Blue River Church of Christ

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Worship Times Sunday

Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Elders Earl Fultz David Keller

John Owen Russ Simmons

Paul Walker

Deacons David Blankenship

Darren Herrmann Jack Hudkins Aaron Palmer Sean Turner

Pulpit Minister Darin Kennedy

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Family Life Minister Shane Hall

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Statistics for June 2, 2019 Attendance 120 + 130 = 250 Contribution \$10,124.94 Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget 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 <u>labeled</u> 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.



Order of Worship

8:30 10:45

#480 "Blessed Assurance"

Prayer Sean Turner

#538 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less #337 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"

Lord's Supper

Bruce Sewell

The Bread The Cup

Giving

Scripture Jeff Petersen
Psalm 32

#226 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #790 "Lord, Take Control"

Sermon Darin Kennedy "The Exodus from Sin"

"Pierce My Ear"

Shepherd's Prayer Paul Walker

Final Blessing John 8:36

Songs Led By Ron McCleary

"Days of Elijah"

"In Christ Alone"

Prayer Vint Hall

Scripture David Keller

Psalm 32

#555 "Seek Ye First"

Lord's Supper

Larry Sullivan

The Bread The Cup

Giving

"All to Us" #538 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Sermon Darin Kennedy "The Exodus from Sin"

"Pierce My Ear"

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Prayer List

This last week: Joel Morehead has been having pain and discomfort, Marie Nash's son and her car were involved in an accident. He was not injured, but the car has been damaged. Denise Fultz's mom had valve replacement surgery and Susan Foster had knee surgery. Continued prayers for Gene Clark, 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.

Several of our young people will be at camp again this week down at Little Prairie outside of Rolla, MO. Pray for safety and spiritual growth.

Corporate Meeting

<u>TODAY</u> – After each service, we will have a short meeting where we will vote on affirming **Stephen Couture** to be a new Deacon and re-affirming **Earl Fultz** as Elder, **Shall Hall** as Minister, and **David Blankenship** & **Darren Herrmann** as Deacons. If you have any questions, contact the Elders.

Adopt-a-Road

June 15 – BRCC has adopted a local road for picking up trash 4 times a year. Our first pick-up will be Saturday, June 15. Let's meet at the building at 9:00am. This will be a great way to support the community.

Ladies Bridal Brunch to Honor Shannon Fultz

<u>Saturday, June 29 at 11:00</u> – here at the church building. **Shannon Fultz** & Jackson Hughes are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Amazon.

Vacation Bible School

July 14-18 – Save the dates! Volunteers are needed, specifically group leaders and an activities coordinator, but any and all hands would be appreciated!

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 are needed to produce more of these bags!

Summer Reading Program – Pauline Letters

This week, read Romans 9-16. Find someone to read aloud with. Comment on the reading on the Blue River Group page on Facebook to encourage others in their reading.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service Dawn & Matthew Cook 2nd Service Darlene Pollard & Allie Keller

The Preacher's Post – Darin Kennedy

I hope that you have enjoyed reading Romans 1-8 this week. It is a beautiful description of God's work of saving grace through Jesus Christ and our response of obedient faith. At the same time, it is a difficult journey to take.

When reading large sections of Scripture, as we are doing this summer, a reader avoids the pitfall of picking out one's favorite verses to the neglect of others. Easier to stomach are the verses of courage, "I am not ashamed of the gospel" (1:16), of grace, "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (5:8), and of promise, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (8:37). One can easily write these in calligraphy and stick them on the wall or needlepoint them onto a pillow. But reading through the book makes us face the verses that leave a bitter taste: "In passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things" (2:1), "The law...speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God" (3:19), "Sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me" (7:11), and "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God" (8:8).

Only moving from one favorite passage to another creates an arrogant reader who judges everyone else or a victimized reader who claims no responsibility. Those other passages that accurately describe one's need to be rescued, not from a fallen world but from oneself, create a compassionate reader who puts up with "the failings of the weak" (15:1), a crucified and resurrected reader who has been "baptized into [Christ's] death" (6:3) and walks "in newness of life" (6:4), and a worshiping reader who says, even shouts, in humble praise, "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (7:25).

The journey on which we are led through the biblical text is painful as it unmasks us for who we are and what we need, but the expected end is even more triumphant because of that realization. At the end is the realization of God's love for me, even though He knows how rebellious I have been. At the end is complete transformation from slavery to sin to slavery to righteousness, from being "conformed to this world" to being "transformed by the renewal of your mind" (12:2). At the end is our "adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies" (8:23). But you cannot get to the end unless you take all the steps.