

# Blue River Church of Christ

January 27, 2008

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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 January 20, 2008

Attendance	194
Contribution	\$3,400.45

**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 136

Next week, we will begin our "Bring-A-Friend Month" in February as we gear our sermons specifically for evangelistic outreach. At the same time, we all need to realize that sermons alone do not create an environment for teaching the gospel to those outside the church. Evangelism requires the whole body working together toward the same goal in our individual areas of ministry. What does an evangelistic outreach ask from the congregation?

First, each person must ask others to come. While we can advertise in a variety of ways, the number one way is for us all to invite family, friends, and neighbors. This kind of advertising is free and most effective. Most of us have friends we talk to, but we want something to invite them to, which is why we are having this series.

Second, we should put our best foot forward. When company is coming over, we try to look our best. That does not mean dressing up or fixing up in a way that makes our guests feel uncomfortable; instead, it means doing normal things with an

### Order of Worship

*Welcome*

Darin Kennedy

*Opening Prayer*

John Wubbenhorst

"Here I Am to Worship"

#39 "Awesome Power"

"How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place"

#162 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*Scripture*

Acts 17:22-31

Doug Davenport

"Peace Be Still"

#287 "There Is a Redeemer"

*The Lord's Supper*

*The Bread*

*The Cup*

#528 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

*Giving*

*Power Kids*

*Lesson*

"Demolition Work"

Acts 6

Darin Kennedy

*Invitation*

#365 "How Beautiful"

*Shepherd's Prayer*

Russ Simmons

*Final Blessing*

Galatians 3:26-28

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*Songs led by Gary Bledsoe & Ron McCleary*

## ***In Need of Prayers***

Jennette Jones, the granddaughter of **Andy** and **Joan Hester**, lost her newborn daughter, Gabriella, in Colorado on Tuesday.

Mary Cornine, the mother of **Liz Church**, recently broke her hip and is not able to have surgery because of her failing health.

Please remember **Ben Church** as he is in Ukraine working out details for the halfway house project, and **Russ** and **Shirley Simmons** as they leave tomorrow for Ukraine as a part of the adoption process.

## ***Wedding Reminder***

JANESSA SCHMITT/KEN CARROLL WEDDING If you plan to attend the dinner reception following the wedding on February 23, please **RSVP** to **Bob** or **Jana Schmitt** by **February 3**. Directions to Liberty Church of Christ are posted on the bulletin board. Directions to the reception at Liberty Community Center will be provided at the wedding.

## ***Today's Events***

### ***Meeting for Parents of Kids 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and Under***

There will be a meeting for parents of kids 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under at the front of the auditorium immediately following the morning service.

### ***Wilshire Worship Service***

The Wilshire worship service will be at 3 pm.

## ***Upcoming Events***

### ***LTC-Service Challenge Project***

**January 29** (Tuesday evening) **6 pm** – Meet at Nolen Manor to eat dinner and play games with residents. Each participant should bring \$5 for pizza. If you have questions, call **Brenda Herrmann** at 229-1709.

### ***Bridal Shower and Luncheon***

**February 3** (Sunday afternoon) Save the date! All ladies are invited to a luncheon and bridal shower in honor of **Janessa Schmitt**, daughter of **Bob** and **Jana Schmitt**, immediately following the morning service. **Janessa** and her fiancé, **Ken**, are registered at Target.

### ***We Need Pictures!!!***

Please send digital pictures of activities to the office (via email or download them to the office computer) so that they may be used in announcements or possibly on the church website.

**Birthdays: Jan. 27 – Feb. 2**

***Julia House 1/27 Glen Cottrall 1/29 "Bull" Scifers 1/31***

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extra measure of grace. We should sing more enthusiastically, letting them hear how much of a blessing is *a capella*, congregational singing. We should be more prepared for quality Bible classes and childcare. I know, I know...the sermons should be better too. I'm not leaving myself out. Every area of ministry should have an increase in quality.

Third, an evangelistic emphasis requires that we provide clear understanding. Activities like singing or the Lord's Supper are to some like speaking in tongues, requiring interpretation. Once I brought a friend in my youth to church, and there was a baptism at the end of service. When my friend saw them go down and come up wet, he jumped a bit and said, "I didn't know there was water in there." Many have no idea what we do or why we do them, and it requires some more explanation.

Fourth, being guest-centered requires that we put our guests first. Do not be the first ones to grab your favorite pew. Stay out in the lobby until others sit first, and then find a seat right before we start. Your family may even get split up, not getting to sit together. I remember growing up, if we had company over and there were not enough chairs, then I had to sit at the table on a stool that was shorter than a normal chair with my dinner plate at my chin. It is what you do for guests in your own family's home. After the service, visit with guests first. I know that your relationships within the church are important, but they are mature enough to serve others first.

Ask—1) How can I put the needs of others before my own? 2) What would be helpful to me if I were in their place?

—Darin Kennedy

## ***LTC News & Notes***

**Pre-convention deadline** – \*\*February 8\*\*

**Paperwork** – Please review challenge event requirements to make sure you know what paperwork is needed for certification. The service challenge event requires a typed (or neatly written) list of projects completed as well as a report detailing how the projects benefited others and the participant. If you would like a pre-designed form to list projects, please ask **Brenda Herrmann**.

**Practices** – Coaches, please plan and coordinate practice times for participants.

**Payments** - BRCC has paid the 2008 hotel and registration fee, please give your reimbursement payments to **Lisa Bassford** or **Denise Fultz**.

## ***Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants***

January 27, Sandy Sewell and Carrie Brotherton

February 3, Susan Foster and Ashley Christensen

## ***Wednesday Night Toddler Class***

January 30, Linda Brizendine and Rebecca Waldron