

Blue River Church of Christ

April 7, 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	

#7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
#74 "Praise the Lord"

Scripture Gene Clark
Psalm 145

Prayer Dave Blankenship

#233 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
#365 "How Beautiful"

Lord's Supper Bruce Sewell

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#133 "His Grace Reaches Me"

Sermon Darin Kennedy
"The Mystery of God's Grace"

"Amazing Grace"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Praise Psalm 111:2-4

Songs Led By Roger Cook

#886 "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"
#864 "Where the Gates Swing Outward Never"

Prayer Jack Hudkins

Scripture Roger Wealand
Psalm 145

#337 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"

Lord's Supper Randy Smith

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#483 "Is It for Me?"

Sermon Darin Kennedy
"The Mystery of God's Grace"

#712 "Jesus Is Coming Soon"

Shepherd's Prayer David Keller

Final Praise Psalm 111:2-4

Songs Led By Paul Walker

Statistics for March 17, 2019 Attendance	89 + 164 = 253
Contribution	\$7,126.10
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.

Prayer List

Freda Renick's grandson-in-law, Matt Thrall, had a heart attack after a hip surgery and is in ICU. 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.

New Adult Classes

Starting today and continuing for the next four weeks, David Keller will be teaching in the adult classroom on Deepening Relationships, and Russ Simmons and Paul Walker will be teaching in the auditorium on Developing Gifts.

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 A-D. Next week, families with last names E-H, please plan to have your picture taken!

Congregational Bible Bowl

TODAY (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**.

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.

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 a movie and have discussion afterwards. More information coming soon. 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**.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service
2nd Service

Sherry & Cara Owen
Kimberly Kennedy & Aubrey Hall

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

"For we still lack many things, that we might not lack God."

—*Ignatius, Letter to the Trallians 5:2*

Just when you think you have achieved a high measure of knowledge or experience, something shows you that there are more things to discover, more questions to ask, more obstacles left unaccounted. We know that we can't figure out all of life's questions, and it makes us nervous to hear people speak with complete certainty: "I've got the stock market all figured out"; "If you want to know about women, come ask me"; "I just read a book that explained everything about the politics of the Middle East. The answer is really simple." No, there is no way to learn or to control just about anything.

In light of this reality, people have different responses. First, many give up trying. Because the finish line is not in sight, they quit running. In surrendering, they fall back. Discouragement and laziness are consequences of a person who has given up the possibility of growth. So we have to keep moving forward.

Second, others push even harder than before. The measuring line of success becomes how far ahead can I get in front of those people. Never satisfied, they have a continual feeling of guilt or anxiety that they have not done enough or have not acquired enough. These again fall backward in their ultimate growth process, especially in their personal happiness and in their relationships.

Either response, whether to stagnate or to push, loses the focus on knowing God. The one who is complacent needs to remember that to know God is to desire more of Him, to know Him more and to do more for His glory. As a person, God cannot be figured out; instead, He must continually be discovered. We may have a great deal of Bible knowledge and experience within the church, but we search more for the heart of God because we love Him. On the other hand, the one who is driven should be able to stop at quiet places and to give God praise, praise for being more than we are, praise for being better than we are. The thirst for God that is never completely quenched keeps us humble before Him and compassionate toward others.

The spiritual journey is made up of a mixture of striving and resting. Striving forward causes us to make new commitments. Resting in praise causes us to confess our weakness and to love God for accepting us just where we are. Both goals keep us in balance.