

Blue River Church of Christ

March 31, 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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8:30

10:45

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 March 17, 2019 Attendance	88 + 135 = 223
Contribution	\$5,921.25
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.

"Down in the River"
 #193 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Prayer Jeff Petersen

#705 "A Common Love"

Scripture Brian Wahlen
 Psalm 133

#961 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Lord's Supper Roger Bradshaw

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#2 "We Praise Thee, O God"

Sermon Roger DeLoach

#202 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Shepherd's Prayer John Owen

Final Blessing Romans 15:5-6

Songs Led By Ryan Smith

"Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)"
 #162 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Prayer Shane Hall

Scripture Aaron Palmer
 Psalm 133

#133 "The Love of God"

Lord's Supper Roger Cook

The Bread
The Cup

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#759 "Shall We Gather at the River?"
#749 "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

Sermon Roger DeLoach

#412 "Jesus, Hold My Hand"

Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

#626 "Christ for the World We Sing"

Songs Led By Shane Hall

Prayer List

Holly Hadley's son, Hunter Hoagland, had a successful emergency surgery. Ruth Nutter's daughter was hospitalized for heart issues. Earl Weddle has torn rotator cuffs in both shoulders. Continued prayers for Andy Hester, Will Kreisel, Lynn Elsbury's niece, Grace Voytas, Mike and Debbie Peerson's son, Nic, Jurhee Bench, Bob MacMillan, Pat Kreisel, Ruth Elmer, Sue Brown, Freda Renick, Roman Martin, Betty Williams, Donna Kerns, Buddy Self, Rita Fitzsimmons, Evelyn Campbell, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.

Congregational Bible Bowl

April 7 (5pm) – Join us at the building for a friendly Bible Bowl competition over the book of John! Afterwards, we will share a meal together. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP is encouraged, but not necessary. With questions, contact Jennifer Hall.

Back Snack Program

Thank you to everyone who donated Goldfish for the month of March. This week, we will be collecting fruit snacks for the April snack donation. Donations can be placed in the Back Snack box in the foyer.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Devotional

Starting April 2, the Ladies Devo that meets at 10am every Tuesday in the church library will be starting a new study called "Divine Design." This 6-8-week study is on identifying your spiritual gifts. During each class, there will be a 20-30-minute video followed by discussion. If you would like to discover or better understand your gifts, please join us. Childcare will be provided.

Family Movie Matinee

April 27 (4pm) – Join us at the building to watch a movie and have discussion afterwards. More information coming soon. Contact Sean Turner or Aaron Palmer with any questions

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Donations of wrapped candy are needed for our annual Easter egg hunt. A bucket is in the foyer to place donations.

Picture Board Update

Our picture board is in great need of an update! Starting next week, 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.

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

This week, I was able to attend a Reentry Simulation over at Village Initiative in KCK. We experienced the obstacles that a returning citizen coming out of incarceration has when trying to start his or her life over. It is overwhelming how much a person must overcome in order to start again. The only way it can happen is if someone catches a break or two and if that person has a support system to empower him or her through the process. Those who are alone end up going back to the crowd with whom they got in trouble in the first place, which gets them sent quickly back to prison.

Sadly, many say, and this includes "good Christian people," "They wouldn't be in this mess if they hadn't done what they did." On one hand, that statement is correct; they did choose to commit crimes. On the other hand, "this mess" has been compounded by us as a society; we make it hard. We do not want to live beside them, work beside them, or drive beside them. We do not mind a system of recovery so difficult that it keeps them sitting at bus stops going from one appointment to another. We do not mind them sleeping in the missions, where we can show them the pity of Jesus. We do not mind that they are on the verge of giving up and going back to prison, which would prove we were right about them all along. If one does break through and return successfully, we are confident he has proven himself worthy to be among us again because he passed our tests, and we can double down on our judgment that all the others who didn't make it just didn't have character. The system and society we have established protects us from ever admitting that we are prejudiced, that our judgments about people and our labels we put on people are incorrect, that we could easily be in the same situation if we hadn't received our lucky breaks of being born into the right family or neighborhood and having somebody early on give us a chance.

One moment of empathy tears all that apart. We are exposed when we "walk in another's shoes"—worn-out, mis-sized, support-less shoes. The simulation enabled me to see not only what someone else goes through, but also what has been hidden within me. If you want to grow in your empathy and also be cleansed from your prejudice, let me recommend other places to go. First, ride a bus. I don't mean one of those Park-n-Ride-straight-to-downtown buses. I mean—I'll give you an easy one—try making your way from Independence Center to Kansas City Municipal Court. The next step would be riding from TMC-Lakewood to KC Courthouse. Second, go to a grocery store. I don't mean the Price Chopper here on Woods Chapel. I mean the Save-a-Lot at 2815 State at 5:00pm. I have no complaint against the store, but it will be a different experience. Just watch. If you have a long line, and I shouldn't say "if," enjoy the free education. Compare how you are treated to how others are treated. Compare everything in that store to your Lee's Summit experience. These are suggestions for the beginning of your journey toward empathy and compassion.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service
2nd Service

Kelly & Alex Newbury
Heidi & Hadyn Hoggatt