

Blue River Church of Christ

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 October 7, 2018 Attendance	102 + 141 = 243
Contribution	\$9,276.50
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.

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Order of Worship

8:30

	#387 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" #47 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
<i>Prayer</i>	Roger Bradshaw
<i>Scripture</i>	Bill Endicott Matthew 5:13-16
	#383 "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Joe Harber
	<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>
<i>Giving</i>	
	#578 "We Will Glorify" #452 "Standing on the Promises"
<i>Lesson</i>	Darin Kennedy "What Happened? Visitors"
	#738 "Take the Name of Jesus with You"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	John Owen
<i>Final Charge</i>	Romans 12:2
<i>Songs Led By</i>	Shane Hall

10:45

	#950 "Come Ye Disconsolate" #193 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #47 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
<i>Scripture</i>	Darren Herrmann Matthew 5:13-16
<i>Prayer</i>	Alan Olas
	#71 "As the Deer"
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Matt Hoggatt
	<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>
<i>Giving</i>	
	#226 "Come Thou Fount" #991 "This Is My Father's World" "Be Thou My Vision" #193 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
<i>Lesson</i>	Darin Kennedy "What Happened? Visitors"
	#193 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	David Keller
<i>Final Charge</i>	Romans 12:2
<i>Songs Led By</i>	Ryan Smith

Prayer List

Earl Weddle has been in the hospital a couple of times in the last couple of weeks with a virus. He is still trying to recover from his treatments as well. **Sharon Michael's** mom, Betty, is very ill. **Betty Williams** has been transferred to Monterey Park Rehab, 4600 Little Blue Parkway, Independence, MO 64057 – room 502. Her phone is (816) 548-3950, ext. 169. **Mark & Flora Swartz** will be out of the country through October. Continued prayers for **Vicki Kelley, Donna Kerns, Andy Hester, Roman Martin, Buddy Self, Cora Mai Hall, Rita Fitzsimmons, Earl Weddle, Evelyn Campbell, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.**

Trunk or Treat

October 31 (6:00-8:00) – Trunk or Treat at the building including a bar-b-que to share. Invitations via door hanging on the **14th & 24th from 5:00 to 6:00pm.** Volunteers are needed to canvass the neighborhood, also for setup/cleanup before and after the event, as well as provide treat donations. Please leave any candy, treat, or non-food items for trunk-or-treaters in the box in the foyer.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 4 – Don't forget to change your clocks back!

3rd Annual Lock-In

November 17 – Save the date. More information coming soon!

Thanksgiving

November 22 – No classes on Wednesday, November 21.

College Student Ministry

If you would like your college student to receive some encouragement, please email their address to paulwalker2@sbcglobal.net.

A New Family Life Small Group

Families finding strength in Jesus and one another through prayer and Bible study. Please see **Shane Hall** for more information.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Arline Bradshaw 2nd Service – Darlene Pollard & Allie Keller

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

Prayer is something learned. In our culture, prayer has become part of the emotional experience of life. No one can tell you how to feel, so, it goes to reason, no one can tell you how to pray because it needs to come from your own soul. We give free reign to our emotions, giving one another permission and a wide berth to cry, grieve, laugh, rage, etc. Any authority that attempts to impose itself over our emotions is considered dictatorial and tyrannical. Prayer, being placed within the emotional arena, has no need of teachers or patterns or standards. No one wants to learn to pray better because it will become impersonal, and no one wants to teach prayer because he will appear arrogant.

We have lost the mentoring dimension of prayer. Personal expression may come from the heart, but it needs guidance in many ways. It needs discernment to probe the depths of the heart; otherwise we are always controlled by the swaying, superficial passions of “NOW!” Personal expression needs a language to fully express what is deep. Finally, it needs an appropriate outlet where our emotions do not destroy our relationships or our very souls. Even if prayer was pure emotion, it would require a teacher and instruction.

In addition to the emotional dimension of personal prayer, prayer is also approaching God, requiring the reverence and fear associated with such a monumental task. Prayer is also given on behalf of others, taking the attention off ourselves. Prayer is listening and being changed as much as it is saying what we want. Prayer has many sides, all of which require time, practice, and guidance for one to mature in this central part of our relationship with God. How can we grow in prayer?

1) *Learn to pray from the Scripture.* When reading the Bible, tell God what you discovered about Him, what questions you have, and what needs to happen in your life. I am amazed at how the Bible covers all areas of prayer, including the most emotional of personal expression.

2) *Listen to the prayers of others.* While one does not have to mimic others, their prayers can provide a foundational language for your prayers. If you want to help others to grow, let them hear you pray.

3) *Learn by doing.* Prayer does not require advanced education. The simplest of prayers are the best prayers. Matter of fact, I believe our prayers will simplify in their language as we mature. The key to growing in prayer is persevering at prayer.

So keep on praying, and remain humble enough to change in, mature in, and appreciate more the vast possibilities of prayer.