

# Blue River Church of Christ

January 12, 2020



<b>Contact Information</b> 221 NE Woods Chapel Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64064 816-373-7448 office@bluerivercofc.org www.bluerivercofc.org	<b>Worship Times</b> <b>Sunday</b> Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. <b>Wednesday</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
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## Order of Worship

### 8:30

### 10:45

<b>Elders</b>	Earl Fultz John Owen Paul Walker	David Keller Russ Simmons
<b>Deacons</b>	David Blankenship David Foster Jack Hudkins Sean Turner	Stephen Couture Darren Herrmann Aaron Palmer
<b>Pulpit Minister</b>	Darin Kennedy dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org	
<b>Family Life Minister</b>	Shane Hall shall@bluerivercofc.org	

#626 "Christ for the World We Sing"  
#625 "Zion's Call"

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*Prayer* Ron McCleary

*Prayer* Alan Olas

*Scripture* David Blankenship  
2 Corinthians 12:7-9

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#902 "Nothing but the Blood"

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*Lord's Supper* Steve Etter

*Lord's Supper* Shane Hall

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

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*Giving*

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#646 "Onward Christian Soldiers"  
#647 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"  
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#749 "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

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*Sermon* Darin Kennedy  
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#660 "People Need the Lord"

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*Shepherd's Prayer* David Keller

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*Final Charge* Psalms 25:1

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*Songs Led By* Shane Hall

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Statistics for January 5, 2020 Attendance	93 + 156 = 249
Contribution	\$6,472.25
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$7,054
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$7,158

### Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life

They have need for: Ramen noodles All flavors, canned tuna or chicken, canned fruit, tomato sauce, peanut butter and jelly, cornbread mix, mixed vegetables, boxed jello, pasta meals or rice meals, toothpaste, toothbrushes, canned milk. 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.

### ***Prayer List***

**Ralph and Eloise Staley, Bonnie Hamby, Gideon Guntert.** Continued prayers for **Donna Lewis, Phyllis MacMillan, Joel Morehead, Bruce Keeton, Jurhee Bench, Nic Peerson, Will Kreisel, Donna Kerns, and Dave & Marie Nash.**

### ***New Adult Classes***

**Ron McCleary** is teaching “Invitation to a Divine Conspiracy,” a DVD series with a discussion, in the Fellowship Hall.

**Shane Hall** is teaching “David: A Man After God’s Own Heart” in the Auditorium.

### ***Monthly Men’s Breakfast***

**January 18 (7:30 AM)** – A signup sheet is on the foyer bulletin board. If you are not able to bring a food item or cook, that is okay! Put your name on the list to let us know you plan to attend, then come and enjoy the food and fellowship!

### ***Kids Celebration***

**February 9 (12-2 PM)** – All 4th-6th graders are invited to stay after 2<sup>nd</sup> service for lunch and a time of fun and games. We will also be recognizing the kids that have participated in filling out the worship forms provided during the adult worship each Sunday. Please RSVP to **Debbie Peerson** or **Allie Keller** if you plan to come.

### ***New Small Group***

A new small group will begin Sunday, February 2, from 6:00 to 7:30pm at the home of **John and Sherry Owen**, 18605 E. 20<sup>th</sup> St. Ct., in Independence. For details, contact **John** at 816-223-0206 or **Sherry** at 816-809-0082

### ***Rachel House Donations***

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our holiday collection for Rachel House. We collected \$1,525! May God bless our gifts.

### ***Ministry Opportunity***

There are so many ministry opportunities at BRCC. Periodically, we will help you become aware of different ministries that need your support.

Today, we would like to encourage you to consider being a part of our “Meals Ministry.” This ministry is led by **Sue Roberts**. When our members are sick, in the hospital, or just need some “extra love,” **Sue** will call the people on her “meal team” and ask them to sign up to make and deliver a meal. If you would be interested in being a part of **Sue Roberts’s** meal team, please let **Sue** or **the Church Office** know.

## **The Preacher’s Post – *Darin Kennedy***

During this sermon series on Paul’s letter to the Romans, I will use my bulletin article to explain my studies of Romans. It might be helpful to you in understanding from where I am coming.

A big question to ask of any book, including Romans, is to determine its purpose. Many have seen Romans as a doctrinal tract. Paul, more than in any other book, lays out logically his reasoned arguments concerning faith, salvation, and the Jew-Gentile relationship. At the same time, Paul majestically writes about topics such as “the righteousness of God” and “sin” and “the Holy Spirit.” Is this a summary of Paul’s preaching that is sent to a church he has never visited before, but could be sent to any church? Because many have taken this as a general tract on Christian faith, they often use it as a sourcebook for their work, such as using it to describe the plan of salvation to unbelievers or to emphasize a doctrine of faith apart from works.

However, the form of Romans is not a tract; instead, it is a letter. The author is named. The plans of the author are described. Lengthy personal greetings are exchanged. These majestic themes that have been studied and adored for two millennia seem to have a specific context tied to a specific concern. If I as a modern reader can recognize that context, I can connect with it, preventing me from using Paul’s message in the way I deem fit, but he might not, and enabling me to put his powerful words into real life and practice.

Both toward the beginning and end of the letter, surrounding Paul’s powerful instruction, we read of Paul’s travel plans and ministry. He is ready and excited to come to Rome for the express purpose of fulfilling his calling of preaching to the Gentiles (1:13). After that city, he plans to continue on to Spain (15:24). He is a man on a mission. At this point, one might could still describe Romans as a summary of his evangelistic preaching to Gentiles (15:15-16)...except one thing—Paul must first travel to Jerusalem (15:25). Paul is not only going out, but he is also, and firstly, going home, unsure of what kind of reception he will receive (15:31). Without recognizing that first trip, the reader cannot understand Paul throughout the letter when he says, “first to the Jew, then to the Gentile” (1:16), nor can the reader begin to comprehend chapters 9-11 or, in my opinion, the “weak and strong” of chapters 14-15.

The letter to the Romans, set in the context of Paul’s travels has now become very familiar to me and, therefore, very applicable. It expresses the visionary desire to rescue a lost world, coupled with the great pain one experiences when few will go out there with you. The genius of Paul is how he handles the back-and-forth of expanding into new territory and keeping things together at home. In chapter 16, Paul names many co-workers in the church in Rome who must have felt that same, constant tension. I would encourage you to read the letter again with that context in mind.

### ***Today’s Morning Nursery Attendants***

1<sup>st</sup> Service  
2<sup>nd</sup> Service

Cheryl and Jon Sutton  
Darlene Pollard

