

Blue River Church of Christ

February 3, 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 27, 2019 Attendance	98 + 151 = 249
Contribution	\$8,024.21
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.

8:30	10:45
#144 "O Worship the King"	#153 "Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down" #869 "We're Marching to Zion"
<i>Prayer</i> Sean Turner	<i>Prayer</i> Jack Hudkins
#488 "Into the Heart of Jesus" #186 "Christ, We Do All Adore Thee"	"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
<i>Lord's Supper</i> Brian Wahlen	<i>Scripture</i> Roger Wealand Ephesians 4:17-32 #705 "A Common Love"
<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>	<i>Lord's Supper</i> Shane Hall <i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>
<i>Giving</i>	<i>Giving</i>
"Love, Love, Love, Love" "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"	#446 "Hear, O Israel" #448 "The Greatest Commands"
<i>Scripture</i> David Rechenhain Ephesians 4:17-32	Darin Kennedy "Growing Deeper: Space, Time, and Words"
#705 "A Common Love"	#709 "How Sweet, How Heavenly"
Darin Kennedy "Growing Deeper: Space, Time, and Words"	Darin Kennedy "Growing Deeper: Space, Time, and Words"
#790 "Lord Take Control"	#790 "How Sweet, How Heavenly"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> David Keller	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> John Owen
<i>Final Charge</i> Ephesians 5:1-2	<i>Final Charge</i> Ephesians 5:1-2
<i>Songs Led By</i> Ron McCleary	<i>Songs Led By</i> Roger Cook

Prayer List

Continued prayers for 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

Practice for LTC began last week and will continue through April 7.

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

Power Kids

Power Kids is available in the adult classroom during the second service sermon for children ages 3 to 3rd grade. **Children older than 3rd grade** can pick up a **Kids Worship Form** as they stay in the auditorium with us.

Elder Availability

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

Address Change

John and Sherry Owen have recently moved. Their new address is
18605 E. 20th St. Ct.
Independence, MO 64057

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service

Cheryl & Jon Sutton

2nd Service

Liddy Miller & Lindsey Hall

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

I do not understand the will. On the one hand, some people have extraordinary will power. They can simply stop smoking or stop eating sweets or perform the same habit every day at the same time each day at a high intensity. Whenever someone demonstrates such control, we often say that they do it “religiously,” which is an interesting term to use. I don't like what it says about “religious,” which here implies that “religion” is simply an exercise of will, where only the strong survive. However, I also understand that “religious” does expect discipline and duty, many religious habits performed no matter what.

On the other hand, in many people, the will can be very fragile. If one's mood or one's condition is affected, the will can be weak. Many require an extensive emotional or physical reward system to remain motivated for not only a task, but also, and even more so, a career or a lifetime of responsibility and duty. They need other people to be involved, a clear outcome to be defined, and a steady stream of encouragement.

Of course, most of us are a mixture of wills, depending on the demand. Put even the most will-strong people under enough joy-less, reward-less burden, and they will break. Often the break is very hard and deep. Put the weakest will in the right job, using that person's natural gifts, he or she could go on forever without breaking a sweat, exhilarated by the work itself.

Often, the biggest problem is the disconnect between the two wills. Those with strong wills have much difficulty in “putting up with the failings of the weak,” and those with more motivational or result-confident need wonder why the strong grind away, spinning their wheels and making too much of a sacrifice for too little return. More compassion is needed between the two: there are demands and duties that should be done no matter what, and there is a time to stop plowing infertile land.

Today, the sermon outlines several practical decisions in the arenas of priorities, schedules, and energy. As a preacher, it is difficult to express them, although they are biblical and necessary. I am concerned about both a “Git-er-done” corner and a paralyzing guilt among the strong-willed. I am also concerned about, “Of course, he would expect that, he's the preacher. He doesn't live in my world,” among the others. What I hope to find is the showing of compassion and the acceptance of a challenge. As a listener, help me preach this well.