

Blue River Church of Christ

May 4, 2008

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Contact Information 221 NE Woods Chapel Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64064 Ph: 816-373-7448 Email: Office@bluerivercofc.org Website: bluerivercofc.org	Times of Worship Sunday Bible Class 9 am Morning Worship 10 am Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7 pm
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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 27, 2008	
Attendance	202
Contribution	\$4,121.30

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

The quality of being perceptive is critical to the Christian life. I just finished reading an Agatha Christie mystery with the elderly Miss Marple. In the story, everyone is trying to solve the murder, and the professional detectives are following every lead. Miss Marple simply stands behind the scenes, watching and listening for every scrap of information. At the end, when everyone else is stymied, she is able to describe the entire scenario and to lay a trap for the criminals. While Miss Marple is a little too prone to gossip, she made me think about the power of perception.

Most of us are too opinionated and prideful to be very perceptive. We have an idea, and we want to see it proved rather than being open to new information. Pride can filter everything so that we see it like we want rather than how things really are. We can only see things according to a single viewpoint—ours. Pride prevents us from looking at something from another perspective. We are quick to judge. Pride causes us to find fault with others. We are busy and rushed.

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Order of Worship

Welcome Darin Kennedy
 #718 "We Shall Assemble"

Opening Prayer Jerry John
 #869 "We're Marching to Zion"
 #364 "Come Share the Lord"

The Lord's Supper
The Bread
The Cup
 Bill Brotherton, Presiding
 #335 "In Memory of the Savior's Love"

Giving #121 "Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"

Scripture Deuteronomy 6:1-9
 Doug Davenport
 #71 "As the Deer"
 #711 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
 #448 "The Greatest Commands"

Power Kids Lesson "One"
 Ephesians 4:1-6
 Darin Kennedy

Invitation #705 "A Common Love"
 #704 "Bind Us Together"

Shepherd's Prayer Jan Sullivan

Final Statement of Praise Psalm 50:1-2

Songs led by Ron McCleary

In Need of Prayers

Marge Paris, the mother of **Jan McCleary**, passed away. The visitation and funeral were at the BRCC building on Tuesday night.

Betty Trotter is in Research Hospital undergoing tests. **Jim Trotter** is still recovering from shoulder surgery.

Upcoming Events

Layettes Luncheon

May 8 (Thursday morning) Ladies, mark your calendar for a layettes' luncheon at 11 am. Soup and salad will be provided. If you plan to attend, please sign your name on the sheet posted on the Ladies Bulletin Board. Donations needed by **May 8** are onesies, blankets, and/or cash.

Graduation Ceremony

May 16 (Friday night) **Nick Mace** wants to invite the BRCC family to his high school graduation ceremony at 7 pm at the Lee Summit Community Church. An invitation is posted in the hallway.

Graduation Celebration

May 17 (Saturday evening) The **Churches** want to invite the BRCC family to an OPEN HOUSE celebrating **Evan's** high school graduation at 5 pm. If you are able to attend, please *RSVP* to the **Churches** by *Wednesday, May 14*.

Elder/Deacon Reaffirmation

May 18 (Sunday morning) Following the morning service, the congregation will meet to consider reaffirmation for the following leaders: **Earl Fultz** and **Russ Simmons** as elders; **David Foster**, **Jim Green**, **John Jones** and **Mike Peerson** as deacons; and **Darin Kennedy** as Minister.

Farewell Party

May 25 (Sunday afternoon) While we don't like for people to move away, sometimes we have to say good-bye. Please mark your calendars for a *Farewell* party for the **Mace** family following the morning service.

Birthdays: May 4 – May 10

Conner Snowden 5/7 Shawna Jones 5/8
Luke Brizendine 5/9 Andie Mace 5/9
Austin Hoagland 5/10

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Pride in our own schedules and business keeps us from stopping and noticing the little things. Perception is first of all a stance of humility, taking in all the information before reacting or judging conclusions. How quick are you in drawing conclusions and making judgments? Can you see the real needs of people?

To perceive others with the attitude of care and interest produces the appropriate action and words. Not everyone is able to smile. Not everyone likes a big hug. Many do not know what they want. Many do not recognize what they need. Some wrestle with the past. Others worry over the future. No two people are alike.

I am amazed at how perceptive Jesus was. I know He had the all-knowing-God thing going for Him, but it was more than His power and ability and divinity. Jesus was genuinely concerned about the world and people around Him, so concerned that He could see their hearts. Even though crowds surrounded Him, Jesus felt the power go out from Him to heal the woman with a bleeding problem. Jesus could notice Zaccaeus in the tree. Jesus saw a lame man and gave him exactly what he needed—the forgiveness of sins. Jesus knew the hearts of the Jewish leaders who argued with Him and eventually plotted to kill Him. Jesus had an amazing perception of people, their actions and their motivations and their needs, because He loved them.

Each person is a deep mystery. Are you perceptive enough to look beyond the superficial, beyond dress and facial expressions and simple conversations, to see the value and needs of a real, emotional, social, and diverse human being?

—Darin Kennedy

Little Prairie Bible Camp

June 1-6: Grades 3-5 June 8-13: Grades 6-8 June 14-21: Grades 9-12

Nursery Attendants

If you would like to add your name to the nursery attendant volunteer list, please contact **Anne Johnston**.

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

May 4 Stacey Wubbenhorst and Andie Mace
May 11 Jana Schmitt and Carrie Brotherton

Wednesday Night Toddler Class

May 7 Melanie Scifers and Shawna Jones