**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!

9/1/2024

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***Members’ Meeting & Fellowship Meal – Sunday, September 8 at 5:00pm***

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

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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 Lunch after Church on Sunday, September 8***

All college students are invited to a free lunch immediately following the service on Sunday, September 8 in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, contact Jonathan (205) 792-6403.

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**No youth tonight!**

**Sunday, September 1, 2024**

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

“God, Your Everlasting Light” Cowper

**Welcome** Brian G.

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*1Praise the LORD!*

*Praise the name of the LORD,*

*give praise, O servants of the LORD,*

*2who stand in the house of the LORD,*

*in the courts of the house of our God!*

*3Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;*

*sing to his name, for it is pleasant!*

*4For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,*

*Israel as his own possession.*

*5For I know that the LORD is great,*

*and that our Lord is above all gods.*

*6Whatever the LORD pleases, he does,*

*in heaven and on earth,*

*in the seas and all deeps.*

*7He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth,*

*who makes lightnings for the rain*

*and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.* (Psalm 135:1-7)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*8But you, Israel, my servant,*

*Jacob, whom I have chosen,*

*the offspring of Abraham, my friend;*

*9you whom I took from the ends of the earth,*

*and called from its farthest corners,*

*saying to you, “You are my servant,*

*I have chosen you and not cast you off”;*

*10fear not, for I am with you;*

*be not dismayed, for I am your God;*

*I will strengthen you, I will help you,*

*I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* (Isaiah 41:8-10)

“O Love that Will Not Let Me Go” Matheson & Miner

“Not in Me” Schumacher & Ward

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Romans 9:6-16

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon** Jared Jones

*4But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.* (Genesis 3:4-7)

*27But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.* (1 Corinthians 1:27-30)

**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

“It Is Well with My Soul” Bliss & Spafford

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Beginnings: “How Is Your Appetite?”

Genesis 25

**The Lord’s Supper**

“All I Have Is Christ” Kauflin

**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** Keith Pearson

**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**

*9But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.* (1 Peter 2:9)

“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.

**This Week We’re Praying…**

***For Our Church***

For our church: that we would be faithful in discipling one another; that our Growth Groups would be places of biblical growth and accountability; and that we would grow together in godliness as we study the Bible together in church, Growth Groups, and one-on-one relationships.

***For Our City***

For Valleydale Church, pastor Mac Brunson, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For our nation: that God would awaken our country’s collective conscience regarding the reality of abortion; that more states would limit or prohibit abortions so that more innocent children would live; that churches would lead the way in creating a culture of life that cares for moms, dads, and babies, especially those who face difficult and desperate situations; and that legislators would wisely create laws and practices that will allow human flourishing for all, including the unborn.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Tanzania: for the people of Ukerewe and specifically those in the community around New Hope Secondary School; for the local church to strengthen the community and serve as a light in the community; for the girls who attend the school to grow in discipleship; and for strong, faithful families to grow in the region.

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