

Blue River Church of Christ

May 11, 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 May 4, 2008

Attendance 194

Contribution \$4,867.48

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

No Service

As many of you know, about a month ago, Andy and Joan Hester had a great-granddaughter that was stillborn. Her name was Gracie, and Andrea (Andy and Joan's daughter and Gracie's grandmother) wrote these words on April 22 about the little one:

"The apostle Paul spoke about grace often. In 1 Corinthians 15:10, Paul said, 'But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me did not prove vain...' Grace is God's presence in our lives empowering us to be who He created us to be and to do what He has called us to do.

"Thank you for sending us this message through little Gracie Anne. And I give thanks for the hope that our Father will make all things work together for good to those who love him and are called according to his purpose. I have hope that we will be better people because of Gracie's life. And while Gracie did not get to be all that she was made to be in this life, I have the hope that she will continue to become all God intended her to become. And for now, she has

Order of Worship

Welcome

Gary Bledsoe

Opening Prayer

John Wubbenhorst

#89 "Be Exalted, O God"

#239 "In Moments Like These"

#869 "We're Marching to Zion"

Scripture

Proverbs 31:10-31

Dallas Herrmann

#288 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

"Peace Be Still"

"Beautiful Lamb"

The Lord's Supper

The Bread

The Cup

Bill Brotherton, Presiding

#23 "Our God, He Is Alive"

Giving

Power Kids

Lesson

"The Mother That God Chose"

Jan Sullivan

Invitation

#948 "I Am Resolved"

Shepherd's Prayer

Russ Simmons

#412 Jesus, Hold My Hand"

Songs led by Jim Bassford & Gary Bledsoe

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In Need of Prayers

Betty Trotter is at home recovering after receiving a stint at Research Hospital.

Gary Bledsoe's mother, Wanda Bledsoe, is home from the hospital and continues to be treated for a liver infection.

Please remember the **Loman's** young friend in New Mexico, Corrie, who is battling cancer. She is responding well to treatment at this time.

Baptism

We are *thrilled* to announce that **Gigi Garcia** was baptized Sunday, May 4. Her address is 3804 NE Carriage St, Lee's Summit, MO, 64064. Her phone number is 816-373-1956. Please remember **Gigi** in your prayers.

Congratulations!!!

Jim and Karen Green are the proud new grandparents of a grandson, *Makeean Phillip Flasshoen*, who was born Monday, May 5, and weighed 7 lbs. and 6 oz.

Graduation Announcement

We want to congratulate **Patrick Bledsoe** who received a *Doctor of Pharmacy* degree at the end of the spring semester from UMKC. The graduation announcement is posted in the hallway.

Upcoming Events

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/Minister 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. See Lisa if you need an absentee ballot. These ballots must be returned ****prior to**** the May 18th meeting.

Farewell Party

May 25 (Sunday afternoon) Please mark your calendars for a *Farewell* party for the **Mace** family following the morning service.

Birthdays: May 11 – May 17

**Roger Wealand 5/13 Ashley Christensen 5/14 Pam Davenport
5/15 Curtis Hoagland 5/15 Karen Loman 5/15
Christy Jones 5/17**

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made a deep impact on us in a very good way. Because Gracie's tissues were so fragile and swollen, the nurse was not able to make the little clay molds of Gracie's hands and feet. But it didn't matter to me. I have the impression of her feet deeply set in my heart. And her little footprints have walked all over me, and I have changed forever! It is good. Jesus said, 'Let the little ones come to me.' So Gracie leapt into Jesus' arms. And He blessed her saying, 'The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"

I deeply appreciate Andrea's expression of faith, and I also appreciate a grandmother's expression of love. On a Mothers Day like today, I am thankful for the incredible value placed on us by our mothers and grandmothers. They see us like no one else sees us. They enjoy us. They stick up for us. We children are a blessing to them. Sometimes we may consider a mother's estimation of our high value as suspicious: "You're just saying that because you're my mom." Perhaps, it is all right to say, "Thanks for believing in me, Mom. You were right about me." And we hold our heads a bit higher because Mom is proud.

Mothers see the value that God has always placed on us. Made in His image, we are special to Him simply because we are human beings. We are His most special creation. In fact, the whole creation is centered on us. Our weaknesses, even our sins, do not change God's opinion of us. God may have to discipline us, but our value to Him is unchanged. Indeed, God has been very gracious to us, giving us life and purpose and value and strength and love.

—Darin Kennedy

Little Prairie Bible Camp

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

Thanks!!!

We received a thank-you letter from Lee Cole, Director of the Singing Youth of Denver, expressing his gratitude for BRCC hosting the concert on April 11. He said "*I vividly remember the words of one of our teens who upon entering your building exclaimed, 'They are feeding us real food!'*" Please see the thank you letter posted on the Thank-you Board.

We want to thank **John Owen for all his hard work in finishing the floors!**

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

May 11 Jana Schmitt and Carrie Brotherton
May 18 Carolyn Endicott and Ashley Christensen

Wednesday Night Toddler Class

May 14 Ashley Christensen and Liz Church