

Blue River Church of Christ

February 16, 2020



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

#47 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
 #544 "Without Him"

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Scripture Bill Endicott
 Romans 6

Scripture Matt Hoggatt
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Prayer Sean Turner
 #332 "Lead Me to Calvary"

Prayer Robert Bettis
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Lord's Supper Ron McCleary

Lord's Supper Larry Sullivan

The Bread
The Cup

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#902 "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"

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Giving

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Sermon Shane Hall
 "Romans: A Strong Craving"

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#905 "Yield Not to Temptation"

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Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

Shepherd's Prayer David Keller

Final Charge Romans 6:8

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Songs Led By Paul Walker

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

Statistics for February 9, 2020 Attendance	88 + 148 = 236
Contribution	\$10,107.67
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
 Items Needed: canned or packaged tuna and chicken, instant pasta meals, ramen noodles, jello, green beans, tomato sauce, onion flakes, relish, instant cocoa, variety pack oatmeal, pork and beans, popcorn, instant rice or bagged, instant potato flakes, snack bars, snack cakes, peanut butter crackers, pancake mix, macaroni and cheese, gallon size zip-lock bags, sandwich bags, decaf coffee, Splenda, toothpaste, creamer. Please leave all labeled donations in the coat area by the church 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.

Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

Prayer List

Bob MacMillan is in the hospital, **Fred Patek**, Continued prayers for **Andy Hester**; **Sharon Michael** – recovering. **Ralph** and **Eloise Staley**, **Bonnie Hamby**, **Phyllis MacMillan**, **Joel Morehead**, **Bruce Keeton**, **Jurhee Bench**, **Nic Peerson**, **Will Kreisel**, **Donna Kerns**, and **Dave & Marie Nash**.

LTC Practice Schedule

TODAY!!! Please bring a sack lunch unless otherwise noted.

Sunday Schedule:

12:30-1:30 – Large Chorus

1:30-2:30 – Scrapbook/Puppet Group #1

2:30-3:30 – Puppet Group #2

Wednesday Evening:

5:00-6:00 – Scrapbook

6:00-7:00 – Live Drama

7:00-8:00 – Bible Bowl

New Small Group

Sundays (6:00-7:30 PM) A new small group has begun at the home of **John** and **Sherry Owen**, 18605 E. 20th St. Ct., Independence. For details, contact **John** at 816-223-0206 or **Sherry** at 816-809-0082.

The Williams Family Has Moved

Nick and **Tenaya Williams** have moved to Rolla, MO. Let's send the **Williams Family** lots of love and encouragement! There is a book in the foyer that we would like everyone to sign today.

Homecoming Brunch

March 1 (9:30-10:30 AM) – Please plan to join us as we enjoy one another's company in a fellowship brunch. This event is designed to invite former members to reconnect with us. So, invite all of those family members we miss so much! Some food items will be catered, but we'll also have a sign-up sheet that will be sent out.

Congregational Bible Bowl

March 29 (5PM) – Get ready for our 2nd annual Congregational Bible Bowl! The children are beginning a study on 2 Samuel. We are inviting the entire church to compete against our children in a Bible Bowl. Make sure you are prepared. You have a month and a half to read through the book of 2 Samuel.

LTC Judges and Ambassadors Needed

April 10&11 – LTC (Leadership Training for Christ) is still in need of a few more adult volunteers to help out the weekend of the event. If you would like more information about how you can help, please contact the church office or **Allie Mace**.

Throughout Romans, Paul engages in a dialogue. He actually plays both parts in the conversation. Paul knows what has been the reaction to his preaching in the places he has visited, and he probably has heard, even though he has not yet visited, some of the Romans' reactions as well. So in the letter, Paul is able to give his side and the reaction of the objector: the world has gone against God, but you disobedient Jews have no right to judge, but the Jews have an advantage since they have God's word, but the Jews don't have an advantage because the law says they are sinful like everyone else, but we don't disregard the law, but law can't save anyone, but grace can, but we can't continue sinning just because we have grace... You get the picture. It sounds like several men's business meetings I have been in (so thankful we don't have those anymore). While the back-and-forth may be hard to follow at times, I appreciate how Paul does it because it sounds like church, like people trying their best to understand, each side having a point to make, but both sides needing to see from the other's perspective. Paul sets boundaries for the discussion, within which there is room to discover and grow and disagree and find new agreement and come up with something that is more than balance or compromise; the result will be something greater than either party thought before, like becoming a "slave to righteousness," which is "freedom" that leads to the "gift" of "eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Absolutely brilliant!

I love how Paul offers an example of how to have these kinds of difficult discussions. These are some steps that I see Paul exemplifying: 1) The discussions often begin in criticism of something, whether of something in the world or something in the church. 2) The person making the criticism must take a humble look at himself or herself, exposing inward prejudice, hypocrisy, desire for control, etc. 3) Boundaries are set, often through seeing what the extremes are of each position (such as, "Should we go on sinning so that grace may abound," being a possible extreme of proclaiming God's free grace). The extremes are lopped off as having no standing ("By no means"). 4) The issue is seen through the lens of a living relationship with Jesus, crucified and raised. 5) Rather than fighting for one side's position to win, we battle as allies to claim something in Jesus that is better than either side has offered. 6) Show each other patience and give each other time to grow into what is better, recognizing that wherever we are individually, we are trying our best to serve the Lord.

We'll see this again in the relationships of the "strong and weak" of chapters 14 and 15, but Paul exemplifies how to do it in the first 7 chapters.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service

Jon and Cheryl Sutton

2nd Service

Laurie, Sydney and Hayley Kerley