

Blue River Church of Christ

February 10, 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 February 3, 2019 Attendance	89 + 131 = 220
Contribution	\$9,192.56
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
#950 "Come, Ye Disconsolate" #71 "As the Deer" #578 "We Will Glorify"	#77 "Glorify Thy Name"
<i>Prayer</i>	Matt Hoggatt
<i>Scripture</i>	#490 "It Is Well with My Soul"
Dave Blankenship Romans 12:3-8	Aaron Palmer Romans 12:3-8
<i>Prayer</i>	"Let There Be Peace on Earth" #725 "Let Us Break Bread Together"
Joe Harber	Larry Sullivan
#226 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"	#470 "Victory in Jesus" #38 "Awesome God"
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Darin Kennedy
Bill Brotherton	"Growing Stronger: What Are Spiritual Gifts?"
<i>The Bread</i>	#60 "He Is Exalted"
<i>The Cup</i>	Paul Walker
<i>Giving</i>	"Growing Stronger: What Are Spiritual Gifts?"
"Be Thou My Vision" #429 "Oh, to Be Like Thee"	#60 "He Is Exalted"
Darin Kennedy	Paul Walker
"Growing Stronger: What Are Spiritual Gifts?"	Matthew 10:8
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Prayer List

Keith Bench passed away last Monday. Keep **Jurhee** and family in your prayers. **Marlene Haley** was hospitalized last week but is home recovering. Keep **Mike and Debbie Peerson's** son, Nic Peerson, and **Holly Hadley's** son, Hunter Hoagland, in your prayers. **Susan Foster's** aunt, Liz, passed away this week. **Continued prayers** for **Bob MacMillan, 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, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.**

Leadership Training for Christ

Practice for LTC 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.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service

Kelly & Alex Newbury

2nd Service

Darlene Pollard & Allie Keller

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

David Keller asked at the end of last week's first service that I list very practical suggestions concerning Space, Time, and Words to Deepen Relationships. I would hope that each week or month, each of us would begin one new habit toward building deeper relationships within the church.

I know that there is an immediate defensiveness to practical decisions because, "We are already busy. Our schedules are full. How can you possibly ask us to do more?" Let's face it--our present busy-ness is built upon many false priorities. Biblically, our relationships in the church are of very high priority, and things outside

of that should be challenged and weighed. At the same time, we should not accept church busy-ness either that keeps us from our mission to a lost world. The issue needs balance, which comes from intense self-examination, mutual accountability, and challenging conversation with peers and mentors. Do not treat it lightly and become a victim to whatever comes along.

Space and Time

The church building – Have steady, regular attendance for community worship. Our culture is growing in its competitive alternatives to worship times. We understand that work or other conflicts often make regular attendance difficult. Please let us know about those conflicts; we can be helpful to that. Most things cannot be categorized as conflicts, but choices. Examine whether you are at Blue River enough for you and your family to be strengthened and to be a blessing to others. It is not only that you come, but it is also how you come. Come ready to engage people, to meet a new person, to listen to people without rushing, and to pray with hurting people. Plan to come early or to stay after 15-30 minutes to have decent conversations with people.

Small groups – Meeting with others outside of community worship is a valuable resource. We have organized groups, but we can also help to start other groups during the week at your home, workplace, or local coffee shop. An hour with such a group in discussion, listening, and prayer would be helpful for you.

Hospitality – Make arrangements to have one-on-one or couple-with-couple meetings in your home once a week or month. Make a decision to visit someone else's home, especially that of a shut-in, once a week or month. These provide a depth of experience that you cannot find in community gatherings. You do not even have to cook; simple sandwiches, chips, and iced tea make people feel incredibly comfortable. Invite someone out for lunch during your lunch break. Choose a quiet place where conversation can be enjoyed.

Service – Go with a brother or sister to serve. Never do ministry alone, but take someone with you, whether to better get to know a peer or to mentor someone younger. Nothing cements a relationship more than serving together.

Words

Prayer – You can speak more spiritually and personally in prayer than in other conversations. Whenever you gather with someone, as an individual or with a larger group, ask if they have needs for prayer and pray with them.

The Word – As you are doing your own private Bible reading, find something about the reading to share with another. The truths about Jesus, eternal life, the fruit of the Spirit, etc., are exciting to share together.

Blessing – Say something encouraging. Our culture's talk is built on negativity and criticism, but we have something more substantial and positive to say to one another.

Intimacy – Simple statements like, "I love you," or, "I am with you," or, "I forgive you," help us reach the goal of loving others like Christ loves us.

Accountability and Confession – Admit the things you struggle with. Ask for help. Question or challenge when someone seems to be going down the wrong path.

What words could you begin to use that would create deeper, more spiritual relationships, in place of superficial relationships in which conversations are limited to scores, weather reports, and politics?