

Blue River Church of Christ

January 25, 2015

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Order of Worship

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 9:45 am Morning Worship 8:30, 10:45 am Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm
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Elders	Earl Fultz Russ Simmons Jan Sullivan
Deacons	Jim Bassford David Blankenship David Foster Darren Herrmann Jack Hudkins John Owen Mike Peerson
Pulpit Minister	Darin Kennedy

Statistics for January 18, 2015 Attendance	92 + 138 = 230
Contribution	\$4,990.60
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,394
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,241

Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life

They have need for: Ramen noodles, peanut butter, jelly, kool-aid, canned or packaged tuna, canned chicken, jello, cornbread mix, instant oatmeal, snack bars, fruit cups, green beans, mixed vegetables, muffin mix, cookie mix, children's juice boxes or containers. 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.

8:30

Private Reading Mark 2:1-17
#783 "Tarry With Me"
Scripture Michael May
 Psalm 139:7-18
#778 "Be With Me, Lord"
Prayer Joe Harber
#508 "A Wonderful Savior"
#315 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Lord's Supper
 Jeff Petersen, presiding
The Bread
The Cup
Giving
#276 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
Power Kids Jesus – Grateful
Lesson Darin Kennedy
 "In Your Eyes"
#934 "Softly and Tenderly"
Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons
Final Promise Psalm 69:32
Songs led by Tony Pollard

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In Need of Prayers

Larry Sullivan is recovering from a heart procedure. **Vickie Sullivan's** mother, **Mattie Weiss**, is recovering from a heart attack. **Gary Campbell** and **Caleb Walker** continue their recovery from earlier surgeries. **Robert Hicks** needs prayers for multiple health issues that he's currently dealing with. Continue to pray for **Donna Kerns, Betty Williams, Michael May, and Grover Renick.**

Quarterly Fellowship Brunch

January 25 – TODAY Our first quarter fellowship brunch will be held between 1st and 2nd services. Downstairs classes will be held as usual.

Wilshire Service

January 25 – TODAY at 3:00 is our 4th Sunday Worship Service at Wilshire Nursing Home.

Parents Night Out

January 30 (Friday, 6:00-9:00) – Kids 6th grade and below will be watched at the church building while parents fellowship together. RSVP to **Jessica Herrington** (816-589-9793).

Educational Workshop

January 31 (Saturday 9 a.m.-12 p.m.) – We will be having an Educational Workshop for all current teachers and anyone interested in becoming a part of the Education Ministry.

2015 Secret Sisters

Secret Sisters assignments are ready! See **Dawn Cook** for yours! It's not too late if you want to sign up – see Dawn!

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

January 25	1 st Service	Angelia & Aubrey Hudkins
	2 nd Service	Brenda Herrmann & Lexi House
February 1	1 st Service	Dawn Cook & Kimberly Sterne
	2 nd Service	Kimberly Kennedy & Alana Peerson

Birthdays – January 25-31

Sherril Sego & Rebecca Waldron – January 26

Julia House & Lee Smith – January 27

Glen Cottrall – January 29

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

“Go, eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a joyful heart, for God has already approved what you do. Always be clothed in white, and always anoint your head with oil. Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun—all your meaningless days.”

—Ecclesiastes 9:7-9

Solomon's advice to “eat, drink, and be merry” may seem out of place to our Christian mindset. Often, these hedonistic ideas are associated with a lack of faith in eternity: If there is nothing beyond this life, then why not do everything you want before you die? However, the Teacher of Ecclesiastes comes at it from a different perspective. He has been interested in doing great and monumental things that one can build or write or learn that will affect human history. In the end, he realizes that buildings and nations will fall, riches will fade, knowledge will be surpassed, and all people, including kings, will die. There will be “nothing new under the sun.” If human attempts at immortality fail, then perhaps one should stop being distracted by the future and focus on TODAY. Today, we have plenty to eat and drink, clothes to wear, and a spouse to love. What more could you want? If one cannot appreciate the blessings of God found under one's nose, then how can one expect to find joy in the more ethereal or more eternal of God's blessings? How can you better enjoy today?

1) Simplify. You have so much invested in things and activities that you have to work hard just to hold everything together or to pay for it all. Everything becomes a burden, even the things you enjoy, because you know how hard it was to make them happen. Be content with food on the table, a quiet moment with your spouse, and a good day's work.

2) Speak words of thanksgiving and appreciation. Words have a powerful effect on the heart, so speak joyfully to God about what He has provided and to others about how much they mean to you.

3) Shape up, and clean up. You should maintain your health through eating right and exercise so that you feel good during joyful moments. In addition, look the part of someone who enjoys the moment and people. Growing up, I asked a good friend about her putting on her make-up in the afternoon, and she said, “I don't get to spend much time with Don (her husband), and I want to look right for him when we are together after he gets home from work.” That little “anointing with oil” made time feel more precious.

4) Plan joy. We expect joy to come naturally and are then upset when we never have any. Joy must be chosen, so choose the next evening meal to love what you eat, plan your next walk for a beautiful place at a beautiful time of day, and schedule your next daily moment with your spouse where nothing else matters.