

Blue River Church of Christ

February 8, 2015

BLUE RIVER

Church of Christ

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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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 3:1-6

#578 "We Will Glorify"
 #4 "To God Be the Glory"
 #166 "He's My King"

Prayer

Ron McCleary

Scripture

Sean Turner
 Isaiah 61

#332 "Lead Me to Calvary"

Lord's Supper

Gene Clark, presiding

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#171 "Above All Else"

Power Kids

Jesus – Love

Lesson

Darin Kennedy
 "Priority of People" – Mark 3:4

#907 "Hark, The Gentle Voice"

Shepherd's Prayer

Earl Fultz

Final Charge

Amos 5:24

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Statistics for February 1, 2015 Attendance	87 + 92 = 179
Contribution	\$5,385.01
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

Darren Herrmann requests prayers for success with his surgery and recovery. **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.**

Sweetheart Dinner

There will be a Sweetheart Banquet for all the married couples at Blue River. The Banquet will be held on Sunday, February 22, at 5:30 at the church building. Please RSVP to **Hannah Guntert, Arline Bradshaw, or Kimberly Kennedy** by February 13.

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.

Youth Group Ice Skating

February 21 (Saturday) – Independence Event Center, 12-2 p.m. See **Brenda** or **Kara Herrmann** for details.

Dallas Herrmann Mission Trip

Dallas is planning a mission trip Saint Lucia this summer. Prayers and financial support would be greatly appreciated. Check can be made out to BRCC with **Dallas Herrmann** noted on memo line.

Birthdays – February 8-14

Evelyn Campbell – February 8

Krishyn Roberts – February 9

Jane Weatherbee – February 11

Doug Davenport – February 12

Doris Buys, Liddy Miller, & Phil Roberts – February 14

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

“The apostles taught us the reason for this ceremony of ours. Our first birth took place without our knowledge or consent because our parents came together, and we grew up in the midst of wickedness. So if we were not to remain children of necessity and ignorance, we needed a new birth of which we ourselves would be conscious, and which would be the result of our own free choice. We needed, too, to have our sins forgiven. This is why the name of God, the Father and Lord of the whole universe, is pronounced in the water over anyone who chooses to be born again and who has repented of his sins. The person who leads the one being washed to the bath calls upon God by this name alone, for God so far surpasses our powers of description that no one can really give a name to him. Anyone who dares to say that he can must be hopelessly insane. This bath is called ‘illumination’ because of the mental enlightenment that is experienced by those who learn these things. The person receiving this enlightenment is also washed in the name of Jesus Christ, who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, and in the name of the Holy Spirit, who through the prophets foretold everything concerning Jesus.”

—Justin Martyr, *First Apology* (A.D. 155), ch. 61

Justin Martyr was very interested in the 2nd century to present a defense of Christianity against increasing false reports and persecution. He tried to give a clear description of what Christians practiced, hoping that transparency would negate any charges of deception. He also wanted to show that Christianity was not working against society, but that Christians would make very good citizens because of their moral behavior and respect for God's authority. In that philosophical age, Justin shared that baptism was actually called “illumination” by the church. What a wonderful word to describe what happens in that sacred ceremony!

Those who are baptized are “illuminated” by the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the events of his life and death under Pontius Pilate and resurrection, his teachings on a holy life, and the character of God which he displayed in his being. One, having consciously reflected on one's past of living in a fallen world, is also “enlightened” to one's sins and need for forgiveness, for which God has enacted a plan of salvation from the very beginning. One begins the greatest path toward enlightenment by calling on the name of God, who surpasses all description in human words and all powers on human thrones. The one who is washed is connected to heavenly things and sees more clearly than ever before.

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

February 8

1st Service

Arline Bradshaw & Brenda Brotherton

2nd Service

Jessica & Julia House

February 15

1st Service

Carolyn Endicott & Kelly Sullivan

2nd Service

Angelia & Aubrey Hudkins