

Blue River Church of Christ

April 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 April 20, 2008

Attendance 198

Contribution \$4,610.72

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

I Thessalonians 2

This past week our family received some sad news that a good friend of ours from Houston passed away. Her name was Olga Money, and I feel compelled to tell you more about her. She is a model of faithfulness, of dedicated service, to the Lord and to His church.

One of the greatest blessings we have received was that our kids got to be in her Bible class. Olga taught 2 and 3 year olds in class, Bible Hour, and Mothers Day Out for over 50 years. Needless to say, she did it well. The kids absolutely adored her, and we parents knew that a special gift was being given to our children. In addition to over 50 years of service, I was impressed with several characteristics concerning her ministry.

1) Olga found a particular ministry that could utilize her gifts. She knew her place within the body of Christ, and she joyfully did her part. Whenever someone finds his or her calling and purpose, it is powerful to watch.

2) Olga took complete ownership of her ministry. Her classroom was set up perfectly, as she thought about every inch of space and its purpose in teaching. Olga was ready at 20

Order of Worship

Welcome

Darin Kennedy

Opening Prayer

Jerry John

#103 "He Has Made Me Glad"

#202 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore
Thee"

#959 "Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

Scripture

Colossians 2:6-15

Heath Church

#292 "All Rise"

#113 "His Grace Reaches Me"

#186 "Christ, We Do All Adore
Thee"

The Lord's Supper

The Bread

The Cup

Curtis Hoagland, Presiding

#209 "Marvelous Things"

Giving

Power Kids

Lesson

"Unbelievable Things"

Ephesians 3:14-21

Darin Kennedy

Invitation

#943 "Do You Know My Jesus?"

Shepherd's Prayer

Russ Simmons

Final Statement of Praise

Ephesians 3:20-21

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Songs led by Jim Bassford & John Jones

In Need of Prayers

Beverly Campbell and **Marge Paris** continue to experience health problems at this time.

The baby of **Andy** and **Joan Hester's** granddaughter, Rachael, was stillborn. A private funeral is planned for Tuesday.

The sister-in-law of **Bob Schmitt**, Shirley Schmitt, passed away on Thursday, April 18.

Cleaning Out the Cloak Room

*The cloak room will be cleaned out today so that the new flooring can be installed. Please check the items in this room and remove all personal belongings. Several Bibles have been collected as well as jackets, reading glasses, and other items in the **Lost and Found** basket.*

Today

Wilshire

The Wilshire worship service will be at 3 pm today.

Upcoming Events

May 8 (Thursday morning) Ladies, mark your calendar for a layettes' luncheon at 11 am. Soup and salad will be provided.

Family Day

Family Day has been rescheduled for ****Saturday, June 21****. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this day of fellowship and fun.

Little Prairie Bible Camp

Fliers are posted on the Youth Bulletin Board if you have anxious campers. The dates for the different sessions are: June 1-6 (grades 3-5), June 8-13 (grades 6-8), June 14-21 (grades 9-12), and June 23-27 (grades 5-12).

*****Office News*****

Please have all bulletin announcements for Sunday, May 4, in by this Wednesday morning, **April 30**. Thanks!

Birthdays: April 27 – May 3

Sara Reis 4/29 Denise Fultz 5/1

Kaitlin Loman 5/2

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minutes before class to receive the first child and to immediately begin teaching. Her dining room table was covered with craft supplies, and her file cabinets were full of ideas, all gathered in anticipation of the Sundays to come. She wrote notes to the kids during the week, and she had Noah's Ark parties at her house (without the intrusion of parents). Olga's resources and energy centered on her ministry.

3) Olga's ministry was inherently hidden. Few people besides parents saw her classroom. Two and three year olds will not really remember anything specific about her class. In fact, Michael just slept through one of her Noah's Ark parties. Kids cry and whine, and they are ready to move on to the next thing as soon as possible. Yet Olga saw its importance beyond the recognition that she would receive. She saw its impact on kids whether they could recognize it and appreciate it or not. All she needed for continued encouragement was when a child who had graduated from her class came by to say hello and give her hug. Those graduates could be 30 years old, but she loved to see them again.

4) Olga did a tremendous job of mentoring others. There was always a co-teacher in her class. That co-teacher would see all the inner workings of class preparation and purpose and how Olga handled the children. That co-teacher could continue the work of teaching others. Olga also mentored young parents. Every once in a while, she would allow a hint on how to raise children to lovingly slip from her mouth. It was always appreciated because we knew it came from experience and love.

What special work do you have to perform? How much are you in love with people? How much are you willing to devote to God's purpose for you? Whom will you mentor and prepare for the future?

—Darin Kennedy

Childcare Opportunity

A local single mom is in need of a babysitter/nanny for her three children ages 3, 6, and 9. Because this mother is a manager in a retail establishment the work hours will vary. To inquire more about this opportunity, call 630-518-8144 **OR** contact **Karen Scifers**.

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

April 27

Gloria Guthrie and Nick Mace

May 4

Stacey Wubbenhorst and Andie Mace

Wednesday Night Toddler Class

May 7

Melanie Scifers and Shawna Jones