**More Upcoming CFC Events & Ministry Announcements**

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***Cross Cultural Evangelism Training Continues Next Sunday***

Brian G. and others will lead a 3-part cross cultural evangelism training that is different content designed to complement the Equip class or be attended separately.

* The 9/29 class will examine Middle and Far Eastern contexts.
* The 10/6 class will be co-led with Oscar Perez and will examine evangelism in a Latino context.

Breakfast and childcare will be provided. You are welcome to attend one session or all three. Please register in the Church Center app.

***Cross Con 2025***

Cross Con is a conference designed to call this generation to make their lives count. Brian G. will be leading a group from CFC to attend this year’s conference from January 2-4, 2025 in Louisville, Kentucky. Cross is designed for college and grad-school students as well as young professionals who want to engage with others and hear from speakers such as John Piper, David Platt, Trip Lee, Kevin DeYoung and others with an emphasis on the gospel, the local church, and the nations. We will be putting together a group to attend and now is the time to register, which you can do on the Church Center app.

***Community Outreach Volunteer Opportunity at CFC***

On Tuesdays and Thursdays this Fall, CFC is hosting the tutoring program of ZeroZero Foundation, which supports children and families in under-served parts of Birmingham. We would love a church member to be present at the building for each session. To see dates and times and to sign up, visit the link in your midweek email. Contact Caleb Schmidt at [caleb@knighteady.com](mailto:caleb@knighteady.com) with questions.

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***Equip Continues Tonight***

The Fall semester of our Sunday evening Equip classes continues tonight. Dinner is served beginning at 4:45pm. The meal will Publix sub sandwiches, so plan accordingly! Classes begin at 5:35pm and will conclude at 6:25pm.

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***Baptism Classes – Today after Church***

For those who have signed up for today’s baptism class, please proceed to the fellowship hall for lunch. After we eat, we will break up into student and adult classes. 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 kid 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 Dinner & Game Night – Thursday, September 26 at 7:00pm***

All college students are invited to a game night on Thursday, September 26 at 7:00pm at the church. Dinner will be provided. Reach out to Jonathan Shepard at (205) 792-6403 with any questions.

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

We will have two bible studies to offer women this Fall. Register on the Church Center app!

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.

***Fall Held Gathering – Thursday, October 3 at 6:00pm***  
Ladies, join us from 6:00-8:00pm on Thursday, October 3 for a time of food and fellowship. We will have a time of intentional conversation about how God has placed each one of us as individuals in the places where we are, and with the people he's surrounded us with, for his glory and the spread of the gospel. Sign up on Church Center and bring a friend!

***Sav-A-Life Baby Shower***

On October 1, CFC is hosting a baby shower for Sav-a-Life moms who have chosen to parent. We need some volunteers to wrap gifts the day before the shower, to help prepare for the shower, and a few people to attend the shower. We also need you all to help buy gifts for the moms and babies! Sign up to purchase gifts or to help wrap gifts at the links in your midweek email.

**Sunday, September 22, 2024**

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

“Give Us Clean Hands” Hall

**Welcome** Nick Murray

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*1How lovely is your dwelling place,*

*O LORD of hosts!*

*2My soul longs, yes, faints*

*for the courts of the LORD;*

*my heart and flesh sing for joy*

*to the living God.*

*3Even the sparrow finds a home,*

*and the swallow a nest for herself,*

*where she may lay her young,*

*at your altars, O LORD of hosts,*

*my King and my God.*

*4Blessed are those who dwell in your house,*

*ever singing your praise!*

*5Blessed are those whose strength is in you,*

*in whose heart are the highways to Zion…*

*10For a day in your courts is better*

*than a thousand elsewhere.*

*I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God*

*than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

*11For the LORD God is a sun and shield;*

*the LORD bestows favor and honor.*

*No good thing does he withhold*

*from those who walk uprightly.*

*12O LORD of hosts,*

*blessed is the one who trusts in you!* (Psalm 84:1-5, 10-12)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*11You make known to me the path of life;*

*in your presence there is fullness of joy;*

*at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.* (Psalm 16:11)

“His Mercy Is More” Boswell & Papa

“Only a Holy God” Robinson, Thompson, Smith, & Farren

**Public Reading of Scripture** – John 1:43-51

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

*4Seek the LORD and his strength;*

*seek his presence continually!* (Psalm 105:4)

*24For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.* (Hebrews 9:24)

**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]

“Rock of Ages” Hastings & Toplady

“Is He Worthy?” Peterson & Shive

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Beginnings: “When You Least Expect It”

Genesis 28

**The Lord’s Supper**

“Be Thou My Vision” Byrne & Hull

**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** Bart Box

**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**

*1Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.* (Revelation 21:1-3)

“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 God’s direction as we respond to the growth of our church, that God would guide us to perceive what is right and wise, and that he would grant us the courage to pursue what we ought to pursue and the grace to accomplish it, and that by his Holy Spirit, he would spare us from all false choices.

***For Our City***

For Iron City Church, pastor Isaac Adams, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For president Joe Biden and all other elected officials, that they would use authority for the benefit of others; that they would act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly; and that they would exercise discernment and wisdom in governing our cities, states, and nation.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Mexico: for relief from organized crime as well as street level violence that impacts so many people and impedes many people’s daily living, as well as the effect crime has on the expansion of the gospel and the growth of the church; for government leaders to serve the population well and for judges who can administer justice in an increasingly complex environment.

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