

Blue River Church of Christ

January 24, 2010

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Contact Information 221 NE Woods Chapel Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64064 816-373-7448 office@bluerivercofc.org www.bluerivercofc.org	Worship Times Sunday Bible Study 9 am Morning Worship 10 am Evening Worship 5 pm Wednesday 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
 Darren Herrmann, Stewardship
 Mike Peerson, Evangelism

Pulpit Minister Darin Kennedy

Statistics for January 17, 2010:	Attendance	207
	Contribution	\$3,226.98

Downtown Church of Christ Pantry
 Bar soap, deodorant, lotion, baby wipes, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, toilet paper, applesauce, jello, canned milk, popcorn, toothpaste, peanut butter, jelly, rice, ramen noodles, coats, hats, gloves, & scarves for women, men & children.
 (Please leave all donations in the office.)

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

Zechariah 7

As you heard last week, and will continue to hear over the next few weeks, we are initiating a new season of small groups, beginning later in the month of February. Sign-ups will begin next week. I am very excited about the growth of these groups, the blessings that our membership will enjoy, and the opportunities for sharing with non-members. What are the blessings we can experience?

1) We can teach one another. The material used each week will be based on the morning sermon, discussing how we apply the message to our lives. However, the material will only be a framework; the substance will come from you. Discussion questions will allow each participant to add to the spiritual discussion and to offer insights based on individual study and experience. As a preacher, I am absolutely thrilled that my sermon will be talked about, and I am also excited that you will be "finishing" the sermon in such a way that you will make it completely personal to you.

2) We can encourage one another. Small groups allow for more face-to-face interaction.

Order of Worship

Welcome Darin Kennedy

Prayer Curtis Hoagland

#218 "Blessed Jesus"
#484 "You Are My All in All"

Scripture James Jones
1 Timothy 1:12-17

#276 "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"
#221 "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Lord's Supper John Jones, Presiding

The Bread
#273 "More Precious than Silver"

The Cup
#275 "O Lord, You're Beautiful"

Giving **#448 "The Greatest Commands"**

Power Kids

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"The Case for Christ: Honesty"

Invitation **#406 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"**

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Reading Philippians 4:13

Songs led by: Gary Bledsoe/Jordan Sikes

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In Need of Prayers

Please pray for the following: **Louise Pulliam** and **Doris Bouldin** are both currently recovering at the Villages at Jackson Creek, 3980 Jackson Drive, Independence, MO 64057; **Kimberly Kennedy** has been experiencing breathing difficulties – please pray for healing.

New Members

– Please welcome Rich and RaSoyna Pearce and their children, Remmington, Ryker, Reinna, and Roman. Contact information is: 616 Roanke Dr, Raymore, MO 64083, home phone 816.318.3997

Please Note

Going forward, Sunday evening services at the building will begin at **5:00** p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m.

Please see Liz Church if you have or know of someone willing to donate or loan a crib and mattress.

Upcoming Events

Wilshire Worship Service

January 24 (Sunday afternoon) Our 4th Sunday service at Wilshire at Lakewood Nursing Home is today at 3:00.

Teen Bible Study

January 25 (Monday) The Bible study/devo will be held at the building for the month of January from 7 to 9:00 PM. Come and invite your friends! The Waldron's will host the **February** Teen Bible Study.

Small Groups

Sign-ups for the groups will begin next week, January 31.

Contributions to Haiti

If you would like to contribute to the relief effort through the churches of Christ in Haiti, you can give your money to Howard, Darren, Darin, or one of the elders.

Secret Sisters

Anyone who would like to be a part of Secret Sisters, please meet at the front **TODAY** after service to draw names.

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We learn more about the challenges in each other's life, and we know better what to say or how to pray or how to help in order that our brother or sister spiritually succeeds. When facing challenges against sickness, disease, temptation, and despair, we have people who know us, support us, and help to carry our burdens. What a blessing when we follow God's design for the church!

3) We can work together. In order for a group to be successful, everyone in the group needs to participate. Whether hosting, making a snack, emailing reminders, watching the children, leading the discussion, etc., the group will function best when everyone has a job. The work is external as well. Groups can work together on service projects, helping a group member in need, and reaching out to the community. Everyone has a place in a small group.

4) We return to the larger assembly with a renewed spirit. The congregation of Blue River is immensely blessed when two people increase their friendship. The entire congregation is blessed when a group of 12 gather around a biblical text to discuss it and apply it to their personal lives. Blue River is stronger when a few use the gifts and talents God has given in order to serve other people. It is a strange math, but the congregation utilizes the strengths of individuals and smaller groups in this way— $1+1=3$; $2+2+3=10$; $8+12+10=\text{around } 134$ (I'll have to check that again on my spiritual calculator, but I know it's close).

Our leaders have spent several weeks training. They are ready to include each and every member in a close, personal group, so I encourage you to sign-up next week.

—*Darin Kennedy*

Birthdays: Jan. 24 - 30

Rebecca Waldron 1/26

Julia House 1/27

*Glen Cottrall 2/29**

5th Sunday Unity Service

January 31 (Sunday evening) We will worship with area congregations at the Downtown Church of Christ at 6:00 PM.

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

Jan. 24	Brenda Petersen, Denise & Shannon Fultz
Jan. 31	Kimberly Sterne and Jacqueline Sikes