

Blue River Church of Christ

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Times of Worship

Sunday Bible Class 9 am

Morning Worship 10 am

Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm

Wednesday Evening
Bible Study 7 pm

Elders

Earl Fultz
Russ Simmons
Jan Sullivan

Deacons

Gary Bledsoe, Worship
Ben Church, Missions
David Foster, Grounds
Jim Green, Building
Darren Herrmann, Stewardship
John Jones, Education
Mike Peerson, Evangelism

Pulpit Minister

Darin Kennedy

Statistics for December 30, 2007

Attendance	206
Contribution	\$6,096.58

BRCC Lodge This room across from the nursery is dedicated as a quiet spot for individuals or small groups. Please, no food or drinks.

Prayer Warriors are waiting to hear from you. This group of caring people will pray for you and your request. Place a note in the "Prayer Warrior" box, or go to the BRCC website and leave a message. You may remain anonymous. Don't carry that burden alone. Let the power of prayer work in your life.

Sunday evening

Psalm 7

Can you believe it? 2008! Time flies, doesn't it? It seems to move faster than it used to, but I imagine that is just me getting older. Turning the pages of the calendar, I realize how we need to use the time we have been given wisely for the glory of God. The year 2008 is another year that can be utilized for the growth of the Lord's Kingdom. How can we be used effectively this year?

First, as individuals, we can be used wherever we go in whatever we do. January 1 may not have meant great change to you. You went back to the same job. You live in the same home. By all appearances, nothing has changed, but you can be changed. You will use work for God's glory this year. Your home will be filled with the talk of spiritual things. Your relationships will be opportunities for displaying Christ to others. Your spirit is being renewed day by day. If you were waiting for something else to change before you could be more productive for the Lord's Kingdom, you may never accomplish anything. The real change is in you, and real change will be accomplished through you.

Second, as a congregation, Blue River can be used mightily in this new year. I expect that Sunday services will continue here in 2008. I presume Bible

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Order of Worship

Welcome

Darin Kennedy

Opening Prayer

Joe Bouldin

#578 "We Will Glorify"

Scripture

2 Corinthians 3:4-18

Gene Clark

"There's A Stirring"

#718 "We Shall Assemble"

#96 "I Stand in Awe"

#810 "Listen to Our Hearts"

"Light The Fire"

#318 "O Sacred Head"

The Lord's Supper

The Bread

The Cup

Darren Herrmann, Presiding

#269 "Thomas' Song"

Giving

Power Kids "God Can Use You!"

Lesson

"The Spirit's Witness"

Acts 1:8

Darin Kennedy

Invitation

#410 "He Leadeth Me"

Shepherd's Prayer

Russ Simmons

Final Blessing

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Songs led by Brett Jones

In Need of Prayers

Please remember **Doug Davenport** in your prayers as he is at home recovering from open heart surgery.

Also, please remember the **Russ** and **Shirley Simmons** as they prepare to travel to Ukraine this month as a part of the adoption process.

Upcoming Events

Youth Group Planning Meeting

January 7 (Monday night) There will be a meeting to plan 2008 youth group (7th -12th grades) events at the church building, 7 pm. This meeting will not only be for youth group parents, but it will also be for anyone who would like to be involved in planning, participating or hosting youth group events.

Power Kids and LTC Service Challenge Parents and Participants

January 20 (Sunday morning) Power Kids and LTC service challenge participants will assemble layettes during the power kids' worship time. In order to complete this service project, the layette ministry needs to have diapers (preferably newborn, but size 1 will work), baby wash (15 oz. NON-pump style, any brand), and sleepers. If you have any questions, please call **Debbie Peerson** at 350-3951.

LTC News

Coaches Needed!!!

We are in need of coaches for the following events: **live Christian drama, puppets, bulletin board, and scrapbook.** Coaches are not required to have children participating in LTC. If you think you can lend your time and talents to these events, please let **Lisa Bassford** or **Denise Fultz** know.

Bible Video Dramas

Bible video dramas will be filmed ****today**** and next Sunday (**Jan. 13**) after the morning services. If necessary, January 20 may also need to be used as a filming day. Please talk to **Darin Kennedy** if you have any questions.

Birthdays: Jan. 6 - Jan. 12

Jason Beeding/Karen Whetstone/Laura Phillips...Today!

Sue Roberts 1/8 Steve Roehl 1/8 Marlyn Strope 1/8

Leroy Shafer 1/8 Nate Mace 1/11

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classes will continue as well. The majority of the people will be the same as 2007. Will anything be different? Again, the answer to that question is up to you. God has great plans for His church, plans we can read about in the Bible. He has designed a life of worship, fellowship, work, and evangelism for His church, and we can look around and easily say, "You know, there are some areas we could improve in." God has equipped us by His presence and His power to accomplish everything He has purposed. He is waiting on our response. We can approach worship with a renewed spirit—"I will open my heart to the Lord's leadership." We can approach fellowship with a renewed priority—"I will use as many opportunities to be a blessing to others. I will be open toward the church encouraging me as well." We can work together as each one does his/her part—"I have a purpose in the church, and I will work diligently with the gifts God has given me." We can turn our focus toward the needs of this fallen world—"I will pray for and seek out and make room for those who need to know Jesus."

Finally, as a world-wide church, we can make tremendous progress in our partnership. For the Kansas City area, Blue River is blessed to host another Heartland Area-Wide Service on April 6. We have opportunities in Ukraine with the proposed Halfway House and another mission trip to hold a summer camp for the orphans in Dobropolye. We have opportunities in India through contributions for correspondence course work, Bibles, and bicycles, as well as another trip planned for the fall. In all these areas, each member at Blue River can make a decision to make a difference.

How will you be used in 2008? The question asks more about your willingness to be used than about God's plan and ability to use you.

—Darin Kennedy

Nursery Attendants

A sign-up sheet is posted on the ladies' board if you would like to participate as a nursery attendant or helper. If you have participated in the past but are no longer able, please let **Anne Johnston** know so that she can update her current list of volunteers.

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

January 6, Carolyn Endicott and James Bledsoe

January 13, Sandy Sewell and Renee Wubbenhorst

Wednesday Night Toddler Class

January 9, Ashley Christensen and Peggy Blankenship