

Blue River Church of Christ

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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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Order of Worship

8:30

10:45

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 21, 2018 Attendance	86 + 112 = 198
Contribution	\$8,049.25
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.

#38 "Awesome God" #749 "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"		#38 "Awesome God" #749 "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"	
<i>Prayer</i>	Gene Clark	<i>Prayer</i>	John Wubbenhorst
<i>Scripture</i>	Steve Etter Mark 4:3-9	<i>Scripture</i>	David Keller Mark 4:3-9
#779 "I Love You, Lord"		#779 "I Love You, Lord"	
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Ron McCleary	<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Nick Williams
<i>The Bread</i>		<i>The Bread</i>	
<i>The Cup</i>		<i>The Cup</i>	
<i>Giving</i>		<i>Giving</i>	
#1012 "Go Tell It on the Mountain" "Open the Eyes of My Heart"		#1012 "Go Tell It on the Mountain" "Open the Eyes of My Heart"	
<i>Lesson</i>	Darin Kennedy "What Happened? Itching Ears"	<i>Lesson</i>	Darin Kennedy "What Happened? Itching Ears"
#745 "Humble Yourself"		#745 "Humble Yourself"	
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Paul Walker	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Russ Simmons
<i>Final Promise</i>	Proverbs 19:20	<i>Final Promise</i>	Proverbs 19:20
<i>Songs Led By</i>	Shane Hall	<i>Songs Led By</i>	Shane Hall

Prayer List

Roman Martin is showing signs of additional cancer. An ultrasound has been scheduled. **Sharon Michael's** mom, Betty, is very ill. **Mark & Flora Swartz** will be out of the country through October. Continued prayers for **Earl Weddle, Betty Williams, Vicki Kelley, Donna Kerns, Andy Hester, Buddy Self, Cora Mai Hall, Rita Fitzsimmons, Evelyn Campbell, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.**

Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life Pantry

Thank you – We collected enough to buy 20 turkeys, plus other needed items. Keep their community Thanksgiving meal in your prayers.

Trunk or Treat

October 31 (6:00-8:00) – Trunk or Treat at the building including a bar-b-que to share. Volunteers are needed 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.

Church Workday

November 3 (9:00am) – Please make plans to participate.

LTC Registration Deadline

November 4 – If you plan on participating in LTC, please turn in your registration form by the above date. Forms are available on the bulletin board.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

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

3rd Annual Lock-In

November 16-17 – Save the date. More information coming soon!

Thanksgiving

November 22 – No classes on Wednesday, November 21.

Annual Men's Retreat

November 30-December 1 – The sign-up sheet is on the main bulletin board.

SnackPack Needs

The Lee's Summit School District has given us a complete breakdown of their snack needs & dates (also see the email sent October 21 with other needs). Please place needed supplies in the boxes in the coat room.

October 20-November 2 – Fruit snacks / **November 26-30** – Cheez-its

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

I like being treated like a person and not a customer. This political season has shown me that again. A few weeks ago, our neighborhood had a block party. One of the candidates for the State House of Representatives was walking through the neighborhood and stopped by the party. She introduced herself to me and others, asked us individually what are some things that we feel are important, and listened to us patiently. I felt very connected and appreciated. On the other hand, I have been getting these phone calls with recorded vitriolic attacks against candidates. You might say, "Well, don't answer them," but they are being tricky. The computers are using available phone numbers from all over the nation. If you hang up on one, they will call you from another. You cannot block them because they will never use the same number twice to call you. I feel used and deceived.

I pay attention to these things because, as a Christian, I also have something to "sell": people need to know about Jesus, and they need to choose him to be King. They should be treated as human beings. However, it is more than a selling technique; the gospel demands that we "salespeople" love people as God loves them. If we try to "sell" an impersonal gospel, where people are simply quotas, we are proclaiming a false gospel. The gospel of the Good Shepherd is the one where he calls the sheep by name, and I don't think that means a computer-generated, merge document.

What are the ways that the gospel presentation is personal?

1) Be flesh-and-blood Christ to others. As we are transformed into the image of Christ, we become the personal representative of Christ, acting like he would.

2) Patiently give people room. They have to believe it for themselves. They have to make up their own mind. We do not want them carried away by the moment of the "hard sell," but they are making a decision for a lifetime and beyond. They should not be manipulated as if this says something about your performance; it is between them and God. They might reject, and that is their right and God's gift to them.

3) Speak honestly about the rewards of discipleship and the costs as well. Be open about your own struggles, and open as well about the reasons you have entrusted your life to God in the midst of those struggles.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Sherry & Cara Owen

2nd Service – Kimberly Kennedy & Aubrey Hall