

# Blue River Church of Christ

March 1, 2015

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## 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 a.m. Morning Worship 8:30, 10:45 a.m.  <b>Wednesday</b> Bible Study 7 p.m.
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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

Statistics for February 22, 2015 Attendance	118 + 124 = 242
Contribution	\$4,076.79
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,250
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,336

**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.

*Welcome*

*Scripture*

Bruce Sewell  
 Isaiah 51:1-11

#869 "We're Marching to Zion"  
 #731 "Take Time to be Holy"

*Prayer*

Jim Bassford

#324 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?"  
 #354 "I Gave My Life for Thee"

*Lord's Supper*

Bill Brotherton, presiding

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#129 "Amazing Grace"

*Power Kids*

Be a Helper

*Lesson*

Russ Simmons  
 "God's Grace Inspires Me"

#907 "Hark! The Gentle Voice"

*Shepherd's Prayer*

Earl Fultz

#853 "When We All Get to Heaven"

*Songs led by*

Tony Pollard

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

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

**Pat Seago** was in the hospital last week but is home now. **Darin Kennedy's** father, Brooks, was diagnosed with prostate cancer and will be undergoing tests this week. **Dale & Joy Johnston's** daughter, Brittany, is experiencing serious health issues and needs our prayers. **Vickie Sullivan's** mother, Mattie Weiss, is back in the hospital. **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.**

### ***New Adult Classes Beginning March 1***

**Auditorium – Brian Wahlen** will be presenting “The Resurrection”.

**New Classrooms – Darin Kennedy's** topic is “Baptism: History and Meaning.”

### ***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.

### ***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.

### ***Annual Easter Egg Hunt***

**April 5** (Sunday) – Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:45 a.m. service. All children age 13 (or so) and under are invited to participate. Please have your child bring a basket to “hunt.” If you would like to donate supplies (plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy), please bring items to the building by Sunday, March 22. Any questions, please call **Sara Reis**, 816-718-3734.

### **Birthdays – March 1-7**

*Angelia Hudkins – March 1*

*Larry Sullivan & Kian Davenport – March 2*

*Skylar Davenport – March 5*

*Bruce Keeton – March 6*

I want to tell you how much I love you. We are normally a little wary of someone who shares his feelings so openly, but I don't care. I really do love you. My wife and I remember the first time I said, “I love you,” to her. We had just come back from a date (not the first one; I'm not that easy), and she was about to go up to her dorm room. As she walked away, I just slipped in a little “I love you.” She did not say anything, but kept going up the stairs as if she did not hear. That first time was hard for me to say and harder for her to hear, but as you can see, I finally won her over.

We are a little suspicious of people's love, especially “church love.” “Church love” can often be, “I love you, but I don't have to like you.” We may not mind looking at the back of someone's head, but talking face to face with people in the foyer can be a more difficult chore. No, I do not have that kind of love. I like you too.

Love is measured by biblical guidelines:

1) *Love is joyful.* Paul was an example of someone who passionately loved every person in the church. Listen to the language of love even over a long distance, “How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?” (1 Thessalonians 3:9). Love means we smile when we see someone and when we think of someone.

2) *Love is productive.* Love causes us to work together in the Kingdom of God—“And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together...” (Hebrews 10:24-25). Kingdom work is healing wounds and spreading the gospel. We push one another in love to become stronger workers in the Lord's vineyard.

3) *Love is sacrificial.* The simple instruction to put another's interest before your own is the best way to show Christ's love. Paul demonstrated this in his own life: “So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us” (1 Thessalonians 2:8).

All three of these principles are constantly held in balance. All work with no play makes love dull. All play with no work makes love meaningless. All fun with no pain makes love cheap. All pain with no smiles makes love a burden too heavy to bear. Fellowship, service, and worship all make a perfect place for biblical love.

### ***Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants***

March 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Brenda Petersen & Carrie Brotherton
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Kimberly Kennedy & Alana Peerson
March 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Tammy & Caleb Walker
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Sara Gurski & Liddy Miller