

Blue River Church of Christ

May 19, 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	

#4 "To God Be the Glory"
#469 "Faith Is the Victory"

#1014 "Jesus Loves Me"
#915 "Trust and Obey"

Scripture David Keller
Ephesians 5:1-10

Scripture Matt Hoggatt
Ephesians 5:1-10

Prayer Jeff Petersen

Prayer Vint Hall

#382 "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth"

"Be Thou My Vision"
#364 "Come, Share the Lord"

Lord's Supper David Blankenship

Lord's Supper Darren Herrmann

The Bread
The Cup

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Giving

Giving

#538 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

#365 "How Beautiful"

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

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#909 "There's a Fountain Free"

#904 "Have You Been to Jesus"

Shepherd's Prayer David Keller

Shepherd's Prayer John Owen

#448 "The Greatest Commands"

Final Blessing Ephesians 6:23-24

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Songs Led By Paul Walker

Songs Led By Roger Cook

Statistics for May 12, 2019 Attendance	95 + 138 = 233
Contribution	\$5,593.71
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

Former member **Kimberly Sterne's** father, Ed Atkins, was diagnosed with an aggressive lymphoma and has been moved to hospice care. Continued prayers for **Gary & Beverly Campbell, Earl Weddle, Andy Hester, Mike & Debbie Peerson's** son, Nic, **Jurhee Bench, 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.**

Project Clean Socks/Blessing Bags

There are bags in the foyer for you to take to give out to the homeless that you encounter during the week! Please take some to distribute! Also, there are additional lists of items that need donated in order to produce more of these bags! Please consider donating!

Quarterly Brunch

June 2 – Celebrate summer by joining us for brunch on June 2, 2019. Brunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall between first and second services, 9:45-10:30am. Please consider signing up to bring an item(s) listed, or your own specialty. The link to sign up is included in an email and a Facebook post on the Blue River page, or let **Rosemary** know what you want to bring.

Sign up for Bible Camp!!

June 2-7 – A group of kids grades 3-12 will be traveling to Rolla, MO, to Little Prairie Bible Camp for a week of church camp! It's not too late to join! Please sign up on the Little Prairie website (littleprairie.org), and let **Shane and Jennifer Hall** know if you are going or if you have any questions. They will need to organize transportation, so please let them know ASAP!

Lee's Summit Downtown Days

June 8 – Come join the Fultz/Turner small group at downtown Lee's Summit during Downtown Days. They will be passing out free ride tickets and BRCC bags, all while deepening relationships and having fun enjoying good food and rides together. The start time is coming soon, but if you are interested please sign up on the sheet in the hall.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service
2nd Service

Kelly & Alex Newbury
Laurie & Sydney Kerley

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

“They [Mack and the boys] are the Virtues, the Graces, the Beauties of the hurried mangled craziness of Monterey and the cosmic Monterey where men in fear and hunger destroy their stomachs in the fight to secure certain food, where men hungering for love destroy everything lovable about them.”

—John Steinbeck, *Cannery Row*

On our trip to California a few weeks ago, I had a great treat. We went to the town of Salinas, 20 miles east of Monterey, and we visited John Steinbeck's house, which is now a restaurant. John Steinbeck is my favorite American author, and, I have to admit, while we were seated for lunch, I became emotional and tearful that I was in the house where John Steinbeck was born and raised. It surprised me because I am not normally a “groupie” who gets very excited about seeing famous people. But John Steinbeck has been more than a famous author to me; he has been somewhat of a mentor through his writings, a mentor who has taught me to appreciate people, especially those whom society has set aside without value. He does not demand that we pity them, although he challenges the economic abuses of his day and expects changes in society; instead, Steinbeck shows us what is heroic in human beings who are faced with poverty and hopeless situations. They are family. They are friends. To see them as such has been for me a spiritual necessity if one wants to be like Jesus.

How do you appreciate humanity? The super-majority appreciate their own humanity and can be violently defiant when they are not treated like a human being. Most appreciate humanity at its best, where beautiful people create beautiful things. But to appreciate the humanity of another at its poorest, most uneducated, most purposeless, and even least virtuous is a challenge for us all. Out of all the value systems of the world, I only know of one that makes the boldest of statements: every human being is made in the image of God. To go one step further: every human being is one for whom Christ died. I wish I had learned that lesson most from those who claimed Christ, but at least I had one good teacher in Steinbeck, who was not religious but had a good view as a child and teenager from his second story bedroom window not only of the beautiful hills surrounding Salinas, but also the fields of California fruits and vegetables and dairy farms and the under-paid migrant workers who labored there. He was also an hour's journey from Monterey where the bell rang when the fishing ships came in and the laborers went to work on Cannery Row only to return home up the steep hill at the end of a day of cooking and canning sardines without energy and dignity. It takes a certain set of eyes to see what is still lovable in “the least of these.” Without such eyes, is it possible for us even to value a migrant rabbi who ate with the tax collectors and died between two thieves?