**About Christ Fellowship Church**

**Our Mission:** We exist to make disciples of Christ who love God and love their neighbor.

**Our Vision:** To see the gospel spread into every corner of our lives and every corner of the globe.

**As we gather** each Sunday, our desire is to engage with the living God in authentic worship, giving him the praise he deserves, as we read, sing, pray, preach, and sit under the truth of God’s Word and respond in obedience. We look to give ourselves to bold prayer, to spend ourselves and our resources through joyful giving, and to create a culture of gracious hospitality among a diversely unified people.

**As we scatter** each week, we commit to give ourselves to one another in sanctifying community, to the lost through faithful evangelism in our spheres of influence, and to the suffering around us with Christ-like compassion, all in hopes of multiplying the witness of Christ in our city and around the world.

**CFC Kids:** As a congregation, we are deeply committed to next-generation discipleship. This church wants to come alongside parents as they raise their children in the Lord. To help toward that end on Sundays, we offer CFC Kids for children from birth through fifth grade. We offer CFC Kids throughout the entire length of the service for children pre-school and younger. Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade will attend the first part of the worship service and then exit for age-appropriate lessons during the sermon. Of course, you may keep your children with you throughout worship, if you like. If you have any questions about CFC Kids, please email Sarah Beth Shepard at sb@cfcbirmingham.org.

7/6/2025

**Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***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. 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.

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***Night of Prayer for Missions – Monday, July 14 at 7:00pm***

Ladies, please join us from 7:00-8:30pm on Monday, July 14 to pray for our missions partners at CFC. A large part of our time will be spent hearing from Haven Fox, a member of CFC who plans to move to South Asia in September. We are building a support team for her as she makes this transition, and we would love for you to hear about ways we are supporting her as a church and consider joining her support team individually. For further details or to RSVP email Rebekah Rein at rrein@cfcbirmingham.org.

***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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***No Youth Tonight!***

Due to the holiday weekend, youth will not meet tonight. We will resume meeting next Sunday, July 13, from 5:00-7:00pm.

**Sunday, July 6, 2025**

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

“God, Your Everlasting Light” Cowper

**Welcome** Jared Jones

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*[12] I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, [13] though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, [14] and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. [15] The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. [16] But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. [17] To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.* (1 Timothy 1:12–17)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*[28] Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”* (Matthew 11:28–30)

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Chisholm & Runyan

“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor” Boswell & Papa

**Public Reading of Scripture** – 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon** Bart Box

*[1] Truly God is good to Israel,*

*to those who are pure in heart.*

*[2] But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,*

*my steps had nearly slipped.*

*[3] For I was envious of the arrogant*

*when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.* (Psalm 73:1–3)

*[25] Whom have I in heaven but you?*

*And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.*

*[26] My flesh and my heart may fail,*

*but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

(Psalm 73:25–26)

**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]

“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul” Steele

“It Is Well with My Soul” Bliss & Spafford

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Billy Shepard

“This Light Momentary Affliction”

2 Corinthians 4

**The Lord’s Supper**

“O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer” Stiff

**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** Ryan Childress

**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**

*[16] Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.* (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

“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 members of our church who are currently enduring trials and suffering of various kinds: that God would draw near to them, hold them fast, and make them fruitful during the time of their affliction; that their fellow church members would join in sharing their burdens; that they would grow in their faith in God’s promises; and that God would providentially work these trials for the good of those that suffer and for God’s glory.

***For Our City***

For Hunter Street Baptist Church, pastor Buddy Gray, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For the people of this nation, that we would rightfully and appropriately give thanks for the freedoms that enjoy, that God-given rights would be faithfully and justly upheld across our nation, and that our freedoms as citizens of this nation would be leveraged for the greater good of our fellow citizens. For Christians in our land, pray that citizenship in God’s Kingdom would be cherished about all earthly citizenships so that we may be the best citizens for our neighbor.

***For Our World***

For gospel partners in China, for open doors to spread the gospel among unreached peoples in remote mountain areas, for their protection from persecuting authorities and their sustained presence in unchurched regions so that they may work long-term in the church planting task.

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