

Blue River Church of Christ

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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

#144 "O Worship the King"
 #396 "No Not One"

#452 "Standing on the Promises"

Elders
 Earl Fultz David Keller
 John Owen Russ Simmons
 Paul Walker

Deacons
 David Blankenship David Foster
 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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Prayer Bill Brotherton

Prayer Corbin Hall

Scripture Bill Endicott
 John 13:1-17

Scripture Brent Hall
 John 13:1-17

#324 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?"

#57 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
 #679 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Lord's Supper
 Bruce Sewell

Lord's Supper
 Nick Williams

The Bread
The Cup

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Giving

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#453 "Love Lifted Me"
 #386 "He Loves Me"

#884 "Earth Holds No Treasures"

Lesson Darin Kennedy
 "Summer Reading: Love"

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#876 "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow"

#480 "Blessed Assurance"

Shepherd's Prayer John Owen

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Charge 1 Peter 1:22

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Songs Led By Shane Hall

Songs Led By Gary Hasty

Statistics for July 8, 2018 Attendance	101 + 142 = 243
Contribution	\$7,131.91
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.

Prayer List

Susan Foster requests prayers for her extended family because of a car accident. One family member passed away and another is in ICU. **Stormy Cook's** grandmother, Maxine, passed away last week. **Liz Church** is planning a new round of chemo. **Andy Hester** has some balance issues and fluid around his heart. Continued prayers for **Buddy Self, Rita Fitzsimmons, Roger Wealand, Earl Weddle, Faye Sullivan, Roman Martin, Evelyn Campbell, Tony Pollard, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.**

Vacation Bible School

Starts Tonight! 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.”** Register your kiddos online at bluerivercofc.org. If you are able to help with Thursday night’s meal, contact **Angelia Hudkins** at 816-729-4674, ahudkins@gmail.com. Also, the contest is now open to find the best castle builder in the whole kingdom of Christ.

- Castles may be 3-dimensional or 2-dimensional (a drawing).
- Castles can be made of any material, the more creative the better.
- Please keep castles smaller than three feet tall and no wider than two feet.
- Remember to put your name on the castle.

Castles may be brought to the building anytime during VBS.

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. Reserve your spot as quickly as possible with **Samantha** at sapdisciple@gmail.com.

Summer Reading in the Park

No Readings this week – Because of VBS. We’ll continue next Monday and Tuesday.

The Preacher’s Post – *Darin Kennedy*

They had asked the biggest man in the church to be Goliath—6’6”, around 350 pounds. And they had splurged for a fancy costume that looked as real as possible, with armor, shield, and a sharp sword. While telling the story, they ask one of the kids to be David—3’6”, 50 pounds, 5-year-old. He twirls the sling around and lets it fly. Goliath proves to be a good actor, and on cue he collapses to the ground. David has won; celebrations can begin. Hold on. This 5-year-old knows the rest of the story. His parents have educated him well. He knows the part of the story that we don’t have flannel graph for. “David” runs over, grabs the sword, and raises it over Goliath’s neck, prepared to make the story biblically correct. Goliath’s eyes are appropriately closed; he is dead after all. Thankfully other adults in the room know the entire biblical story and rush in to take the sword from the boy’s hands. It is unbiblical, but VBS can only go so far. It’s not the Hunger Games.

While our VBS beginning tonight will be appropriately rated TV-Y7, the lessons learned will last into the TV-MA seasons of life—the times that are dangerous, the times when a real Warrior is needed and his/her courage is put to the test. Will there be a willingness to fight on the side of the Lord? Will there be enough faith that can shout, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord God Almighty” (1 Samuel 17:45)? Will there be enough knowledge of the armor of God so that the weapon of choice will not be angry, vengeful words nor the violence of fists or worse, but will instead be righteousness and peace? We must outfit them when they are young.

The stories for this week are Saul versus the Amalekites, the battle of Jericho, Gideon’s 300 against the Midianites, the raising of Moses’ hands, and David and Goliath. The key verse for the week is Psalm 28:7—“The Lord is my strength and shield.” In all of these stories, we want to show the threat of evil in the world and teach the certainty of victory when God’s plans are followed.

May God bless our work in VBS. May He equip us to teach with life-long results. May He bless our unity and joy, which is as on display with the children and guests as the decorations. May God bless us as we act like Jesus and welcome the children. May God bless you as you invite guests to join us on our great adventure together.