**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!

***Brunch for Professional Women***

Ladies, please join us on Saturday, September 14 as we kick off our new ministry to professional women at CFC! This group is intended to bring together the working women of CFC for fellowship and support in their God-given callings. Sign up in the Church Center App

9/8/2024

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***Members’ Meeting & Fellowship Meal Tonight at 5:00pm***

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***Fall 2024 Equip Registration Deadline TODAY***

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

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* **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 Today***

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

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***Men’s Breakfast – Saturday, September 21 at 7:30am***

All the men of CFC are invited to a men's ministry pancake breakfast on Saturday, September 21st from 7:30-9:00 in the fellowship hall. This will be a great time to enjoy a meal together, connect with other guys, and to hear a word about evangelism in the workplace and work as mission. The cost is $5. Register in the Church Center app.

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

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

“Agnus Dei” Smith

**Welcome** Billy Shepard

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Call to Worship**

*1May God be gracious to us and bless us*

*and make his face to shine upon us, Selah*

*2that your way may be known on earth,*

*your saving power among all nations.*

*3Let the peoples praise you, O God;*

*let all the peoples praise you!*

*4Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,*

*for you judge the peoples with equity*

*and guide the nations upon earth. Selah*

*5Let the peoples praise you, O God;*

*let all the peoples praise you!*

*6The earth has yielded its increase;*

*God, our God, shall bless us.*

*7God shall bless us;*

*let all the ends of the earth fear him!* (Psalm 67)

**Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**God’s Greeting & Mutual Greetings**

*1Behold, how good and pleasant it is*

*when brothers dwell in unity!* (Psalm 133:1)

“A Day for Singing” Langon, Early, Wong, & Leonhardt

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Robinson & Wyeth

**Public Reading of Scripture** – Psalm 78:1-7

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon** Nick Murray

*1Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.* (1 Corinthians 11:1)

*17Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

*1Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, 2who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God’s house.* (Hebrews 2:17–3:2)

**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]

“Jesus, Thank You” Sczebel

“Jesus, Strong and Kind” Buchanan, Robinson, Farren, & Thompson

**Prayer for Illumination** Will Mitchell

**Reading of the Preaching Passage**

**Preaching of God’s Word** Bart Box

Beginnings: “Like Father, Like Son”

Genesis 26

**The Lord’s Supper**

“Here Is Love Vast as the Ocean” Edwards, Lowry, & Rees

**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** Dennis Schauer

**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**

*24Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.* (Jude 24-25)

“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 the 19 new members that we will add to covenant membership this evening, that we would faithfully fulfill our covenantal obligations to one another: spurring one another on to love and good deeds, meeting together consistently, praying for one another regularly, sharing in each other’s joys, bearing each other’s burdens, and serving one another selflessly, for our good and God’s glory.

***For Our City***

For Philadelphia Baptist Church, pastor Ryan Adams, their staff, elders, and congregation.

***For Our Nation***

For an end to gun violence in our country, that mass shootings would cease forever, that our swords would be beat into plowshares, that the underlying sin which ultimately leads to these horrible instances would be confronted with the gospel, and that our elected and appointed officials would work wisely to create solutions to this devastating issue.

***For Our World***

For the nation of Indonesia, for the gospel to spread among the hundreds of unreached people groups across the many islands that make up the country, for Christians to endure through heavy persecution, and for more church planters to be mobilized for the needs of this predominantly Muslim nation.

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