

# Blue River Church of Christ

February 1, 2015

# BLUE RIVER

## Church of Christ

### Order of Worship

<b>Contact Information</b> 221 NE Woods Chapel Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64064 816-373-7448 office@bluerivercofc.org www.bluerivercofc.org	<b>Worship Times</b> <b>Sunday</b> Bible Study 9:45 am Morning Worship 8:30, 10:45 am  <b>Wednesday</b> Bible Study 7 pm
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#### 8:30

#### 10:45

#### Elders

Earl Fultz  
 Russ Simmons  
 Jan Sullivan

#### Deacons

Jim Bassford	Jack Hudkins
David Blankenship	John Owen
David Foster	Mike Peerson
Darren Herrmann	

#### Pulpit Minister

Darin Kennedy

*Private Reading* Mark 2:18-28

#976 "I Shall Not Be Moved"

*Scripture* Mike Newbury  
 Hebrews 4:1-13

#533 "I Am a Sheep"  
 #689 "Be Still, My Soul"

*Prayer* Steve Etter

#504 "He Lifted Me"

*Lord's Supper*  
 Jim Bassford, presiding

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*  
 #171 "Above All Else"

*Power Kids* Jesus – Love

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
 "Completely" – Mark 2:22

#712 "Jesus Is Coming Soon"

*Shepherd's Promise* Earl Fultz

*Final Promise* 2 Corinthians 3:18

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Statistics for January 25, 2015 Attendance	112 + 127 = 239
Contribution	\$4,313.55
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,394
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,276

#### Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life

They have need for: Ramen noodles, pasta meals, peanut butter, kool-aid, canned or packaged tuna, canned chicken, jello, cornbread mix, snack bars, applesauce or fruit cups, green beans, corn, mixed vegetables, bar soap, women's body wash, and tooth paste. 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.

## ***In Need of Prayers***

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.

## ***Downtown CofC – Pantry Items***

See the back of the bulletin for an updated list of needs for the Food for Life program. They also wanted to thank the Blue River congregation for the support provided in the past year, and they thank God for their extended family. The Pantry is open every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month if you would like to plan some volunteer work for your family. Let Darin know if you going.

## ***Proposal for New Staff Member***

The Elders have proposed hiring a new staff person to increase our work done especially among teens and their families, young marrieds, college students, and small groups. Pick up a fuller description on the table in the foyer, and share your comments/questions concerning this proposal with Russ or Earl.

## ***Ministry Surveys***

If you have not filled out a Ministry Survey to tell us in what ministry areas you would like to serve, please pick up one from the table in the foyer, and, after filling it out, return it to one of our Deacons.

## ***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***

February 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Dawn Cook & Kimberly Sterne
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Kimberly Kennedy & Alana Peerson
February 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Arline Bradshaw & Brenda Brotherton
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Jessica & Julia House

### ***Birthdays – February 1-7***

*Margie Banks – February 1*

*Matt Hoggatt – February 5*

*David Blankenship & Harrison Hoggatt – February 7*

## ***The Preacher's Post – Darin Kennedy***

Kimberly's family had some wonderful neighbors in Riverside, California, where she was born. Their names were Frank and Loretta Larusso, a beautiful couple known especially for Frank's garden. He could grow anything in the California soil and climate. With their Italian heritage, Frank loved to grow tomatoes. I remember when Kimberly first introduced me to them. I saw and smelled a beautiful pot of tomato sauce cooking on the stove. Ripe tomatoes, fresh out of the garden, were peeled, a little fresh basil and red wine (which may have also been homegrown and homemade) were added, and they were put on the stove for a gentle simmer that would last all day. During the day, the water from the tomatoes would evaporate, condensing the mixture into a dark red, sweet gravy. The biggest danger was, with the loss of water and the condensing of the natural sugars, that the sauce would stick to the bottom of the pan and become scorched. The fire was set very low, so it would not burn quickly, but it did require stirring every once in a while. Loretta said that growing up in her Italian household, one of the instructions given to the entire family, to both kids and adults alike, was, "If you go through the kitchen, give the pot a stir." In that way, the responsibility for the sauce lay with every single person, and she as a child remembered the part she had played in preparing the delicious dinner in the evening, simply by stirring the pot.

Much is missed today where somebody grows the food, someone else buys it and prepares it, and we can just sit down and eat, not realizing the full extent of the work it took to get that food to the table. Oh, we might rave about how delicious it is and how thankful we are for that person who put it in front of us, but we have no sense of pride of having participated in the process, no sense of purpose beyond consuming. Even if we made the money to buy the food, we are still disconnected enough from the preparation that we receive it either as a gift or, worse, an entitlement.

Life in the church can also be one of pure consumption. Many programs can be offered. Talented and well-meaning people can do helpful things. One can easily sit and receive, and I have seen some who are thankful for the gift and others who criticize their entitlement. A better way is for everyone to participate in the providing. The work is better done, as well as being more satisfying, because we each know what part we have played in creating something delicious...I mean, glorious.

Perhaps, the same instruction could be given today, "When you come in or go out, give the pot a stir."