

Blue River Church of Christ

January 27, 2019



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 7:00 p.m.
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Elders	Earl Fultz John Owen Paul Walker	David Keller Russ Simmons
Deacons	David Blankenship Darren Herrmann Aaron Palmer	David Foster Jack Hudkins Sean Turner
Pulpit Minister	Darin Kennedy dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org	
Family Life Minister	Shane Hall shall@bluerivercofc.org	

Statistics for January 20, 2019 Attendance	84 + 152 = 236
Contribution	\$8,818.90
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$6,867
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$6,745

Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life

They have need for: bar soap, disinfectant wipes, gallon and quart size zip-lock bags, tall kitchen bags for people to put clothing in, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, jelly, instant potatoes, rice, beans (any kind), variety pack oatmeal, canned fruit, fruit cups, canned chicken, mac and cheese, Jiffy cornbread mix, toilet paper. Please leave all labeled donations in the office.

Prayer Warriors are waiting to hear from you. This group of caring people will pray for you and your request. 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>
#853 "When We All Get to Heaven" #719 "Love One Another"	#853 "When We All Get to Heaven" #719 "Love One Another"
<i>Prayer</i> Dave Blankenship	<i>Prayer</i> Jack Hudkins
<i>Scripture</i> Bruce Sewell Philippians 1:3-11	<i>Scripture</i> David Keller Philippians 1:3-11
#387 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"	#387 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"
<i>Lord's Supper</i> Jim Bassford	<i>Lord's Supper</i> Nick Williams
<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>	<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>
<i>Giving</i>	<i>Giving</i>
#83 "God Is So Good" #744 "God's Family"	#83 "God Is So Good" #744 "God's Family"
Darin Kennedy "Growing Deeper: What Are Relationships Supposed to Look Like?"	Darin Kennedy "Growing Deeper: What Are Relationships Supposed to Look Like?"
#376 "He Paid a Debt"	#376 "He Paid a Debt"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Earl Fultz	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Paul Walker
<i>Final Statement of Love</i> 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20	<i>Final Statement of Love</i> 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20
<i>Songs Led By</i> Shane Hall	<i>Songs Led By</i> Shane Hall

Prayer List

Continued prayers for Ben Church's relative, Jim Cooke, Bob MacMillan, Vicki Kelley, Pat and Will Kreisel, Ruth Elmer, Sue Brown, Freda Renick, Bonnie Hamby, Roman Martin, Earl Weddle, Betty Williams, Donna Kerns, Andy Hester, Buddy Self, Rita Fitzsimmons, Evelyn Campbell, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.

Leadership Training for Christ

TODAY – Practice for LTC will begin on today!

Lunch – 12:00-12:30

Chorus – 12:30-1:15

Puppets – 1:15-2:00

Live Christian Drama – 2:00-2:45

Video Bible Drama – 2:45-3:30

Fellowship Brunch

TODAY (9:30) – Please join us as we enjoy a time of fellowship with each other between 1st and 2nd worship.

Nursing Home Service

TODAY (3:00) – Please join us at Wilshire at Lakewood Nursing Home for our 4th Sunday service. Be a blessing and be blessed.

Elder Availability

An elder is available after each service in Darin's office for prayer, encouragement, or counsel.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service

Carrie & Abby Eaton

2nd Service

Laurie & Sydney Kerley

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

Have you ever seen an out-of-shape person run? It is awkward. Things...bounce. The face goes through stages of hot pink to bright red, back to sickly white. The feet flap like duck feet. The runner seems to sink when striding rather than rising. You want to avert your eyes, but you can't, wondering why they felt the need to wear a shirt so short that the pale belly peeks out with every movement of the arms. Sadly, our response is normally, "Why are they doing that? Don't they know what they look like?" How rarely do we think a more positive response, "Isn't it great to see someone trying to get healthy? Everyone has to start somewhere. Keep up the good work!"

I am extremely excited about the Focus given by our elders last week for 2019 and Beyond—Deepening our Relationships, Developing our Gifts, and Declaring the Gospel. At the same time, I feel like I normally do at the gym, continually pulling my shirt down, breathing like Darth Vader. I feel inadequate to the task, like some things are not only beyond 2019, but also beyond me. Some things I do better than others, but those "others" are intimidating. I only hope the people watching will be able to say, "Everyone has to start somewhere. Keep up the good work!" As awkward as I may appear, I am determined to continue and increase in all three of these areas. That is not only what has been asked of me, but it is also what I have wanted down deep in my heart—to be more useful to the Kingdom of God and more helpful to my fellow disciples.

This is what I hope happens each week of this stage of growing into these Focus statements: 1) I want to make one more detailed commitment to something that needs to increase or decrease in my life. 2) I want to encourage someone else to "Keep up the good work!" 3) I want to imagine some way that Blue River's congregational life can become an environment for Kingdom growth in deep, productive relationships, in each part of the body functioning according to how God has graced him or her, and in reaching out to a lost world.

I heard the other day that a 2009 report shows habit-making takes longer than 21 days. It suggests that it takes an average of 66 days to make a habit. That can be intimidating. Thankfully, the report also says that little mess-ups do not drastically affect habit formation. Whatever the number of days, one must work hard to get the desired results, and one must also be patient with oneself during the time of habit formation. Discipline and grace working together.