

Blue River Church of Christ

April 14, 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	95 +147 = 242
Contribution	\$9,561.00
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.

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"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"
Lord's Supper Brian Wahlen
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The Cup
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Prayer List

Continued prayers for **Earl Weddle, Andy Hester, Mike & Debbie Peerson's** son, **Nic, Jurhee Bench, Bob MacMillan, Will & Pat Kreisel, Ruth Elmer, Sue Brown, Freda Renick, Roman Martin, Betty Williams, Donna Kerns, Buddy Self, Rita Fitzsimmons, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.**

Picture Board Update

TODAY – Pictures are being taken in the fellowship hall after both first and second services. Today is for families whose last names begin with E-H. Next week, families with last names I-L, please plan to have your picture taken!

LTC Dress Rehearsal

April 17 (7pm) – This Wednesday during normal class time, our Leadership Training for Christ participants will be showcasing to the congregation what they have been working on for this year's convention.

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.

Quarterly Diaper Drive

We are beginning to collect diapers sizes 2-3 for Josh IV and Cordelia Kearney, six-month-old twins who lost their mother. Diapers will be collected during the first month of each quarter. Please place your donations in the boxes in the foyer labeled "Diaper Drive," and contact **Sean Turner** with any questions.

Mowing

The grass is beginning to grow! If you would like to be added to the mowing rotation, 2-3 times a season, please contact **Mike Newbury** (816-853-6900).

Family Movie Matinee

April 27 (4pm) – Join us at the building to watch the movie, "Paul, Apostle of Christ." There will be pizza provided after the movie. Please bring your favorite snacks to share during the movie. Contact **Sean Turner** or **Aaron Palmer** with any questions.

VBS Meeting

April 28 (2pm) – For those who are interested in helping with this year's Vacation Bible School, there will be an informational meeting at the building. If you have any questions, please contact **Jennifer Hall**.

Senior Banquet

May 11 (5pm) – You are invited to a graduation banquet honoring 3 seniors, Abby Eaton, Drew Blankenship, and Connor Brotherton, at the church building. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby to let us know how many to prepare for.

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

One of those events happened this week that makes a preacher go, "That gives me an idea for a bulletin article," so here goes.

We have a soap dispenser built into our sink. To the right side of the faucet, you can get a little soap for washing hands or dishes. When the dispenser is out, you can lift the top off and fill the bottle which is attached under the sink. Well, I tried to get some soap, and none came out, so I naturally went to fill up the dispenser. I took the top off, squeezed some soap down into it, and went to put the refill soap bottle away. Under the sink I found all the soap I had just squirted down into the dispenser. The bottle hidden under the sink had broken off. It had spilled all of its contents onto everything in the cabinet under the sink, and I had just made matters worse by squeezing more soap down there. It was everywhere.

Now I come to my preacher application—Have you ever cleaned up soap? Maybe you have had liquid detergent spill in your laundry room. It is a nasty, goopy mess. It's like cleaning up spilled oil. Why is it so bad to clean up something you use for cleaning? If the soap gets on something else, it takes forever to rinse it off. While cleaning, my sink kept filling up with more soap bubbles, which I would have enjoyed for a greasy pan, but it was futile for picking up more soap. Cleaning up the cleaner was one of the most frustrating things I have done.

I wonder if that is how Jesus felt in working with the Pharisees and priests. They were supposed to be the cleaners, but the residue of their "piety" made everything and everyone else feel dirty and goopy. Jesus had to clean up after the cleaners. I had to remove one item at a time from under the sink and rinse the soap off each one. Jesus had to take one person at a time; those once driven away by the Jewish leaders—the sick, the poor, the sinful—had to be re-claimed by Jesus as kin. One would have thought that adulterers and tax collectors would have made the biggest messes, but the religious establishment did worse.

How can it be that holiness and righteousness and religion, the things given by God to bring healing to the world, can make such a mess, even still today? First, when personal righteousness makes one supposedly better than other people, there is a mess. Bitter judgment and condemnation, criticism, and boasting are all consequences of an arrogant righteousness. Second, when the desire for holiness outweighs compassion, it can get ugly fast. Those with burdens find no relief, and those less burdened have no joy. Third, being personally religious can mask over dark things underneath. Murderous hatred, licentious lust, debilitating pain, and bloated pride are not purged from an outwardly religious person, but rather swept under the rug, where they rot the floorboards. God has called us to faithfulness but let us not allow our faithfulness to make such a frustrating, damaging mess.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service

Arline Bradshaw

2nd Service

Darlene Pollard & Allie Keller