

# Blue River Church of Christ

May 5, 2019



## Order of Worship

<b>Contact Information</b> 221 NE Woods Chapel Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64064 816-373-7448 office@bluerivercofc.org www.bluerivercofc.org	<b>Worship Times</b> <b>Sunday</b> Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. <b>Wednesday</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
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**8:30**

**10:45**

<b>Elders</b>	Earl Fultz John Owen Paul Walker	David Keller Russ Simmons
<b>Deacons</b>	David Blankenship Darren Herrmann Aaron Palmer	David Foster Jack Hudkins Sean Turner
<b>Pulpit Minister</b>	Darin Kennedy dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org	
<b>Family Life Minister</b>	Shane Hall shall@bluerivercofc.org	

Statistics for April 28, 2019 Attendance	79 + 135 = 214
Contribution	\$5,065.00
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.

**#528 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"**  
*Prayer* Jim Bassford  
**"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"**  
*Scripture* Stephen Couture  
 Luke 7:36-50  
**#189 "Master, the Tempest Is Raging"**  
**#342 "We Saw Thee Not"**  
*Lord's Supper*  
 Gene Clark  
*The Bread*  
*The Cup*  
*Giving*  
**#75 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**  
*Sermon* Darin Kennedy  
 "The Mystery of God's Plan"  
**#350 "When My Love to Christ Grows Weak"**  
*Shepherd's Prayer* Russ Simmons  
*Final Praise* Romans 7:24-25  
*Songs Led By* Roger Cook

**#121 "Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"**  
*Prayer* Randy Smith  
**#361 "Nailed to the Cross"**  
*Lord's Supper*  
 Larry Sullivan  
*The Bread*  
*The Cup*  
*Giving*  
*Scripture* Roger Wealand  
 Luke 7:36-50  
**#508 "A Wonderful Savior"**  
**#912 "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary"**  
**#18 "Faithful Love"**  
*Sermon* Darin Kennedy  
 "The Mystery of God's Plan"  
**#113 "His Grace Reaches Me"**  
*Shepherd's Prayer* David Keller  
*Final Praise* Romans 7:24-25  
*Songs Led By* Ron McCleary

### ***Prayer List***

Gary Campbell fell at home last week. Beverly Campbell is having blood pressure issues. Joe Wolverton was in the hospital this past week. 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, 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 families whose last names begin with Q-T. Next week, families with last names U-Z, please plan to have your picture taken!

### ***Gospel Revival Meeting***

**May 5-9** – Evangelist Wesley T. Leonard will be speaking at the East Side Church of Christ on Sunday morning at 10:45 am, and then Monday-Thursday at the Downtown Church of Christ at 7 pm.

### ***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, or RSVP to denisefultz78@gmail.com to let us know how many to prepare for.

### ***Annual Ladies Retreat***

Ladies mark your calendars for September 13-14 for our annual ladies retreat! More information will come at a later date. With any questions, or to reserve your spot, please email Samantha Pollard at sapdisciple@gmail.com.

## **The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy***

I am thankful for opportunities like Leadership Training for Christ for our children to practice their spiritual work. LTC began with traditional activities like preaching, song leading, and Bible Bowl. It quickly expanded, providing many creative activities that include writing, drawing and painting, acting, puppets, chorus, etc. While it is not a competition, it has done well about encouraging well-prepared and well-practiced participants. I know that the future of the church will be blessed as these children grow knowing that they have both a responsibility to serve in the Lord's church and the ability to do it.

I am certainly an example of someone the church encouraged as a child. I have always been around people who challenged me to think about the leadership I should show in the church. From early on, Bible classes gave me an excellent knowledge of Scripture. Then Timothy classes taught me the basics of worship leadership. Ten minutes before Sunday evening service in Martin, Tennessee, the Timothy class would read a few texts and lead a few songs. You always wanted to go last because the service was broadcast on the radio at 6:00 and the last one would probably be caught "on air." When I made the decision to be baptized, I remember my first thought was not, "I am sinful," but, "It's time for me to do my part in the church." At 16, I was teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class. At 17, I was teaching Kindergarten and leading in VBS. Also, I was leading in youth-led services and in youth group activities. We were not simply encouraged; instead, we were *expected* to participate, and much encouragement came afterward. I grew up carrying a burden to serve, and that has been a joyful burden to bear. I am not tooting my own horn, but I am showing the work of the church whose job it was to "raise me right."

I can just imagine how these kids who are learning servant and leadership skills today will become teachers, deacons, elders, ministers, missionaries, and godly parents of the future. It will only happen if the church works as a community to teach, challenge, congratulate, celebrate, and discipline. Ask yourself, "What part do I play in raising the children of the church?" No one can say, "My children are grown," or, "They don't belong to me." Your children are here and now whether you are kin or not. Learn their names, shake their hands, tell them your story, be a good example, correct them when needed, and gush over them when possible—all the things you would do for your own kids. The church gets stronger and stronger as the years go by.

### ***Today's Morning Nursery Attendants***

1<sup>st</sup> Service

Carrie & Abby Eaton

2<sup>nd</sup> Service

Liddy Miller