

Blue River Church of Christ

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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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	

Statistics for June 24, 2018 Attendance	87 + 136 = 223
Contribution	\$6,144.11
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$6,867
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$6,745

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.

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Order of Worship

8:30	10:45
#1007 "America the Beautiful" #470 "Victory in Jesus"	#453 "Love Lifted Me" #133 "The Love of God"
<i>Scripture</i> Sean Turner Psalm 23	<i>Prayer</i> Brent Hall
<i>Prayer</i> Roger Bradshaw	<i>Scripture</i> Larry Sullivan Psalm 23
"Down in the River to Pray"	#666 "I Am Thine, O Lord"
<i>Lord's Supper</i> David Blankenship	<i>Lord's Supper</i> Roger Cook
<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>	<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>
#490 "It Is Well with My Soul"	#323 "The Way That He Loves"
<i>Giving</i>	<i>Giving</i>
#129 "Amazing Grace"	#779 "I Love You, Lord"
<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "Summer Reading: Life"	<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "Summer Reading: Life"
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<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Russ Simmons	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Paul Walker
<i>Final Praise</i> Psalm 16:11	<i>Final Praise</i> Psalm 16:11
<i>Songs Led By</i> Ryan Smith	<i>Songs Led By</i> Gary Hasty

Prayer List

Betty Trotter passed away last Monday and her services were held yesterday. **Roger Wealand** had back surgery. **Andy Hester** had a stint put in. **Buddy Self** has some nodules on his liver. Praise God the results show they are non-cancerous; however he is still in a lot of pain. **Rita Fitzsimmons** has uterine cancer and is scheduled for surgery on July 11. Continued prayers for **Earl Weddle, Faye Sullivan, Roman Martin, Liz Church, Evelyn Campbell, Tony Pollard, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.**

New Auditorium Class

TODAY, July 1 (9:45-10:30) – Mark Swartz begins a class entitled “Worship?” and it will run through August.

Lunch & Discussion for the Mission Statement

TODAY, July 1 (12:00-1:00) – If you have not been able to go through the Focus Group Questions with a small group, we want to hear from you. So please join us for a light lunch and time of discussion.

4th of July Celebration

Wednesday, July 4 @ 5:30pm – Everyone is invited for a cookout, fun, fellowship, and fireworks at the home of **Russ and Shirley Simmons**. The kids are welcome to swim – please bring your own towels. See the sign-up sheet and additional information on the main bulletin board.

Faith & Family Night

Saturday, July 7 (6:15pm) – Youth/Family Royals Game @ the ‘K’. Cheer on the Royals vs. the Red Sox!

Save the Dates!

July 8 – Quarterly Fellowship Brunch during Bible class time (9:45 am)

July 15-19 – Vacation Bible School – be sure to register on the church website!

August 4-5 – Friends and Family Open House Weekend

August 24-25 – BRCC Marriage Retreat

September 7-8 – BRCC Ladies Fall Retreat – “Precious and Dearly Loved”

Summer Reading in the Park

Mondays and Tuesdays (7:00 pm) – We are reading through the writings of John (John, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John, and Revelation). Mondays, we read at Waterfall Park in Independence behind Bass Pro Shops. Tuesdays, we read at Harris Park in Lee’s Summit behind Summit Waves. Come join us!

The Preacher’s Post – *Darin Kennedy*

This week we give thanks for the blessing that is America. We can always point out problems with our country, but we can also stop to appreciate that we live in a great country. When early preachers came to America, they were ecstatic about the potential good the church could do, and the same spirit that caused the nation to explore the frontier and expand its borders also infected the church with a fresh spirit of adventure and discipleship. In the Old World of Europe, religion had grown stale with division and old theologies. The authority of the creeds had grown so powerful that they no longer spent any time studying the Bible. No challenge could be sustained to unbiblical doctrines because they were so tied to politics and authoritative councils.

Here in America, there were some battles that carried over from the Old World, but a new spirit said that it did not have to be the same as it used to be. Change was possible, and the Bible could once again be explored anew and its precepts lived out as originally intended. Thomas Campbell, in his treatise *On Religious Reformation* (1832), expressed his excitement at the possibilities: “Dearly beloved brethren, why should we deem it a thing incredible, that the church of Christ, **in this highly favoured country**, should resume that original unity, peace, and purity, which belongs to its constitution, and constitutes its glory? Or, is there any thing that can be justly deemed necessary for this desirable purpose, but to conform to the model, and adopt the practice, of the primitive church, expressly exhibited in the New Testament? Whatever alterations this might produce in any or all of the churches, should, we think, neither be deemed inadmissible nor ineligible. Surely, such alteration would be every way for the better, and not for the worse; unless we should suppose the divinely inspired rule to be faulty, or defective. Were we, then, in our church constitution and managements, to exhibit a complete conformity to the apostolick church, would we not be, in that respect, as perfect as Christ intended we should be? And should not this suffice us?” Campbell, in the American spirit, spent his life trying to realize God’s perfect plan.

Perhaps the greatest act of patriotism we could do today is to utilize the freedom of America for the great glory of God, not succumbing to how the American culture wants the church to look, but being free to be like Christ, renewing our love for Scripture and exploring the frontier of God’s wild, adventurous, other-worldly design for His church. May God bless the United States of America, and may God bless you as a citizen of heaven residing for a time in this wonderful country.