

Blue River Church of Christ

October 5, 2008

BLUE RIVER

Church of Christ

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 28, 2008	
Attendance	194
Contribution	\$3,277.88

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

Heartland Worship Service

Blue River is growing. You have probably noticed like I have that at the back of the auditorium people are squeezing in like...well, I wouldn't call anyone a smelly fish...let's just say that it's packed. Even over the summer, where we normally drop off because of vacations, we have consistently had close to 200. It is exciting, while at the same time, it does pose new challenges. Two of those challenges I would like to address—

1) While 200 is exciting, we must also value every individual. Jesus was surrounded by crowds, but He incredibly saw the trees in spite of the forest. Those who needed healing and forgiveness were brought close to Him. The forgotten ones, like the children, were warmly accepted by Jesus. His disciples were given special, private occasions for mentoring. To be Jesus' disciples is to be in love with individuals, each one precious to God with his/her own particular needs and gifts.

One of the ways the Elders want to value the individual is to set a goal for their visiting with every individual family in the Blue River

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Order of Worship

<i>Welcome</i>	Darin Kennedy
<i>Prayer</i>	Buddy Self
	#869 "We're Marching to Zion" #20 "We Worship and Adore You"
<i>Scripture</i>	Hebrews 10:19-25 Dallas Herrmann
	#652 "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound" #626 "Christ for the World We Sing" #768 "Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You" #364 "Come, Share the Lord"
<i>The Lord's Supper</i>	Jim Bassford, Presiding
<i>The Bread</i>	
<i>The Cup</i>	#186 "Christ, We Do All Adore Thee"
<i>Giving</i>	#467 "We Have An Anchor" #704 "Bind Us Together" #705 "A Common Love"
<i>Power Kids Lesson</i>	"Never Alone" Jeremiah 45 Darin Kennedy
<i>Invitation</i>	#578 "We Will Glorify"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Russ Simmons
<i>Final Prayer</i>	Philippians 1:4-6
Songs lead by Ron McCleary	

In Need of Prayers

There are several who need our prayers at this time: **Andy Hester** and **Fleta Duncan** whose sister, Betty Modica, passed away in Beaumont, TX; and Jim Ballew, a friend of the **Brizendines**, who is struggling with heart problems and will be having a heart procedure next month.

~New Members~

Please welcome the **Barr** Family!

Bob, Cindy, Bob, and Spenser Barr
2711 NW Cedar Brook
Lee's Summit, MO 64081
(816) 347-1755

Today's Event

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

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!

Youth Retreat Paperwork

John Wubbenhorst will be in the **fellowship hall** immediately following today's service to hand out necessary forms. These forms **must** be completed and returned before leaving on Friday.

Heartland – Tonight!!!*

The Heartland service will be at 5:30 pm at the Overland Park church building. Billy Wilson will be the speaker. The teen devotion/fellowship will begin at approximately 7 pm, after the main service is concluded. Food will be provided.

*There will be no service in the fellowship hall this evening.

Upcoming Events

Weekly Study

October 6 (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. Retreaters will leave at 5:30 pm on Friday and return Saturday at 5:30 pm.

Birthdays: Oct. 5 – Oct. 11

Bob Barr 10/7 Bruce Sewell 10/9
Beverly Campbell 10/10 Michael Kennedy 10/11

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congregation over the next six months or so. They want to talk with each family about their particular needs and about the opportunities for that family's service to the Lord. They are not going in any order, like alphabetical order, so do not feel left out if it takes some months to get to you. Matter of fact, you can take the initiative by inviting them over. You don't even have to feed them. We just want to make sure that no one gets forgotten and that the Blue River congregation enjoys the blessings each member has to offer.

2) We need to make room for more people. I am talking some about auditorium space, but "making room" involves much more than a seat. We need to make room in our relationships for more and more people to come in. You may have bemoaned the fact that you do not know everyone at church like you used to. Let me just say, don't worry about it. It is not your business to know all 200 people in the room at one time. With that many people, you could know all their names and still not personally know anyone at all. A better expectation is to get to know 5 or 6 people in an intimate, personal way. These personal relationships would include meeting one another's needs, comforting one another in time of loss, encouraging one another to do good works, correcting one another in the ways of righteousness, and celebrating one another's spiritual victories. When we shrink down our numbers of expected relationships, we make room for many more people. It is easier to include one more into a group of 5 than one more into a pack of 200. While we talk about growth, we cannot do it without the more important language of friendship.

—Darin Kennedy

Lee's Summit Service Opportunity

The Lee's Summit Social Service organization is in need for several volunteers for their clothing thrift store and bread store. Volunteers are needed to sort incoming merchandise, work in the bread store, and conduct bakery pick-ups. The times for these activities vary. If you are interested in volunteering, please call (816) 525-8240.

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

October 5 Vickie Sullivan and Renee Wubbenhorst
October 12 Susan Foster and James Bledsoe

Wednesday Night Toddler Class

October 8 Linda Brizendine and Rebecca Waldron