would all care for this body by teaching the Word of Christ to us and by modeling the character of Christ before us, that they would guard and promote unity in our congregation, and that as a body we would support and submit to their leadership.

***For Our City***

For Christ the King Anglican Church, pastor Michael Novotney, their elders, staff, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For the complex issue of immigration in our country, that God would grant wisdom to our elected and appointed officials for how to best address this issue, that they would uphold the human dignity of immigrants even as they seek to provide security for our country.

***For Our World***

For the nation of France as they host the Olympics and thousands of athletes and spectators from all over the world arrive in Paris, for those who are working in outreach to spread the gospel and impact the nations as they are gathered together in one city.

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