

Blue River Church of Christ

January 3, 2016

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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 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 Jack Hudkins David Blankenship John Owen David Foster Mike Peerson Darren Herrmann
Pulpit Minister	Darin Kennedy dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org
Family Life Minister	Shane Hall shall@bluerivercofc.org

Statistics for December 27, 2015 Attendance	109 + 128 = 237
Contribution	\$3,989.65
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,250
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,365

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.

8:30	10:45
#300 "Praise Him! Praise Him!" #742 "When Upon Life's Billows"	#414 "Anywhere With Jesus" #791 "On Bended Knee"
<i>Prayer</i> David Blankenship	<i>Scripture</i> Jack Hudkins Isaiah 61
#390 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"	<i>Prayer</i> Mike Peerson
<i>Scripture</i> Bill Endicott Isaiah 61	#484 "You Are My All in All" #701 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"
#324 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?"	<i>Lord's Supper</i> Larry Sullivan, presiding
<i>Lord's Supper</i> Andy Hester, presiding	<i>The Bread</i>
<i>The Bread</i>	<i>The Cup</i>
<i>The Cup</i>	<i>Giving</i>
#156 "Beautiful"	#470 "Victory in Jesus"
<i>Power Kids</i> Repentance (Godly Sorrow)	<i>Power Kids</i> Repentance (Godly Sorrow)
#416 "Footsteps of Jesus"	<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "Gospel: Freedom"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Earl Fultz	#454 "Rock of Ages"
<i>Final Blessing</i> Psalm 22:26	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Russ Simmons
<i>Songs Led By</i> Shane Hall	<i>Final Blessing</i> Psalm 22:26
	<i>Songs Led By</i> Gary Hasty

In Need of Prayers

Denise Fultz broke her foot before Christmas. **Virginia Page** passed away Monday, 12/21. Services were held at the building on Tuesday. **Linda Brizendine** has been diagnosed with breast cancer. **Ray Weatherbee** is at The Groves recovering from back surgery. **Liz Church** had a follow up PET scan last week to determine the success of the medications she's currently taking. Continue to pray for **Vickie Sullivan, Donna Kerns, Gary Campbell, Keith Bench, Ralph Staley, and Grover Renick.**

New Addresses

The Roger Cook family – 9608 E. 66th St., Raytown, MO 64133
Fleta Duncan – 7420 Maple Dr., Bldg. 2, Apt. 206, Raytown, MO 64133
Jim & Betty Trotter – 7420 Maple Dr., Bldg. 2, Apt. 208, Raytown, MO 64133

Leadership Training for Christ

LTC is getting closer and preparations are under way. Registration is \$40 again this year. Please give registration money to **Angelia** or **Jennifer** by **January 15**. We need coaches for Christian Photography, Painting, Drawing, Video Drama, Christian Fiction & Scrapbooking.

Trek 812

We had a great start last year to our new kids' club. Here in 2016, we will continue great Wednesday night activities for learning and exciting monthly fellowship activities and service projects. Make a commitment to get your kids involved and to volunteer to be an event helper. See Angelia Hudkins and Jennifer Hall for information or for your kid's Trek 812 t-shirt.

Adult Classes

Brian Wahlen is teaching "Theology of the Cross" in the auditorium.
Ron McCleary's topic is "Jesus on Praying" in the Fellowship Classroom.

Birthdays – January 3-9

Benjamin Jones & Zoe Miller – January 3

Josh McCrea – January 4

Laura Phillips – January 6

Sue Roberts – January 8

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

January 3	1 st Service	Brenda & Carrie Brotherton
	2 nd Service	Laurie & Sydney Kerley
January 10	1 st Service	Sherry & Cara Owen
	2 nd Service	Kimberly Sterne & Cheryl Roberts

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

"Instead of writing you a new-year letter, as I have so often done, I write you, as follows, a few of my life rules, as they occur to me in the light of the last day of 1895—rules which I hope to strictly observe, both in letter and spirit, till God shall call me home:

"(1) Be kind; (2) be meek; (3) be true; (4) be humble; (5) be gentle; (6) be polite; (7) be patient; (8) be earnest; (9) be careful; (10) be hopeful; (11) be faithful; (12) be cheerful; (13) be grateful; (14) be generous; (15) be prayerful; (16) be courteous; (17) be unselfish; (18) be thoughtful; (19) be industrious; (20) be consecrated; (21) be conscientious; (22) always 'do the right;' (23) do as much good as possible; (24) do as little evil as possible; (25) eat to live, not live to eat; (26) if possible, be perfectly pure; (27) if not, be pure as possible; (28) always make the best of the situation; (29) be clean—body, soul, and spirit—clean in thought, in word, in deed—always clean; (30) conscientiously consecrate all to Christ—head, hand, heart—body, soul, spirit—time, tongue, talent—mind, muscle, money—consecrate all to Him who gave his very life to ransom a recreant, lost, and ruined race."

—Theophilus Brown Larimore (1843-1929)

Your New Year's plans for 2016, like mine, probably involved something measureable—what the scales ought to say at the end of the year, what the account ought to be worth, what project ought to be finished. I am challenged by T.B. Larimore's commitment, in the reading above, to improvement in character and mission and simplicity. To hold oneself more accountable to being righteous and useful is a desire for maturity and completeness. In the end, these are the things God desires for us, and, if we pursue them, these are the things that will bring the most joy and satisfaction. These are also the goals that will not be deterred by health or financial problems; in fact, physical problems might even lead to reaching these goals of spiritual formation.

I do hope that you long for growth and improvement. At the same time, I hope you grow and improve in the right ways, ways in which you will continue to blossom and mature for all eternity. Whatever you aim for, that is where you are sure to end up.

"May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed."

—Psalm 20:4