

Blue River Church of Christ

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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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Order of Worship

8:30

#296 "We Have Come into His House"
 #867 "To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way"
 #96 "I Stand in Awe"

Scripture Jim Bassford
 Isaiah 53

Prayer Sean Turner

#313 "The Old Rugged Cross"

Lord's Supper Brian Wahlen

The Bread
The Cup

Giving #886 "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

Lesson Darin Kennedy
 "Summer Reading: Lamb"

#854 "When He Comes in Glory By and By"

Shepherd's Prayer Paul Walker

Final Blessing 1 Peter 1:18-19

Songs Led By Paul Walker

10:45

#578 "We Will Glorify"
 #4 "To God Be the Glory"

Scripture David Keller
 Isaiah 53

Prayer Shane Hall

#962 "Were You There?"

Lord's Supper Larry Sullivan

The Bread
The Cup

Giving #962 "Were You There?"
 #470 "Victory in Jesus"

Lesson Darin Kennedy
 "Summer Reading: Lamb"

"In Christ Alone"

Shepherd's Prayer David Keller

Final Blessing 1 Peter 1:18-19

Songs Led By Ryan Smith

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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Statistics for July 22, 2018 Attendance	79 + 133 = 212
Contribution	\$5,708.00
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.

Prayer List

Liz Church passed away late Thursday evening. Please keep the family in your prayers. Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 31, and the funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 1, at Legacy Christian Church. **Andy Hester** will have a pacemaker put in on August 9. 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.**

Message from Ben Church

“Liz has passed away peacefully with no pain and with our kids and me loving and kissing her. We all said our goodbyes. She is cancer-free! Thank you for your love and prayers! **Ben**”

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**. To sign-up for the online inventory, send an email to Dan and Gaylene Green at refocus18@gmail.com with your names and return email address. This will need to be completed before the marriage retreat weekend.

BRCC Ladies Fall Retreat

September 7-8 – The theme will be “**Precious and Dearly Loved.**” Please join us as we learn and grow in our understanding of the Savior and His love for us. You are precious to your heavenly Father! So precious that he sacrificed his very own Son so you could belong to his forever family! Reserve your spot as quickly as possible with **Samantha** at sapdisciple@gmail.com. Spots are filling up fast!

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!

Mission to Guatemala

Saturday – **Jack and Aubrey Hudkins** and **Hayden Hoggatt** are going to Guatemala for a medical mission trip with Health Talents International. Keep them in your prayers that they may do great work, enlarge the Kingdom, and be spiritually blessed.

The Preacher’s Post – *Darin Kennedy*

In our sermon series, it is time to enter the book of Revelation. Everyone is both intimidated by and drawn to Revelation. It seems so mysterious, and yet so relevant; therefore, we venture forth into its pages as if we might find something helpful, as if we might be changed. Here are some things that help me to read this strange book—

1) The book is an “apocalypse,” or “un-hiding”—a “revelation.” It is not meant to conceal, but to make plain. Within the book, those who would cloud or distort the truth are “liars.” In contrast, John wants everything to be very clear and truthful. The reader should trust his/her instincts to understand what is being made clear, not doubt one’s ability to understand.

2) John calls it a “prophecy.” The main job of a prophet is not to tell the future, although that may be part of his/her testimony. The main job is to question what the people are experiencing with their senses and to reveal what God sees. In good times, the prophet often says, “Things look good to you with a healthy economy, bountiful harvests, and strong military advantages, but underneath the surface is idolatry and violence.” In bad times, the prophet says, “Although the enemy may seem powerful, the Lord is with you. Do not be afraid.” The heavenly vision is so vibrant with dramatic pictures because there must be a challenge to the senses that physically experience the rule of Rome and growing persecution. Rather than intellectually interpreting all the details, although that can be helpful, the reader’s emotional response to the vision may better provoke the appropriate response of faith.

3) John speaks in the language of the Old Testament prophets. One of the reasons we do not understand Revelation is because we do not know the Old Testament very well. John uses the language of Exodus, Ezekiel, and Daniel—not the stories in Daniel, but the weird stuff in the second half—as well as the creation story of Genesis. John wants us to connect with the God who has dealt with empires before. What happened to Egypt, Israel, Babylon, and Syria will happen again. What happened in the creation of earth will also happen again.

4) Finally, John says that “the time is near.” He may be talking about a physical victory that will come much later, but you can already act victorious in the here and now. Being “victorious” may not look victorious, but even dying for one’s faith is as close to victory as one can achieve because death is how the Lamb claims victory. The picture of heaven is not something we wait for, but something that is happening concurrent with physical history, a place where we already have one foot in the door, where God now reigns.

Today’s Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service
2nd Service

Maya Turner & Denise Fultz
Heidi & Hayden Hoggatt