

Blue River Church of Christ

March 8, 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 March 1, 2020 Attendance	119 + 130 = 249
Contribution	\$9,488.25
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$7,477.33
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$7,663.97

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.

8:30		10:45	
#76 "How Great Thou Art" #837 "I Need Thee Every Hour"		#76 "How Great Thou Art" #837 "I Need Thee Every Hour"	
<i>Prayer</i>	Joe Harber	<i>Prayer</i>	Robert Bettis
<i>Scripture</i>	Brian Wahlen Jeremiah 31:7-20	<i>Scripture</i>	David Keller Jeremiah 31:7-20
	#490 "It Is Well"		#490 "It Is Well"
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Bill Brotherton	<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Darren Herrmann
<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>		<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>	
<i>Giving</i>		<i>Giving</i>	
	#415 "Each Step I Take" #416 "Footsteps of Jesus"		"Blessed Be Your Name" #559 "The Joy of the Lord"
<i>Power Kids Dismissed</i>		<i>Power Kids Dismissed</i>	
<i>Sermon</i>	Darin Kennedy "Romans: A Work of Jealousy"	<i>Sermon</i>	Darin Kennedy "Romans: A Work of Jealousy"
	#412 "Jesus, Hold My Hand"		#412 "Jesus, Hold My Hand"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Paul Walker	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	David Keller
<i>Final Promise</i>	Jeremiah 31:33	<i>Final Promise</i>	Jeremiah 31:33
<i>Songs Led By</i>	Shane Hall	<i>Songs Led By</i>	Shane Hall

Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

Prayer List

Holly Hadley's family, Dave Nash – in the hospital, Jason Herrington's father, Paul Walker's cousin – car accident, Bob Minton – Stormy Cook's son, Denny Kruse – surgery, Angelia Hudkin's mother, continued prayers for Connie Cain – Rebecca Waldron's sister with pancreatic cancer; Tammy Walker – surgery; David Church – Ben Church's brother; Phyllis MacMillan, Fred Patek, Andy Hester, Ralph and Eloise Staley, Bonnie Hamby, Joel Morehead, Bruce Keeton, Jurhee Bench, Nic Peerson, Will Kreisel, Donna Kerns.

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, Singing, and Potluck

March 29 (5PM) – Come enjoy a full evening of fellowship in its richest sense!! We will have some congregational singing, a Bible Bowl competition, and a good ol' fashion potluck. Please be reading 2 Samuel!

LTC Dress Rehearsal

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

Save the Date

April 12 – Annual Easter Egg Hunt

May 9 – Senior Banquet

May 31-June 5 – Youth Bible Camp @ LPBC

July 26-30 – Blue River VBS

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service

Dawn and Matthew Cook

2nd Service

Darlene Pollard

In today's sermon, we come to one of the most difficult areas of Scripture to understand—Romans 9-11. It attempts to answer one of the most difficult questions in the Bible: “What happened to Israel? How could so many of God's chosen people not believe in and serve Jesus the Messiah?” Paul was pained to the core of his being that his own people did not believe and fulfill their purpose as children of Abraham. He must have reasoned about and prayed over this troublesome question at great length, and, in the end, he was willing to put his life on the line and to go back to Jerusalem with a gift in hope that his kinspeople might be persuaded.

To understand Paul, one must see his responsiveness to God. He has a very difficult question, so he watches the events of how Israel interacts with the gospel, reads the Scripture searching for an interpretation, and speaks all what he sees, not only the parts that justify himself as one of those few Israelites who believe, but also the promises of God that make him share God's heart for Israel and motivate him to never give up on Israel. Oh, that we all would have that same kind of humility before God and His Word! If you read the Bible hoping to find judgment against others and you are not filled with mournful compassion for them, you are reading it wrong.

An important passage for Paul was the Song of Moses in Deuteronomy 32. Moses predicted that the Israelites would become so disobedient that they would one day be sent into exile. Moses taught them a song that reminded them why they went into exile, because of their disobedience, and that God would bring them back, taking vengeance on their enemies. At the center of the song is a movement of Israel's heart that is described as “jealousy”: “They made me jealous by what is no god and angered me with their worthless idols. I will make them envious by those who are not a people; I will make them angry by a nation that has no understanding” (Deut. 32:21). In exile, they will cry out, and God will respond. Paul saw his mission to the Gentiles as Israel's salvation. He does not leave Israel to be an apostle to the Gentiles; instead, Paul believes that he is fulfilling Israel's purpose as children of Abraham to bless the nations. When Israel sees all the Gentiles coming in because of God's grace, they will respond in jealousy, wanting the grace of God all the more for themselves. Everyone will be saved by grace. The hard part is that, in order for the word to go out to the Gentiles, Israel must first be “angered” (in Deuteronomy) or “hardened”—painful to watch. When that period of anger is over, watch out! They will believe, Israel will be saved, and a mighty force of the graced will fill the earth with wisdom and mercy. That is a vision worth pursuing!