**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***Promotion Sunday – Next Sunday, August 18***

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Description automatically generatedPromotion Sunday will take place Sunday, August 18. **We still have a few openings in our preschool classes to fill for our CFC Kids volunteer team. There is also still a need for people to serve on the back-up team if you have a work schedule that keeps you away from the service multiple Sundays a month.** You can still sign up at this QR code. If you have questions or would like to talk more about what this commitment looks like, please email Sarah Beth.

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***Youth Back to School Service \*Date Change\* – August 18th 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 18th. Dinner is included. While the youth meet to pray in the worship room, the youth room will be available from 5:00-5:30pm for any CFC parents who would like to pray for their students and the new school year.

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***Membership Matters Class – Today at 2:00pm***

If you are interested in becoming a member at CFC, we are planning to hold a Membership Matters class today 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.

***Fall 2024 Equip Registration Now Open***

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Description automatically generatedThe Fall semester of our Sunday evening Equip classes begins on September 15 and will run through November 17. This weekly teaching time will be paired with a fellowship meal, the cost of which is covered in your registration. And if you prefer not to purchase dinner, you are welcome to simply join us for the discipleship classes. Kids classes will continue in a similar curriculum from previous semesters and the youth will meet as usual. There are 3 adult classes offered this semester:

1. An Evangelism class will be taught in the worship room by Brian G. And Dennis Schauer, with no limit to how many adults can attend.
2. A men’s only study of David Powlison’s book *Good & Angry: Redeeming Anger, Irritation, Complaining, & Bitterness,* taught by Jared Jones. This class will be capped at 20 men.
3. A women’s only study of Esther Smith’s book *A Still and Quiet Mind: Twelve Strategies for Changing Unwanted Thoughts,* taught by Paige Herr. This class will be capped at 20 women.

You can find out more about the Equip schedule and register at the QR code above.

***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 6:00pm.

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.

***Updated Addresses in the Midweek Email***

If you are a CFC member and you have noticed that you no longer receive the midweek email, please email Keri at [kwestbrook@cfcbirmingham.org](mailto:kwestbrook@cfcbirmingham.org) to ensure that she has your correct email address on file.

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***Cross Cultural Evangelism Training***

Brian G. and others will lead a 3-part series this Fall (9/22, 9/29, and 10/6). This will be valuable for any CFC member as we encounter an increasing number of religious and cultural worldviews in our own community and as we travel internationally as a church. Come learn about major religious and cultural worldviews as well as best practices and strategies to introduce the Gospel. Breakfast and childcare will be provided, please register in the Church Center app.

**Sunday, August 11, 2024**

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

“Romans 11 (Doxology)” Peterson

**Welcome** Nick Murray

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*1I waited patiently for the LORD;*

*he inclined to me and heard my cry.*

*2He drew me up from the pit of destruction,*

*out of the miry bog,*

*and set my feet upon a rock,*

*making my steps secure.*

*3He put a new song in my mouth,*

*a song of praise to our God.*

*Many will see and fear,*

*and put their trust in the LORD.*

*4Blessed is the man who makes*

*the LORD his trust,*

*who does not turn to the proud,*

*to those who go astray after a lie!*

*5You have multiplied, O LORD my God,*

*your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;*

*none can compare with you!*

*I will proclaim and tell of them,*

*yet they are more than can be told.*

*6In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,*

*but you have given me an open ear.*

*Burnt offering and sin offering*

*you have not required.*

*7Then I said, “Behold, I have come;*

*in the scroll of the book it is written of me:*

*8I delight to do your will, O my God;*

*your law is within my heart.”* (Psalm 40:1-8)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*17As for me, I am poor and needy,*

*but the Lord takes thought for me.*

*You are my help and my deliverer;*

*do not delay, O my God!* (Psalm 40:17)

“Revive Us Again” Adler, Husband, & MacKay

“Christ the True and Better” Boswell & Papa

**Public Reading of Scripture** – John 19:16b-18

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

*17By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, 18of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” 19He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.* (Hebrews 11:17-19)

*32He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?* (Romans 8:32)

**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]

“Man of Sorrows” Kottas & Bliss

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery” Boswell, Papa, & Bleecker

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Jared Jones

Beginnings: “A Clenched-Teeth Faith”

Genesis 22

**The Lord’s Supper**

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” Townend

**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** Brian G.

**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**

*14So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”* (Genesis 22:14)

“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 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 the many in our country battling with mental health issues: that God would regard with tender compassion those suffering from anxiety, depression, or other mental illnesses; for the close family members of those struggling who are trying to help and to understand; and for counselors and health care providers seeking to provide treatment to the suffering.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Bangladesh, for rest from recent clashes and violence in the country, for an increase in the number of just government leaders who will govern with a right use of authority, and for the gospel to thrive so people can find lasting hope and salvation.

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