

Blue River Church of Christ

March 1, 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

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 23, 2020 Attendance	73 + 173 = 246
Contribution	\$7,149.75
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 <u>labeled</u> 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.

8:30	10:45
#528 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" #133 "The Love of God"	#66 "Doxology" #2 "We Praise Thee O God"
<i>Prayer</i> Steve Etter	<i>Scripture</i> Jack Hudkins Romans 8:31-39
<i>Scripture</i> Joe Harber Romans 8:31-39	<i>Prayer</i> Aaron Palmer
"And Can It Be"	#300 "Praise Him! Praise Him!" #287 "There Is a Redeemer"
<i>Lord's Supper</i> David Blankenship	<i>Lord's Supper</i> Paul Walker
<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>	<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>
<i>Giving</i>	<i>Giving</i>
#695 "None of Self and All of Thee"	#53 "Father, I Adore You" #15 "Step by Step" #77 "Glorify Thy Name"
<i>Power Kids Dismissed</i>	<i>Power Kids Dismissed</i>
<i>Sermon</i> Darin Kennedy "Romans: Dead Man Walking, Running, Living"	<i>Sermon</i> Darin Kennedy "Romans: Dead Man Walking, Running, Living"
#48 "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go"	#666 "I Am Thine, O Lord"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> John Owen	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Russ Simmons
<i>Final Promise</i> Romans 8:37	<i>Final Promise</i> Romans 8:37
<i>Songs Led By</i> Roger Cook	<i>Songs Led By</i> Ron McCleary

Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

Prayer List

Bob MacMillan passed away in Arkansas after a heart attack; Larry Ore – **Lawrence Ore's** father passed away this week; Connie Cain – **Rebecca Waldron's** sister with pancreatic cancer; **Tammy Walker** – surgery March 6; David Church – **Ben Church's** brother; continued prayers for **Fred Patek, Andy Hester, Ralph and Eloise Staley, Bonnie Hamby, Joel Morehead, Bruce Keeton, Jurhee Bench, Nic Peerson, Will Kreisel, Donna Kerns, and Dave & Marie Nash.**

Homecoming Brunch

TODAY!!! (9:30-10:30AM) – Please join us as we enjoy one another's company in a fellowship brunch today. No need to have brought anything.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 7 (7:30AM) – All men are invited to the monthly men's breakfast. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Scrapbooking Night

Saturday, March 7 (6PM) – Everyone is invited to enjoy a night of Scrapbooking at the church building. Bring finger foods to share. Let **Denise Fultz** know if you plan to come.

Easter Candy Donations

Debbie Peerson is asking for wrapped candy donations for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We have plenty of eggs; they just need goodies. Candy donations can be left in the church office. Small, non-candy items are welcome, also.

Congregational Bible Bowl

March 29 (5PM) – Get ready for our 2nd annual Congregational Bible Bowl! The children are studying 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 little over a month to read through the book of 2 Samuel.

LTC Dress Rehearsal

April 1 (7PM) – Come watch the children as they perform their LTC activities!!

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1 st Service	Brenda and Conner Brotherton
2 nd Service	Brenda Herrmann

The hardest passages to preach are familiar passages. People feel so comfortable with them that they do not feel their challenge. In addition, there is a category of familiar passages centered around weddings, like 1 Corinthians 13, and funerals, like Psalm 23. When we hear these passages, we filter them through these events in which they have been used prominently, and those events may not give the passages their best context for understanding. Our passage today, Romans 8, fits into that familiar-funeral-text category. Now, there is nothing wrong with reading it during that occasion (nor with reading 1 Corinthians 13 at a wedding); in fact, I have used it in several funerals I have conducted at Blue River. But if left only for the painful funeral context, it loses its effectiveness for meeting life's needs today, people thinking its application only for end-of-life scenarios and the quiet comfort of those who have lost loved ones.

Romans 8 is a powerful, defiant call to meet death, not only as it comes through natural and violent events, but also willfully as dying to sin, to flesh, and to fear. Whatever the cause, whether personally intentional or as victim, the transition will be excruciatingly painful, but we disciples of Jesus will engage it with confidence, unwavering hope, and supernatural patience. We have the insatiable hunger to be recognized and glorified as children of God, to be formed into the image of God's Son, and these deathly transitions are perfectly designed for such formation and glorification.

When a family asks me to read Romans 8 at a funeral, I want to say, "Do you know what you are getting yourself into?" When one wants to sit quietly and reflect on memories, Paul is riling up his readers to cry out "*Abba, Father!*" While we pray reverently, he opens our ears to a groaning Spirit. While we consider the end of everything, he takes us to the maternity ward where a woman screams in birth pains. While we think of heavenly rest, Paul describes the relentless process of "predestined, called, justified, glorified." While we play "Taps," Paul is triumphant—"We are more than conquerors!" An awfully noisy funeral, when the fitting response is a chorus of "Amen! Let it be with me!" and a clanging of sword and shield by fit soldiers ready to answer the call.