

# Blue River Church of Christ

March 17, 2019



## Order of Worship

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

Statistics for February 24, 2019 Attendance	83 + 151 = 234
Contribution	\$9,646.35
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.

<b><u>8:30</u></b>	<b><u>10:45</u></b>
#718 "We Shall Assemble" # 676 "Living for Jesus"	#71 "As the Deer" #129 "Amazing Grace"
<i>Prayer</i> Bruce Sewell	<i>Scripture</i> Ben Church Isaiah 12
<i>Scripture</i> Roger Bradshaw Isaiah 12	#555 "Seek Ye First"
#684 "Near, My God, to Thee"	<i>Prayer</i> Vint Hall
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	#991 "This Is My Father's World"
David Keller	<i>Lord's Supper</i>
<i>The Bread</i>	Nick Williams
<i>The Cup</i>	<i>The Bread</i>
<i>Giving</i>	<i>The Cup</i>
#660 "People Need the Lord" #744 "God's Family"	<i>Giving</i>
Darin Kennedy "Growing Wider: Inside Out"	"In Christ Alone"
#524 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"	Darin Kennedy "Growing Wider: Inside Out"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Earl Fultz	#202 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
<i>Final Charge</i> John 13:34-35	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Earl Fultz
<i>Songs Led By</i> Ron McCleary	<i>Final Charge</i> John 13:34-35
	<i>Songs Led By</i> Ryan Smith

### ***Prayer List***

Continued prayers for **Andy Hester, Will Kreisel, Lynn Elsbury's** niece, Grace Voytas, **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, 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.**

### ***Elder Availability***

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

### ***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.

### ***For the Kids***

During our morning services, we have things provided to help with the youngsters. An attended nursery is available in both services. Power Kids is during 2<sup>nd</sup> service's sermon time for kids 3 years old to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. A Kids Worship Form is available in the lobby for those over 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to actively interact with the service and sermon. After they have completed those forms, have them show them to Shane or Darin.

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

Last week in my sermon, I mentioned a preacher in the late 1800's named T.B. Larimore. I have mentioned him many times because he is a hero of mine. As we speak of "Declaring the Gospel," one part of our tri-fold congregational focus, I believe Larimore is worthy of imitation. He was a successful evangelist, baptizing in the tens of thousands, but his success came not from eloquence (although he had that), but from a message singularly focused on the cross of Christ and a heart that dearly loved people.

Rubel Shelly, in his book *In Step With The Spirit*, observed, "A while back I was reading of a man who was led to Christ by a gentle soul named T. B. Larimore. The man in question had been to hundreds of church services and to dozens of evangelistic meetings before Larimore came and preached in the town. So someone asked him, 'Why did you respond to the gospel under Brother Larimore's preaching when you hadn't before?' His answer is a rebuke to some of us and our methods. 'From other preachers I'd learned I was going to hell,' he said, 'but they seemed pleased that I was. From Larimore I learned I was going to hell, but I could tell it broke his heart to have to tell me so!'"

I would love to have a more broken, mournful heart for those whose lives have been ravaged by sin. It is easier to sit in judgment of others, especially those who have committed publicly egregious sins, but to mourn is more like Christ: "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" (John 3:17). Judgment divides us from those who need rescue, but mourning connects us in compassion. Judgment is glad that someone is getting what he or she deserves, as if it proves us to be right all along, but sorrow remembers that we would be in the very same place if not for the grace of God. I no longer want to boast about how much better we have it; instead, I want others to have all the blessings as well.

If you are just frustrated or disgusted or angry at people around you, then it is a sign that you are wrestling with a condemning spirit. Turn more toward listening, showing compassion, and even weeping for what you hear from the lives of others. No longer be surprised that the world is tough on people, and no longer see people as being idiots for the choices they make. Jesus saw them as the sick who need a doctor, as the lost who need a Shepherd, and family who needed to be re-claimed as sons and daughters of God.

### ***Today's Morning Nursery Attendants***

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

Carrie & Abby Eaton  
Stormy Cook