

Blue River Church of Christ

March 29, 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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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 March 22, 2015 Attendance	102 + 128 = 230
8Contribution	\$4,845.09
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.

Private Reading Mark 6:31-56

#508 "A Wonderful Savior"
#578 "We Will Glorify"

Scripture David Blankenship
 Colossians 2:6-15

Prayer Steve Etter

#221 "Jesus, Name Above All Names"
#337 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"

Lord's Supper
 Brian Wahlen, presiding

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

"We Fall Down"
#178 "All Hail, King Jesus"

Power Kids Be a Helper

Lesson Darin Kennedy
 "Yeah...Right"

#484 "You Are My All in All"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Blessing 1 Peter 2:2-3

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In Need of Prayers

Buddy Self had surgery this week. **Roger Bradshaw** had a second cataract surgery this week. **Dale & Joy Johnston's** daughter, Brittany, has a tentative diagnosis of MS. **Vickie Sullivan's** mother, Mattie Weiss, is back in the hospital. Continue to pray for **Robert Hicks, Donna Kerns, Betty Williams, Michael May, and Grover Renick.**

Renee Wubbenhorst Mission Trip

Renee will be involved in mission efforts in Taiwan for 6 weeks this summer and is requesting support both financially and through prayer. For more information you can contact her at: rwubbenhorst@york.edu or 816-830-0259.

VBS, June 14-17, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Be a Superhero! VBS is coming to BRCC. Volunteers are needed in lots of areas. Please go our VBS website (sites.google.com/site/brccvbs) to learn more about VBS and to sign up to help!

March 31 (Tuesday) – VBS Planning Meeting at the building, 1-2 p.m.

June 11 (Thursday) – Decorating and Set up – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

June 18 (Thursday) – Clean up – 9-11 a.m.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

April 5 (Sunday) – Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt following the second service. All children age 13 (or so) and under are invited to participate. Please have your child bring a basket to “hunt.”

Save the Dates

April 11 (Saturday, 11:00) – Ladies self-defense program. Ladies of all ages are invited to attend and participate. Contact **Angelia Hudkins** with any questions (816-729-4674).

June 6 (Saturday) – Senior Banquet for graduates

Family Fun Day

April 25 (Saturday, 4:00) – We will have a moonwalk and petting zoo. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided, so people just need to bring sides.

Mowing

At BRCC we mow the grounds ourselves instead of hiring it out, so more of our funds can be used for our ministries. We need your help though. We have two riding mowers, and we mow once a week. One person can mow the yard in 2-2.5 hours. Typically each person mows three times during the season. This is a great family bonding opportunity! If you can help, please contact Mike Newbury (816-853-6900, email: mcnewbs@outlook.com). If you are no longer able to help, please let Mike know that too.

The Preacher's Post – Darin Kennedy

In studying for my class on Baptism, I have been interested in the transitions made in our understanding of baptism. Prior to and during the first century, a transition was being made from washing for priests before service in the temple to the people as a whole washing in order to anticipate the coming kingdom of God. Obviously, the greatest transition was one from expecting a Messiah to come to acknowledging the Messiah has come and baptism is done in His name, also bringing with him the Holy Spirit. These were movements forward in the plan of God. However, I sense a backward movement from the intentions of Jesus and the apostles to the people's understandings that continues to haunt us today.

While the forgiveness of sins is one of the wonderful promises made about baptism, it can hide the many other benefits of baptism, most especially the equipping of the Spirit to serve in God's kingdom. People are more comfortable with the legal language of clearing one's record or the financial language of clearing one's debt or the admission language of getting one's place in heaven. These different languages are definitely parts of the way baptism is described, but they are not the only ones, and forgiveness of one's sins can easily become an end unto itself. The biblical writers also used language of equipping, mission, transformation, righteousness, and regeneration to illustrate the whole package.

Legal language says, “How can I get clean, free of the guilt and consequences?” while language of purpose says, “Who do I need to forgive, and how am I now a slave to righteousness?” Financial language says, “How can I get out of debt?” while language of service says, “How am I now free to sacrifice and serve?” Admission language says, “How can I get in?” while transformational language says, “What have I gotten myself into?” Concern over death asks, “How can I get into heaven?” while a new creature asks, “How can I participate in the eternal plan of God right here and now to forever?”

The biblical writers addressed people who were forgiven, but did not forgive others; who were saved, but did not serve; who were cleaned up, but did not change; who were citizens of heaven, but loved the things of the world; who enjoyed being blessed, but did not try to be a blessing; who wanted answers for life after death, but refused the responsibilities of today. Because you have been baptized, you have been completely made new, useful to God in His expanding kingdom and transformed into the image of Christ. Yes, your sins have been forgiven...so that you may accomplish your greatest work with confidence.

Birthdays – March 29-April 4

Randy Smith & Chap Banks – April 2

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

March 29

1st Service

Jon & Cheryl Sutton

2nd Service

Sue Roberts & Hayley Kerley

April 5

1st Service

Carolyn Endicott & Cara Owen

2nd Service

Liz & Ruth Church