

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 February 24, 2008

Attendance	187
Contribution	\$5,069.54

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 2

Becoming a Christian means entering a whole new world. How strange it is for someone to turn completely from unbelief to belief, from never thinking about God to loving God with all one's heart! A truly converted person, where one's life is dramatically changed by Christ, is a testimony to the power of the gospel. Paul was a missionary among pagans, and he saw great evangelistic success among people who never heard about God before his preaching. In the book of Ephesians, he equips these new believers with the tools for spiritual growth. Paul understands the many developmental needs of new converts.

To meet these needs, Paul gives several helps to ground and mature the believers in this new faith. First, Paul gives them a history. The Gentiles may not have been a part of God's relationship with the Israelites, but they are still part of God's "plan for the fullness of time" (1:10), His "plan of the mystery hidden for ages" (3:9). Israel's rich history with God has now become the Gentiles' history through Christ: "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also

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Order of Worship

Welcome

Darin Kennedy

Opening Prayer

Gary Bledsoe

#171 "Above All Else"
#480 "Blessed Assurance"

Scripture

Psalm 16
Skyler Davenport

#490 "It Is Well with My Soul"
#168 "Glory"

#334 "'Tis Midnight and On
Olive's Brow"

The Lord's Supper

The Bread

The Cup

Jim Bassford, Presiding

#593 "Consider Him"

Giving

Power Kids

Lesson

"Standing Tall Means Standing
Firm"

Ephesians 1:1-2
Darin Kennedy

Invitation

#628 "Will You Not Tell It Today?"

Shepherd's Prayer

Jan Sullivan

Final Statement of Faith

Psalm 91:1-2

Songs led by John Jones

In Need of Prayers

Beverly Campbell is experiencing health difficulties at this time. Please keep her in your prayers.

Lisa Bassford's mother is trying to recover from a cracked hip while in an advanced stage of Alzheimer's Disease.

Upcoming Events

Spring Forward

March 9 – Daylight savings time begins. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour so that you don't miss our service next Sunday.

LTC News & Notes

March 9 - Mandatory Meeting – There will be a mandatory meeting for **all** LTC participants and their parents immediately following the morning service in the fellowship hall. If you are unable to attend, please let **Denise Fultz** or **Lisa Bassford** know ****prior to**** this meeting date.

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

Mission News

Mission Trip - **Julie Blankenship** is going on a mission trip to Trinidad from March 9-18. She asks for the prayers of the congregation while she is on this trip.

Bicycles - We are looking for individuals and groups to sponsor bicycles for Indian preachers. Each preacher serves 4 or 5 congregations, and bicycle transportation is of utmost importance. \$100 buys the preacher the bicycle and the traveling costs to come by bus to pick it up in Kakinada. The India Missions Committee has set a goal of buying 40 bicycles in 2008. See the poster on the Missions bulletin board outside the auditorium.

*****In the Spotlight*****

March 13, 14, and 15 - **Nic** and **Alana Peerson** will be performing in a production of *The Miracle Worker*, presented by Calvary Bible College at Red Bridge Baptist Church. Please see the Youth Board for more details.

Read Along With Darin

We are beginning a series on the book of Ephesians in our Sunday morning sermons. Please be reading through Ephesians as we go through it together. This week, give a quick read through the entire book. It is only 6 chapters, taking about 25 minutes to read.

Birthdays: March 2 – March 9

Skylar Davenport...Today! Lauren Buys 3/3 Debby Hester 3/3

Kian Davenport 3/5 Chris Loman 3/5

Gary Bledsoe 3/6 Bruce Keeton 3/6

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members of the household of God..." (2:19).

Second, in giving them a history, Paul also gives the new converts a people. They now share in the "one new humanity in place of the two" (2:15). God is building everyone together "into a holy temple in the Lord...into a dwelling place for God" (2:21-22). What strength it is to a new convert knowing that he is part of the "one body and one Spirit...one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all" (4:4-6)!

Third, Paul gives them expectations for Christian behavior. Love should be evident in their lives, especially within the church (4:16; 5:2). That love will work its way through the other relationships of husband and wife, parent and child, master and slave (5:21-6:9). They have come into Christ, and their lives should reflect the change that has come over them: "You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self...and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness" (4:22-24).

Finally, Paul gives them a teacher. He is one of "the first to set our hope on Christ" (1:12). He received "the commission of God's grace that was given me for you" (3:2), "to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ" (3:8). He is passionate about them in his prayers (1:16), and he hurts for them when his work brings sufferings upon them (3:13; 4:1). He is one of the teaching gifts given by God to the church "for building up the body of Christ" (4:11-12). With his calling and credentials, Paul leads the Ephesians in spiritual growth: "Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord..." (4:17). Paul cares for and nourishes new believers as if they were his own children. He exemplifies what it is to watch out for one another in love, especially babes in Christ.

—Darin Kennedy

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – Beginning Today!

Auditorium – **Earl Fultz** will be teaching on the book of Daniel.

Fellowship Hall – **Russ Simmons** will be teaching the book of I Corinthians as it relates to handling problems in the local congregation.

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

March 2

Jan McCleary and Bree Johnston

March 9

Laurie Kerley and Natalie Bassford

Wednesday Night Toddler Class

March 5

Shawna Jones and Melanie Scifers