

Blue River Church of Christ

February 7, 2010

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Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Study 9 am

Morning Worship 10 am

Evening Worship 5 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7 pm

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 Jan. 31, 2010:	Attendance	207
	Contribution	\$3,028.52

Downtown Church of Christ Pantry

Bar soap, deodorant, lotion, baby wipes, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, toilet paper, applesauce, jello, canned milk, popcorn, 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 services"

Zechariah 9

We are wrapping up our "Case for Christ" sermon series next week, and I hope you have been impressed by the large amount of evidence in favor of the truthfulness of the gospel accounts concerning the claims, life, teaching, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. I hope also that you have been encouraged to be a better student in these matters. The defense of the gospel covers a wide range of disciplines, including history, philosophy, literature, archaeology, and biblical study. In addition, the demonstration of the truthfulness to others in the 21st century concerns the disciplines of cultural studies, rhetoric, and ethics. These are deep, intricate subjects, to which most people might say, "It's all Greek to me. Go ask the preacher," or respond to people's questions, "The Bible says it, and that's good enough for me." But I would suggest that we learn to respond as substantively and confidently as we can, in a manner worthy of the importance of the truth-claim we are making. I hope you are inspired to continue your education. I have found all my

Order of Worship

Welcome Darin Kennedy

Prayer Andy Hester

#470 "Victory in Jesus"
"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"
"Shout to the Lord"

Scripture Dan Stutts
Mark 16:1-8

"What the Lord Has Done In Me"
"In Christ Alone"

Lord's Supper Wade Kerley, Presiding

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#604 "I Want To Be Ready to Meet Him"
#889 "I Am Bound for the Promised Land"

Power Kids

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"The Case for Christ: The Resurrection"

Invitation

#344 "Low in the Grave He Lay"

Shepherd's Prayer Jan Sullivan

Final Reading Revelation 1:5

Songs led by:
Bob Scifers/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. **Christine Keeton** is recovering at Carmel Hills Nursing Home, 810 E. Walnut, Independence, MO 64050. **Stephen Godfrey** is recovering at home after a recent hospitalization, 1704 NW O'Brien Rd #190, Lee's Summit, MO 64081.

Upcoming Events

Teen Bible Study

February 8 (Monday) The Bible study/devo will be held at the building from 7 to 9:00 PM. Come and invite your friends!

LTC

February 7 The LTC Video Bible Drama team for 3rd-12th grades will meet after morning service today. Bring a sack lunch.

Notes

So far the total given to Haiti relief is \$1,290.

Small Group Signup

You are all encouraged to participate in our new Small Group initiative. Today you will have an opportunity to signup for one of these groups. The individuals that have trained for leadership are: David and Peggy Blankenship, Jason and Jessica Herrington, John and Sherry Owen, Phil and Sue Roberts, and Paul and Tammy Walker.

Birthdays: Feb. 7-13

David Blankenship 2/7

Evelyn Campbell 2/8

Krislyn Roberts 2/9

Jane Weatherbee 2/11

Doug Davenport 2/12

Doris Buys and Phil Roberts 2/13

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studies to be extremely helpful both to my personal faith and to my ability to communicate, and I keep studying so that I might be a better believer and communicator. I'll admit that many of these works are scholarly, with minute details, and they take much time to read, sometimes over and over to understand. But the subject is worth the work.

Where can your education begin? First, I would encourage you to read a great summary book on these matters, like *A Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel. It is not the authority on the subject of the accuracy of the gospels, but it is a good beginning to the study. Lee Strobel does a good job of listing the works of each scholar he interviews, so he provides plenty of suggestions for further reading. Then each of those books will lead to others. Most of these books can be ordered for free at your local library (and I guarantee they are not in high demand).

Second, I would encourage you to study the works of unbelievers. What are their objections to the story of Jesus? Do they object to the gospels? Do they object to how people have taught about Jesus? Is their real objection toward the church rather than Jesus? I have seen too many Christians write off the challenges of unbelievers because they were ill-equipped to give an answer. We should not appear either lazy or uninterested, but we should be ready to meet every opportunity.

Third, I would encourage you to read the gospels again. As a Christian, you should be challenged by the story of Jesus. You should ask the tough questions and continue to wrestle with this surprising Savior.

—*Darin Kennedy*

Please Note

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

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

Feb. 7 Kelly Sullivan & Carolyn Endicott

Feb. 14 Sherry Owen, Anne & Aubrey Johnston