

Blue River Church of Christ

September 28, 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 September 21, 2008	
Attendance	183
Contribution	\$5,317.17

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 Temptations of Jesus: Overcoming Temptation

The introduction of Jeremiah tells the reader the outcome of his prophecy: "...until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month" (1:3). If prophecy is meant to change the course of events, then Jeremiah's mission failed. Nobody repented, and the people went into exile. Jeremiah knew nobody would listen, but he went anyway. Because of the inevitability of failure, we readers can make some interesting discoveries.

First, the reader can see God. When one would expect God to close Himself off from disobedient people, we watch Him reveal His hurt and love: "And I thought you would call me, My Father, and would not turn from following me. Instead, as a faithless wife leaves her husband, so you have been faithless to me, O house of Israel, says the Lord" (3:19-20). The words of a father losing his children, or a husband losing his wife, allow us to see how great God's disappointment can be. I know of no greater remedy for sin than to see how much it hurts God. That God would enter into a prophetic mission of failure shows the risk He is willing to take on behalf of His people: "Return, O faithless children, I will heal your faithlessness" (3:22).

Second, we can see the very heart

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Order of Worship

	#47 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
<i>Welcome</i>	Darin Kennedy
<i>Prayer</i>	Bill Brotherton
	#31 "Be Still and Know"
	#2 "We Praise Thee, O God"
	#337 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"
<i>The Lord's Supper</i>	Mike Peerson, Presiding
<i>The Bread</i>	
<i>The Cup</i>	#234 "Worthy Is the Lamb"
<i>Giving</i>	#613 "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"
	#15 "Step by Step"
	#121 "Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing"
<i>Scripture</i>	Psalm 96
	John Wubbenhorst
	#8 "Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing"
	#540 "O For a Faith That Will Not Shrink"
<i>Power Kids Lesson</i>	"High Places" Jeremiah 3 Darin Kennedy
<i>Invitation</i>	#790 "Lord, Take Control"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Jan Sullivan
<i>Final Command</i>	Exodus 20:2-3

Songs lead by Ron McCleary

In Need of Prayers

There are several who need our prayers at this time: **Gigi Garcia**, who has moved to Florida; **Mike Waldron's** dad, Fred Waldron, who has been diagnosed with melanoma; **Jim Bassford's** cousin and wife, Matthew and Lauren Bassford, who unexpectedly lost their first baby; **Doris Buys'** great-grandson, Elijah, who was born very premature; **Jim** and **Karen Green's** nephew, Nathan Green, who is being treated for late stage cancer; and, the hurricane victims who are trying to get their lives back in order.

Today's Events

Pizza/Skating Party

Don't forget! The pizza and skating party will be at Landmark Skate from 12 – 2 pm. A donation of \$5 per person is requested to help defray the cost for the rink and pizza. Parents are responsible for transporting their children to the rink.

Wilshire Worship Service

The Wilshire worship service will be at 3 pm. Please come and worship with those who are unable to get out and attend a worship service.

Upcoming Events

Teen Youth Events

Weekly Study

September 29 (Monday night) The weekly teen Bible study and devotional will be from 7 – 10 pm at the **Church's** house.

Youth Retreat

October 10-11 (Friday and Saturday) The cost for the retreat will be \$20 per person and teens may invite their friends. ****Please RSVP to John Wubbenhorst TODAY.**** Retreaters will leave at 5:30 pm on Friday and return Saturday at 5:30 pm. The cost for the retreat is \$20 per person. Several forms will need to be signed and returned by the Friday of the retreat.

****Attention Parents** It's LTC time again!**

October 5 (Sunday morning) There will be a short meeting in the fellowship hall following the morning service to discuss the 2008/2009 Leadership Training for Christ. If your child is 3rd grade or above, we hope to see you there!

Birthdays: Sept. 28 – Oct. 4

Earline Cook 9/28

Donna Kerns 9/30

Sharon Self 10/1

Harold Sterne 10/1

Nova Cottrall 10/2 Christine Keeton 10/2 Melanie Scifers 10/3

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of the man Jeremiah. He was a man doomed to be ignored and persecuted: "They will fight against you" (1:19). Jeremiah, even with the assurance of God's protection, still complained against God's choosing him to deliver an unpopular message: "But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter" (11:19). Jeremiah even blamed God for his troubles: "Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail" (15:18). Why couldn't he quit? He continued because the calling of the Lord drove him on to accomplish his mission: "I am full of the wrath of the Lord; I am weary of holding it in" (6:11); "Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts" (15:16). Why does God set up His servants to fail? Amazingly, human failure has always been the clearest indicator of God's mercy, demonstrating the love that is willing to suffer shame for His people.

Finally, failure of outward change opens the way to real change of the heart. Jeremiah preaches about heart-change: "Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, removing the foreskin of your hearts" (4:4). Jeremiah again points to the renewal of the heart: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts" (31:33); "I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me for all time" (32:39).

Earthly failure is but a doorway towards discovering the heart of God, the heart of the messenger, and the need for change in the hearts of the people.

—Darin Kennedy

Heartland

October 5 (Sunday night) The Heartland service will be at 5:30 pm at the Overland Park church building. It will be hosted by the East Indep. church and Billy Wilson will be the speaker. The teen devotion/fellowship will begin about 7 pm, after the main service is concluded. Food will be provided.

Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you for the shoes and clothing for my children. Also, I appreciate the money. I used it to buy hard-soled shoes and boots for them. They had no hard-soled shoes and they really needed the winter clothes.*

***family known by Liz Church**

Belinda Brown

Kidsitting for FPU

We need kidsitting volunteers for October and November. The sign-up sheet is posted on the office window. Questions? Talk to **Gary Bledsoe**.

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

September 28

Carolyn Endicott and Leah Owen

October 5

Vickie Sullivan and Renee Wubbenhorst

Wednesday Night Toddler Class

October 1

Denise Fultz and Brenda Herrmann