

Blue River Church of Christ

March 10, 2019



Order of Worship

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

Statistics for February 24, 2019 Attendance	118
Contribution	\$8,515.00
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$7,180
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$7,267

Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life
 They have need for: bar soap, disinfectant wipes, gallon and quart size zip-lock bags, tall kitchen bags for people to put clothing in, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, jelly, instant potatoes, rice, beans (any kind), variety pack oatmeal, canned fruit, fruit cups, canned chicken, mac and cheese, Jiffy cornbread mix, toilet paper. 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.

8:30

	"Higher Ground"
<i>Prayer</i>	Brian Wahlen
	#420 "Cleanse Me"
<i>Scripture</i>	Steve Etter 1 Timothy 1:12-17
	#7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Jim Bassford
	<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>
<i>Giving</i>	
	"In Christ Alone"
	Darin Kennedy "Growing Wider: What is the Gospel?"
	#509 "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Earl Fultz
<i>Final Blessing</i>	Isaiah 52:7
<i>Songs Led By</i>	Roger Cook

10:45

<i>Prayer</i>	Alan Olas
<i>Scripture</i>	David Keller 1 Timothy 1:12-17
	#902 "Nothing But the Blood" #337 "Hallelujah! What a Savior" #318 "O Sacred Head"
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Larry Sullivan
	<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>
<i>Giving</i>	
	#345 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" #193 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #242 "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord"
	Darin Kennedy "Growing Wider: What is the Gospel?"
	#508 "A Wonderful Savior"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Paul Walker
<i>Final Blessing</i>	Isaiah 52:7
<i>Songs Led By</i>	Ron McCleary

Prayer List

Andy Hester is recovering at home following a cardiac procedure. **Lynn Elsbury's** niece, Grace Voytas, has been diagnosed with cancer. **Will Kreisel** is in rehab. Continued prayers for **Mike and Debbie Peerson's** son, Nic Peerson, and **Holly Hadley's** son, Hunter Hoagland, **Jurhee Bench, Bob MacMillan, Pat Kreisel, Ruth Elmer, Sue Brown, Freda Renick, Bonnie Hamby, Roman Martin, Earl Weddle, Betty Williams, Donna Kerns, Buddy Self, Rita Fitzsimmons, Evelyn Campbell, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.**

Women Walking With God Conference

Women Walking With God Conference at Hartman Arena in Wichita, KS ,April 12-13. The topic this year is, "You have been chosen for such a time!" (Esther 4:14). There is a flyer with detailed information along with a sign up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office. If you have any questions, contact **Tammy Walker.**

Picture Board Update!

Our picture board is in great need of an update! Starting April 7, we will begin taking new family pictures for the board starting with families whose last names begin with A-D and continuing from there in the weeks following. Pictures will be taken in the fellowship hall after both first and second services.

New Adult Classes

For our Adult Bible Classes beginning in March, we will focus on our tri-fold congregational Focus Statement—Deepening our Relationships, Developing our Gifts, and Declaring the Gospel. In both the Auditorium and Adult Classroom, we will spend 4 weeks on each area.

Elder Availability

An elder is available after each service in Darin's office for prayer, encouragement, or counsel.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service

Dawn & Matthew Cook

2nd Service

Darlene Pollard & Allie Keller

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

Last week in my sermon, I talked about the natural way unity and diversity should work within the body of Christ. I say, "should work," but it does not come as naturally as it sounds. It takes the work of the Spirit to make us appreciate both the stretching of individual gifts and the coming back together to make sure we are on the same page. Both require patience and peace, which are fruit of the Spirit. Let me describe the process more specifically.

When the church encounters a need or a new place to serve, then we must rely on individual gifts to take the lead in that area. That might be a new children's activity or a ministry to the poor or a renewed emphasis on prayer or whatever. It might be a corrective of or an addition to our present way of doing ministry, or it might be completely new territory. In the face of opportunity, we can either say, "We've never done that before," and let it go, or we can say, "It's different, but it could use some exploration. Use your gift, and lead us." So a couple of people gifted in that area would chart a path, experiment a bit, and come back to the rest of us to persuade us to support their work.

Some works need little persuasion to entice participation from the larger body, but some need a lot more. This is a critical time. A complete denial would be heartbreaking, but whole-body support is many times not possible either. There must be affirmation of individual gifts, and there must be peace within the body. It is a shame that they may compete against each other. This is the point for which you must be prepared to act your spiritual best. I have had to lead into many new areas before, and I have determined that I will not disturb the peace of the body. I have also had people go where I was not comfortable, and I have determined to show them as much affirmation and support as I possibly could, squeezing out every positive thing that I could, knowing they wanted to passionately serve the Lord and that the Lord would make them stand. How will you respond in that moment—as a divider or a nay-sayer or something far better? No matter my pre-determination, I have not always acted my best.

After we have been stretched into new territory, we must always come back to the Table for a reminder: we are here together, and I celebrate what the Lord is doing through you. It is not our plans that make us succeed, but the power of the Lord. In the end, it will not matter what achievement we performed or what kind of status quo we protected, but how much together we looked like Jesus.