

Blue River Church of Christ

May 12, 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	

**“Great Are You, Lord”
#464 “Because He Lives”**

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Prayer Ron McCleary

Prayer Alan Olas

Scripture Mike Newbury
Luke 1:46-55

Scripture Aaron Palmer
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#113 “His Grace Reaches Me”

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Lord’s Supper
Steve Etter

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Nick Williams

The Bread
The Cup

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The Cup

Giving

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**“And Can It Be”
#843 “God Give Us Christian Homes”**

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Sermon Darin Kennedy
“The Woman Who Watches”

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#924 “Just As I Am”

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Shepherd’s Prayer Paul Walker

Shepherd’s Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Blessing Luke 1:45

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Statistics for April 28, 2019 Attendance	79 + 135 = 214
Contribution	\$10,067.25
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$7,180
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$7,050

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

Joe Wolverton passed away on Wednesday. **Donna Wealand** had surgery on her wrist this past week. Former member **Kimberly Sterne's** father, Ed Atkins, was diagnosed with an aggressive lymphoma. Continued prayers for **Gary & Beverly Campbell, 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, Bruce Keeton,** and **Jane Weatherbee.**

Service Opportunity

We are in need of volunteers to help run the A/V booth for either service and also a volunteer or two to help with cleaning the baptistry. No previous knowledge or training is needed for either job, just willing hearts! If you are interested in helping serve with either of these tasks, or in any other way, please contact **Allie Mace** at office@bluerivercofc.org.

Picture Board Update

TODAY – Pictures are being taken in the fellowship hall after both first and second services. Today is for anyone who has yet to have their picture taken!

Service Opportunities

As we have been talking about in our class on “Declaring the Gospel,” there are many opportunities for not only service, but also being around people who have a heart for loving people and sharing Jesus Christ. Below are the opportunities that we talked about. If you are interested in any of them, please see **Darin.**

Downtown Pantry – 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, 9:00-11:30, packing bags of food, organizing the pantry, and befriending those in need.

Kids Kitchen – Monday-Friday, 11:00-2:00 or 2:00-5:00, preparing meals for children to take home with them from school.

Village Initiative – Mentoring program for those re-entering society after incarceration, training provided.

Celebrate Success Dinner – June 8, 2:00-9:00, Village Initiative, decorating, serving, and clean up, celebrating the successes of those in the re-entry program.

KC Faithworks – Construction projects for non-profit organizations.

World Bible School – Internet world evangelism with one-on-one teaching.

Mission Contacts – Head contact person communicating more closely and personally with the mission works Blue River supports.

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

My father was a minister for the Dahlia Street Church of Christ in Denver, CO, for 4 years. I was very young, between 5 and 9, when we lived there. I remember it being a joyful place. I remember my two best friends there, Amy Sargent and Cory Hart. I also remember many adults who were very loving and encouraging to us kids, whether it was Jack Henderson who had candy or Bill Voorhees who had a quarter to give us. We had tremendous Bible teachers like Jeanne Sargent, Amy's mom, who gave me a solid foundation and a love for the church.

One person I remember was Ruth Zolar. I got to spend a weekend with her and her husband, Jack, while my brother was getting his tonsils removed. I vividly remember that weekend of going to the Denver museum and seeing the dinosaur bones. I remember Jack taking me to the park and our using his metal detector to search for treasure. I remember the ice cream we had afterward. I remember tremendous love for a young boy who was not their son or grandson but was treated as such for that short time. They loved us.

A few years later we moved to Tennessee. I still remember our going-away party and the tremendous love we felt. I remember Ruth Zolar crying because of how much she was going to miss us. That party is a moment in which I felt and saw the love of the church, and it is etched in my mind as a defining moment of my faith.

A few years after we moved, we took a vacation to go back to Denver, and we visited Dahlia Street. As you have probably experienced, it is a weird moment to go back to a place you once lived and loved. Often, it does not live up to the memories, which are so positive, even romanticized, but this proved to be worth it. Of course, everyone came in and told me and my brother how much we had grown, asking about our new home and school. What I remember was Ruth Zolar. She came in through the front door, was crossing the lobby, caught sight of us, and began to cry. She was shaking in her excitement, stopping every few steps so as not to faint. Those nervous hands moved from her mouth, where she held in the sobs, to our faces, which she felt as if she could not believe we were actually there, as if we were a vision from God Himself. I have never felt so loved.

On this Mother's Day, I reflect on a woman who taught me to love children like Jesus must have when he caught them up in his arms and blessed them. How excited Jesus must have been! How loved they must have felt! I want to love like Ruth loved me.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service

Jon & Cheryl Sutton

2nd Service

Darlene Pollard & Allie Keller