

Blue River Church of Christ

February 15, 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 a.m. Morning Worship 8:30, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
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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 February 8, 2015 Attendance	99 + 123 = 222
Contribution	\$3,764.66
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.

<u>8:30</u>	<u>10:45</u>
<i>Private Reading</i> Mark 3:7-35	<i>Private Reading</i> Mark 3:7-35
#718 "We Shall Assemble"	#718 "We Shall Assemble"
<i>Prayer</i> Jeff Petersen	<i>Prayer</i> Wade Kerley
<i>Scripture</i> Buddy Self Matthew 7:21-27	<i>Scripture</i> Ben Church Matthew 7:21-27
#77 "Glorify Thy Name" #674 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #221 "Jesus, Name Above All Names" #364 "Come Share the Lord"	#77 "Glorify They Name" #674 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #221 "Jesus, Name Above All Names" #364 "Come Share the Lord"
<i>Lord's Supper</i> David Blankenship, presiding	<i>Lord's Supper</i> Paul Walker, presiding
<i>The Bread</i>	<i>The Bread</i>
<i>The Cup</i>	<i>The Cup</i>
<i>Giving</i>	<i>Giving</i>
#171 "Above All Else"	#171 "Above All Else"
<i>Power Kids</i> Jesus – Love	<i>Power Kids</i> Jesus – Love
<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "Be a Doer" – Mark 3:33-35	<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "Be a Doer" – Mark 3:33-35
#678 "More About Jesus"	#678 "More About Jesus"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Earl Fultz	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Earl Fultz
<i>Final praise</i> Psalm 40:8	<i>Final praise</i> Psalm 40:8
<i>Songs led by</i> Ron McCleary	<i>Songs led by</i> Ron McCleary

In Need of Prayers

Darren Herrmann requests prayers for success with his surgery and recovery. **RaSonya Pearce's** father, Bill Dozier, pass away last week. **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. 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** TODAY.

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 Events Center, 12-2 p.m. See **Brenda** or **Kara Herrmann** for details.

Dallas Herrmann Mission Trip

Dallas is planning a mission trip to 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 15-21

Kara Herrmann, Barbara John, Kristina Kimbrell, Aaron Palmer &

Kimberly Sterne – February 16

Carrie Brotherton – February 17

Patricia Capell & Hollis Hoggatt – February 18

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

“Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.”

—1 Peter 2:2-3

In the second and third centuries of the early church, many traditions grew up around baptism. Many people prepared for baptism by a day or week of fasting and prayer. Most people were probably baptized in the nude. Some received oil on their head or their whole body to symbolize the anointing of the Holy Spirit in baptism. Many were immersed three times, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit respectively. Also, they were often followed by the Lord's Supper, now that the one baptized was in Christ and part of the community of His body. In some places, the food of infants, milk and honey, were offered as the first drink of new birth. (I know we don't feed babies cow's milk and honey today, but just go with it through this article.) The belief was that this was only the beginning step of maturing into what God wants us all to be. Once someone has been born, that person should grow up in the Lord.

How awesome it is at that moment of birth to know the sweet taste of the love of God! He has washed away one's sin, brought one close to both Him and to His family, and given one the hope of heaven itself.

The first taste of sweetness is followed by the basic commandments of everyday life. These commands will protect one's young faith from the various messages and temptations of the world. When one practices the commands, trust grows in the Father, and joy comes from being pleasing to and accepted by the Father.

The commands are followed by a longing for the heart of God. One wants more than just directions for life, but one wants to see the purposes and character of God in the created order, in the acts of worship (especially prayer), and most specifically in the life of Jesus.

As maturity increases, more difficult questions are asked. Periods of suffering and challenge cause one to ask God, “Why?” The answers are not always clear, and one's perseverance is tested, becoming increased strength and determination.

You have probably encountered several of these stages, perhaps even cycled through them multiple times. At each stage of life, God has proven His faithfulness and goodness, and we hunger for more.

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

February 15	1 st Service	Carolyn Endicott & Kelly Sullivan
	2 nd Service	Angelia & Aubrey Hudkins
February 22	1 st Service	John & Cara Owen
	2 nd Service	Denise & Shannon Fultz