

# Blue River Church of Christ

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<b>Contact Information</b> 221 NE Woods Chapel Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64064 816-373-7448 office@bluerivercofc.org www.bluerivercofc.org	<b>Worship Times</b> <b>Sunday</b> Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. <b>Wednesday</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
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## Order of Worship

### 8:30

#3 "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"

*Prayer* Jeff Petersen

*Scripture* Brian Wahlen  
Matthew 16:1-20

#162 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"  
#606 "Remind Me, Dear Lord"

*Lord's Supper* Gary Campbell

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#881 "Mansion over the Hilltop"

*Lesson* Shane Hall  
"Summer Reading: Same Team"

"There's a Great Day Coming"

*Shepherd's Prayer* John Owen

#903 "There Is Power in the Blood"

*Final Promise* Revelation 2:7

*Songs Led By* Paul Walker

### 10:45

#202 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"  
#193 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*Scripture* David Keller  
Matthew 16:1-20

*Prayer* Vint Hall

#851 "I'll Fly Away"

*Lord's Supper* Roger Cook

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#957 "This World Is Not My Home"  
#470 "Victory in Jesus"

*Lesson* Shane Hall  
"Summer Reading: Same Team"

"There's a Great Day Coming"

*Shepherd's Prayer* David Keller

#345 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*Final Promise* Revelation 2:7

*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 August 12, 2018 Attendance	89 + 136 = 225
Contribution	\$8,869.50
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***

**Tenaya Williams** is recovering from thyroid surgery on August 15. **Donna Wealand** will have thyroid surgery on September 6 at St. Luke's South in Overland Park. **Andy Hester's** pacemaker procedure has been postponed for more tests. **Larry and Nancy Sullivan's** son, Don, is recovering from a serious infection. Continued prayers for **Buddy Self, Rita Fitzsimmons, Earl Weddle, Faye Sullivan, Evelyn Campbell, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.**

### ***BRCC Marriage Retreat***

**August 24-25** – We are less than a week away from our marriage retreat at the LifeChange Camp in Clinton. If you have not signed up there is still time to sign up. If you have not completed your pre-work please do so. A few reminders:

- You will need to bring your own bedding.
- All meals are provided, and there is no cost to you.
- Please bring a small snack and drink to share.
- Agenda is on the bulletin board.
- See **Paul Walker** with questions.

The Life Change camp is located at:

351 NE 831 Road  
Clinton, MO 64735  
<http://lifechangecamp.org/>

### ***BRCC Ladies Fall Retreat***

**September 7-8** – The theme will be “**Precious and Dearly Loved.**” Please join us for our first retreat. Reserve your spot as quickly as possible with **Samantha** at [sapdisciple@gmail.com](mailto:sapdisciple@gmail.com).

### ***Summer Reading in the Park Is Over***

**Thanks** – Thanks to everyone who joined us in the park for our summer reading through the writings of John. Some nights were hot, a couple were wet, but all were valuable. May God continue to bless our reading of God's Word not only in our private devotional time, but also in the world in which we live.

### ***Today's Morning Nursery Attendants***

1<sup>st</sup> Service – Jon & Cheryl Sutton      2<sup>nd</sup> Service – Stormy & Bekah Cook

## **The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy***

A healthy imagination can be good for the spiritual life. We adults can learn a great deal from children with their ability to see pictures with the mind. Imagination creates anticipation for further discovery and willingness for greater acts of courage.

1) Imagination helps us to see the stories of the Bible come to life. Much of the Bible is written in narrative form, and the telling of stories is meant to bring the events of the past into the present. Whether the exodus from Egypt, Daniel in the lions' den, or the healing ministry of Jesus, each story is told that we may see and experience the actions of the living God. So it takes a bit of imagination to get the full benefit of the stories of Scripture, removing them from the pages of history to insert our own participation in the events.

We should be careful in our imagining biblical narrative and allow the text to lead us. Sometimes our own imaginations fall in love with a certain detail that the biblical writers do not emphasize. Sometimes our imaginations fall in love with the spectacular and ignore other vital parts of the story that the biblical writers told. Our imaginations are Hollywood-trained, and the Bible was not written for such a culture. So have a relaxed imagination, passive to the leading of God's Word. It will be more exciting than anything you could add.

2) Imagination also helps us to consider how we will serve God. Sometimes you have to picture it and even practice it to develop the courage to do it. The shy, young man who wants to ask out that girl at school will practice his lines over and over in the mirror with the stress on the right words, along with imagining in what position he will stand and hold his arms. It gives him courage to actually say the words. In the same way, a Christian visualizes and even practices speaking or serving. In these ways, the Christian gains courage to follow through with her convictions. Imagination also increases creativity in how to apply God's Word in the 21<sup>st</sup>-century world in which we live. Homes, marketplaces, schools, and workplaces are all different from biblical times, and imagination helps to build a cultural bridge.

We should be careful in our imagining acts and words of service. Often our imagination can be very selfish, and we dream of what we want to do for God, not what God wants us to do. We can again fall in love with the spectacular, forgetting how we can obey in common, everyday situations. So keep your imagination grounded in your situation, and realize how absolutely wonderful and miraculous it is for God to use you right where you are.