

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 July 1, 2018 Attendance	63 + 119 = 182
Contribution	\$7,777.00
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
#903 "There Is Power in the Blood" #337 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"	#903 "There Is Power in the Blood" #337 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"
<i>Prayer</i> Gene Clark	<i>Prayer</i> Vint Hall
<i>Scripture</i> Steve Etter John 19:1-37	<i>Scripture</i> Jack Hudkins John 19:1-37
#705 "A Common Love"	#705 "A Common Love"
<i>Lord's Supper</i> Bill Brotherton	<i>Lord's Supper</i> Alan Olas
<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>	<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>
"In Christ Alone" "And Can It Be"	"In Christ Alone" "And Can It Be"
<i>Giving</i>	<i>Giving</i>
#129 "Amazing Grace"	#129 "Amazing Grace"
<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "Summer Reading: Truth"	<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "Summer Reading: Truth"
#922 "Jesus Paid It All"	#922 "Jesus Paid It All"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> David Keller	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Russ Simmons
<i>Final Promise</i> Ephesians 1:13	<i>Final Promise</i> Ephesians 1:13
<i>Songs Led By</i> Shane Hall	<i>Songs Led By</i> Shane Hall

Prayer List

Roger Wealand requests prayers for his cousin, Linda Sue Swain, in the hospital near Little Rock, Arkansas. She has undergone a second heart valve replacement and is very weak. **Sherril Segó** requests prayers for her nephew, Caleb, as he and his extended family go through a difficult time. **Andy Hester** has some balance issues and fluid around his heart. **Buddy Self** has some non-cancerous nodules on his liver and they are causing him pain. **Rita Fitzsimmons** has uterine cancer and is scheduled for surgery on July 11. Continued prayers for **Roger Wealand, 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.**

Fellowship Brunch

TODAY, July 8 (9:45-10:30) – please join us for our quarterly fellowship brunch.

Vacation Bible School

July 15-19 (6:30-8:45) – be sure to invite your neighbors, friends, relatives, and anyone else to join us this year for **“WARRIORS: Young Hearts in God’s Kingdom.”** Also be sure to register your kiddos online at bluerivercofc.org or through the email that was sent out if you have not done so already.

Friends and Family Open House Weekend

August 4 & 5 – More details to come soon!

BRCC Marriage Retreat

August 24-25 – Come join us in a Marriage “Refocus” Event! We will be exploring ways to sharpen our marriage skills in at least six areas: our marriage as a process, intimacy, compatibility, communication, commitment and our ministries. To make reservations for The Life Change Camp, see **Paul Walker.**

BRCC Ladies Fall Retreat

September 7-8 – **“Precious and Dearly Loved”** Please join us as we learn and grow in our understanding of the Savior and His love for us. If you have not already reserved your spot, please do so as quickly as possible as we only have a limited number of beds. To reserve your spot, email **Samantha Pollard** at sapdisciple@gmail.com.

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*

Today we are beginning more of an emphasis on our youth in worship. For a few minutes every Sunday, we are going to surround our 3-year-olds-through-3rd-graders as a community before they leave for Power Kids. We will recognize and pray for more of our young people publicly. And every 4th Sunday of the month, our service will be more geared to young people with no dismissal for Power Kids. By doing these things, we accomplish two things: 1) We communicate to them that they are valuable to our entire community. 2) We re-commit ourselves to being a community where children are loved and mentored to become mature, faithful servants of God. As a serendipity, we will be reminded of our own “childlikeness” before God. What can help children to be engaged in worship?

1) Please bring the children closer to the front. If they cannot see, they cannot participate. Down front is where they will hear the singing the best. Down front is where they can make a personal connection with the worship leaders. Down front is where they cannot hide as easily. Of course, a parent may say, “We sit toward the back so that we can take our children out when they become a distraction.” Two responses to that: a) They will be more engaged and less of a distraction toward the front. b) We have committed as a congregation to being patient with kids. We do provide a nursery for the inconsolable, but we understand that kids are naturally noisy and chaotic, and we want them with us. Our first order of business is not to bless ourselves, but to bless the weak and vulnerable, like our children. Children learn best by being active, so let them clap and stand and say, “Amen.”

2) Be a mentor to a child. Children act better for other people than their parents, so have them come and sit with you. It enlarges the children’s relationships of faith, and it gives mom and dad a break. AND MODEL FOR THEM WHAT IT IS TO WORSHIP. We have all had that experience where a cute child catches our eye, and we start to play with him or her. It is good to give them a big smile of love and acceptance, but let them see you singing, praying, and listening. By smiling, you tell them they are important; by worshipping, you tell them they are not as important as God—not a bad lesson for any of us to learn. Encourage them after service on the ways they showed to be good worshippers of God. Not only praise their cooperative behavior, but also praise their spirit and joy.