

Blue River Church of Christ

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Worship Times

Sunday
Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 8:30 &
10:45 a.m.
Wednesday
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Elders	Earl Fultz John Owen	Russ Simmons Jan Sullivan
Deacons	Jim Bassford David Blankenship David Foster Darren Herrmann	Jack Hudkins Aaron Palmer Sean Turner Paul Walker
Pulpit Minister	Darin Kennedy dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org	
Family Life Minister	Shane Hall shall@bluerivercofc.org	

Statistics for January 29, 2017 Attendance	93 + 152 = 245
Contribution	\$4,453.90
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,554
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,904

Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life

They have need for: Ramen noodles, pasta and rice meals, peanut butter, jelly, Kool-Aid, canned or packaged tuna, canned chicken, Vienna sausages, Jell-O, cornbread mix, snack bars, diet drink packets, pork & beans, oatmeal, taco seasoning, gravy mix, spaghetti mix, tomato sauce, canned fruit, small packs of instant potatoes. Please leave all 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.

February 5, 2017

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Order of Worship

8:30

10:45

	#4 "To God Be the Glory"	#47 "Holy, Holy, Holy" #771 "Lord, Speak to Me"
<i>Prayer</i>	Bill Brotherton	<i>Scripture</i> David Keller Romans 12:1-8
<i>Scripture</i>	David Blankenship Romans 12: 1-8	#246 "Let Me Be a Sacrifice"
	#47 "Holy, Holy, Holy" #313 "The Old Rugged Cross"	<i>Prayer</i> John Wubbenhorst "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Gene Clark	<i>Lord's Supper</i> Ben Church
<i>The Bread</i>		<i>The Bread</i>
<i>The Cup</i>		<i>The Cup</i>
<i>Giving</i>	#674 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"	<i>Giving</i> #129 "Amazing Grace"
	<i>Power Kids Dismissed</i>	<i>Power Kids Dismissed</i>
<i>Lesson</i>	Darin Kennedy "Great Change: Gracious Work"	<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "Great Change: Gracious Work"
	#903 "There Is Power in the Blood"	#669 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Jan Sullivan	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Russ Simmons
	#711 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"	#711 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
<i>Final Confession</i>	Colossians 1:28-29	<i>Final Confession</i> Colossians 1:28-29
<i>Songs Led By</i>	Gary Hasty	<i>Songs Led By</i> Roger Cook

Prayer List

Continued prayers for **Jerry John, Eloise Staley, Lena Bramlett, Dave Nash, Liz Church, Holly Hadley, Doris Buys, Marie Nash, Grover Renick, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Donna Kerns and Evelyn Campbell.**

Women Walking With God

WWWG is an annual ladies conference held in Wichita, KS. They have extended the early bird pricing until **February 15**. If you are interested in attending, please log on to their website and register (womenwalkingwithgod.org). We already have a block of rooms reserved at a hotel. If you would like to be included, please let **Shirley Simmons** or **Rosemary Olas** know. **The conference dates are April 21-22, 2017.** We always have such a great time and would love for you to join us!

Evelyn Campbell's 90th Birthday Open House

TODAY! Sunday, February 5 (2:00-4:00) – Please join us at The Villages of Jackson Creek Assisted Living, 3980 S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO 64057, in the Grizzly Bear Lodge on the lower level. Children are welcome. No gifts, please. If you have any questions, call 816-353-0725.

Doris Buys' 90th Birthday Open House

Sunday, February 12 (2:00-4:00) – Please join us at The Fountains, 3rd floor east, Truman Room.

Church Homecoming

Sunday, February 19 – Please invite all former members and recurring attenders to our Homecoming celebration. Please forward any email addresses that you have to **Sean Turner** at turnertitans27@yahoo.com, and copy the office at office@bluerivercofc.org so they may receive a formal invitation. Food will be catered for all during the normal Bible class time.

Youth Event Harvesters and Ice Skating

Saturday, February 25 (7:45 AM - 2:30PM) – See the flyer on the main bulletin board for complete details, also Facebook or the announcement slides.

Parents Night Out

Friday, March 10 – Parents save the date! Stay tuned for more details to come.

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

February 5	1 st Service	Sherry & Cara Owen
	2 nd Service	Liddy Miller

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

“Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.”

—2 Peter 3:17-18

A common saying is, “If you are not moving forward, you are moving backward.” Spiritual growth is vital to a disciple’s life, and if one is not attempting such growth, then one is vulnerable to many dangers. Your position may seem “secure,” but the conditions keep changing and the challengers grow stronger. You will not be ready for the next attack or the next opportunity if you “rest on your laurels.” You could be swept away or, at the least, be found useless.

Peter’s challenge to the church to “grow in the grace” sounds confusing. Grace has been understood as something that happened, as in, we were shown grace and forgiveness and compassion. We were granted salvation. If we need grace again, it will be to tidy us up when we make mistakes. How could we progress in God’s grace? Has He withheld some of it from us until we come after it? That does not sound like “grace” at all if we have to do something to get it. Peter’s statement does seem confusing when we match it up to our self-centered definition of grace that makes us say, “We’re all fine right now because of God’s grace.”

If indeed grace is not only cleaning, but also empowering; not only a comfort, but also a calling; not only a gift of the past, but also an adventure for the future; then, yes, grace is something to “grow in,” to seek, to submit to, to discover, to work in, to engage, and to practice. God is incredibly generous with His grace, and we will spend a lifetime, more like an eternity, unpacking His wonderful gifts, understanding them better, and using them in our lives.

No wonder Peter ends with such a powerful statement of praise concerning the nature of Jesus, whose glory extends from “now” to “forever.” What we have experienced so far is incredible, and it continues to expand and grow until all creation is filled with it, “looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells” (2 Peter 3:13). Continue to move and expand within the limitless bounds of God’s grace, and do not stagnate.