**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***Cross Cultural Evangelism Training***

Brian G. and others will lead a 3-part series on Sunday mornings at 9:00am 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.

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***Fall Women’s Bible Study Offerings***

We will have two bible studies to offer women this Fall.

1. A daytime study on Exodus, taught by Paige Herr. This class will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be available. This class runs from 9/18-11/13.
2. A nighttime study on 1 John, taught by Brittany Mann. This class will meet on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm at the Mann’s home. This class runs from 9/16-11/4.

We would love to have you join us for a study this fall!  Register on the Church Center app!

8/25/2024

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***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 by Brian G. And Dennis Schauer.
2. A men’s only study of David Powlison’s book *Good & Angry: Redeeming Anger, Irritation, Complaining, & Bitterness,* taught by Jared Jones.
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.

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

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***Baptism Classes – Sunday, September 22 After Church***

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Description automatically generatedHas your student or child begun to talk to you about baptism? Or as a parent of younger children, do you want to be better equipped for training your child in thinking about baptism in the future? If so, we would encourage you to make plans to attend our upcoming Baptism Classes after the service on Sunday, September 22. Lunch will be served, so please RSVP at this QR code so that we can have the right amount of food. We will simultaneously teach a parent class and a student class. Plan on the class lasting about an hour.

* **Who should attend the parent class?** Any parent (or grandparent) of a child of any age who wants to learn more about instructing their kids on baptism.
* **Who should attend the student class?** Only students in upper elementary grades and or youth group who are interesting in learning about baptism for themselves. (We expect that any student who attends this class to have a parent in the parent class).

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***College Student Cookout – Thursday, August 29***

All college students are invited to a cookout on Thursday, August 29 at 7:00pm at Charlie Ann and Jonathan Shepard’s home (1525 Glenwood Road Hoover, AL). If you have any questions, contact Jonathan (205) 792-6403. Dinner will be provided, and guests are encouraged.

**Sunday, August 25, 2024**

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

“You Said” Morgan

**Welcome** Bart Box

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*1I will extol you, my God and King,*

*and bless your name forever and ever.*

*2Every day I will bless you*

*and praise your name forever and ever.*

*3Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,*

*and his greatness is unsearchable.*

*4One generation shall commend your works to another,*

*and shall declare your mighty acts.*

*5On the glorious splendor of your majesty,*

*and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.*

*6They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,*

*and I will declare your greatness.*

*7They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness*

*and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.*

*8The LORD is gracious and merciful,*

*slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

*9The LORD is good to all,*

*and his mercy is over all that he has made.*

*10All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,*

*and all your saints shall bless you!*

*11They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom*

*and tell of your power,*

*12to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,*

*and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.*

*13Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,*

*and your dominion endures throughout all generations.*

(Psalm 145:1-13)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*1To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: 2May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.* (Jude 1b-2)

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” Beethoven & van Dyke

“By Faith” Getty & Townend

**The Apostles’ Creed** Billy Shepard

**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]

**Baptism** Carter Gray and Chance Hancock

*3For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.* (Titus 3:3-7)

“Jesus Paid It All” Grape, Hall, & Nifong

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

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

Beginnings: “Eliezer of Damascus?”

Genesis 24

**The Lord’s Supper**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Chisolm & Runyan

**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** Caleb Schmidt

**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**

*18And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* (Matthew 28:18-20)

“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**

***Baptism***

Baptism is a visual of the gospel story and a powerful reminder to the church of their identity with the crucified and risen Christ. The sacrificial death of Jesus and His victorious, bodily resurrection from the dead form the backdrop to baptism as believers are symbolically united to their Redeemer. Baptism in no way saves us, but it does call attention to the One who has saved us. If you know Jesus as Savior but have never been baptized, please speak with an elder after the service. If you are a baptized believer, rejoice today as you are reminded of your salvation in and through Jesus Christ. To God be the glory!

**This Week We’re Praying…**

***For Our Church***

For the next generation being raised up in our church: that our church as a whole and parents in particular would be faithful to lead our children and youth to love the Lord their God with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength; that the Word of God would continually be upon our lips as we disciple them; and that God would be pleased to save many young people at CFC for the sake of his fame among the nations.

***For Our City***

For the work and ministry of the Alabama Baptist Children’s Home, that God would continue to bless their efforts and direct their steps as they seek to provide loving homes for children both in our city and abroad.

***For Our Nation***

For our nation, that God would bring true spiritual revival, that people would grow dissatisfied with their sin and long for the truth of the gospel, and that healthy churches would display the glory of God and the hope of the gospel to those around them.

***For Our World***

For the nation of China, for partners in the gospel serving in China who work to make the name of Christ known to those who have yet to be reached, for church planters to build up the church to be a light to all who are around them, for disciple-makers who labor on a regular basis to present mature disciples to Christ, and for those who labor among Tibetans to be strengthened and encouraged in a long, difficult task.

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