

Blue River Church of Christ

February 21, 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 Feb. 14, 2010:	Attendance	194
	Contribution	\$3,409.83

Downtown Church of Christ Pantry

Cornbread mix, baby wipes, bar soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, dry seasonings such as garlic powder, onion flakes, and any other spices, liquid washing detergent (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 10

I am not a financial person in any sense, but I try to keep learning how the world works. I am interested in the stories now that speak of the debt of nations. Greece is in the biggest trouble because of an escalating debt, but others in Europe are right behind them with few specific ideas on how to "bail out" nations. Of course, the US debt is far beyond anything I can imagine. My heart beats faster looking at Benjamin Franklin on a century bill, and I won't shy away from Andrew Jackson either. Come to think of it, I'll still bend over for a silvery George Washington on the ground. So \$12 trillion of debt, with the certainty of more, is absolutely incomprehensible to me.

While I am no good with numbers, the news reminds me of the debt of our nation, not of the US, but of the priestly nation of which we are a part. We are forever in God's debt. He has paid with the life of His dear son a debt that was insurmountable from our position. We could not earn enough to even come close to pay for our sin, so God decided for "bail out."

Now, God does not use our debt to Him against us. You know that

Order of Worship

<i>Welcome</i>	Darin Kennedy
<i>Prayer</i>	John Wubbenhorst
	"We Will Glorify" "Shout to the North" "Be Thou My Vision"
<i>Scripture</i>	Dallas Herrmann Exodus 20:1-17
	"We Exalt Thee" #77 "Glorify Thy Name" #779 "I Love You, Lord"
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Gene Clark, Presiding
	<i>The Bread The Cup</i>
<i>Giving</i>	"Worthy is The Lamb"
<i>Power Kids</i>	
<i>Lesson</i>	Darin Kennedy "Love One Another: God First"
<i>Invitation</i>	#524 "The Greatest Commands"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Russ Simmons
<i>Final Reading</i>	John 13:34-35
<i>Songs led by:</i>	Jordan Sikes/Bob Scifers

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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; **Christine Keeton** is back at Carmel Hills Nursing Center, 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. **Paul Biven** recently left for training camp with the Marines.

Upcoming Events

Teen Bible Study

February 22 (Monday) The Bible study/devo will be held at the **Waldron's** home from 7 to 9:00 PM. Come and invite your friends! During the month of March, the devos will be held at the building.

Notes

So far the total given to Haiti relief is almost \$1,400.

Attention Ladies

We have once again been invited to the Women Walking With God Conference. It will be Fri. April 23rd & Sat. April 24th at the Northside Church of Christ in Wichita, Kansas. A group of us from Blue River went last year and had a wonderful time. The speaker, singing, prayers and fellowship were so uplifting we felt truly blessed to have been a part of it. The 2009 conference was a sold out crowd with over 800 women so if you are interested don't put it off, we only have till Feb. 28th to get the early bird special. There is more information and a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have other questions, see Shirley Simmons

Birthdays: Feb. 21-27

Dave Nash and Kelly Sullivan – 2/22

Laura Blankenship and Shirley Petersen – 2/23

Betsy Bledsoe and Ron McCleary – 2/26

Don Lang and Dwight Kerns – 2/27

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feeling you have when you owe somebody money. It messes up the relationship. It is a big elephant standing in the middle of the room. You don't have the money on you; he doesn't want to ask for it. God works in a completely different way. God actually uses our debt to endear us to Him, to make us closer, so that we speak more openly and joyfully and thankfully to Him.

While we don't have to keep checking our balances with God, it is good to reflect on how much we owe. To recognize our debt that can never be paid is helpful in several ways.

First, recognizing our debt keeps us in a servant attitude toward God. We don't like to be subservient to anyone, but it is a blessed life with our generous Master. His commands are good for us. His burden is light. To remain humble is to keep the relationship healthy.

Second, realizing our own forgiven debt helps us to forgive those who owe us. Jesus told the parable of the man who was forgiven much and in turn failed to forgive someone who owed him little. The parable says in a ludicrous way how completely arrogant and hard-hearted it is to take forgiveness for granted. When we ask how we can repay our debt, God's response seems to be, "Just pay it forward."

Finally, thankfulness for forgiveness overflows into evangelism. Peter describes our nation's work, "that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9). God has more than enough to bail-out the whole world. He just needs a good commercial to tell people where to get help.

—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. 21

Dawn Cook and Leah Owen

Feb. 28

Vickie Sullivan and Sharon Snowden