

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

10:45

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 September 2, 2018 Attendance	73 + 137 = 210
Contribution	\$10,570.00
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.

“Lift High the Cross”
 #19 “Come, Thou Almighty King”
 #6 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

#608 “He Gave Me a Song”
 #570 “A Beautiful Life”

Scripture Tony Pollard
 Ephesians 3:7-21

Prayer Gary Hasty

Prayer Steve Etter

Scripture Aaron Palmer
 Ephesians 3:7-21

“Be Thou My Vision”

#221 “Jesus, Name Above All Names”

Lord's Supper Joe Harber

Lord's Supper Larry Sullivan

The Bread
The Cup

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Giving “Be Thou My Vision”
 #532 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Giving #103 “He Has Made Me Glad”
 “I Feel Good”

Lesson Darin Kennedy
 “Ministry: Let's Give Praise to the Lord and I Will Feel All Right”

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“Lift High the Cross”

508 “A Wonderful Savior”

Shepherd's Prayer David Keller

Shepherd's Prayer Paul Walker

Final Praise 1 Timothy 1:15

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Songs Led By Ryan Smith

Songs Led By Shane Hall

Prayer List

The **Battistelli** family and **Mark & Flora Swartz's** son, **Mark**, need prayers. **Donna Wealand** and **Tenaya Williams** are recovering from thyroid surgery. Continued prayers for **Andy Hester, Roman Martin, Buddy Self, Cora Mai Hall, Rita Fitzsimmons, Earl Weddle, Faye Sullivan, Evelyn Campbell, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.**

Note of Praise:

September 1 – Jackson Rehko was baptized while home last weekend from college! Please keep him in your prayers while he is away and growing in his walk.

BRCC Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, September 11 (7:00 pm) – We'll meet in the adult classroom, and if you are unable to attend but have a prayer request please submit it to **Paul Walker.**

Area Wide Youth Rally

Saturday, September 15 (5:00-9:00 pm) – The theme is “Something About That Name—Jesus!” RSVP to **Aaron Palmer.** TODAY IS THE DEADLINE!

Watercolor Class

Tuesday, September 18 (9:00-12:00) – **Nancy Sullivan** is starting a new watercolor class. If you are interested in attending, please contact her at nancysullivanart@gmail.com or (816) 769-9092.

New Evening Ladies Bible Study

The new study will begin on **Thursday, September 20 at 6:30 pm** at the home of **Sherry Owen.** This group will meet the first & third Thursday evenings of each month. The focus will be on study of the Word, prayer, service, and encouragement. If you would like to attend, please contact Sherry @ 816-809-0082 so we can make sure we have enough physical space in which to meet.

Church of Christ Weekend @ Silver Dollar City

October 12-14 – If you are interested in attending and need hotel accommodations, please see **Aaron Palmer.** The special 2-day park tickets should be purchased by calling (800) 417-7770 and asking for offer #4548.

College Student Ministry

If you would like your college student to receive some encouragement, please email their address to paulwalker2@sbcglobal.net. Also, if you are looking to get involved in a ministry, see **Paul Walker** about taking over and making this your own ministry by blessing our young adults.

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

In teaching the “Creation Care” class on Sunday mornings, I have been reminded of the importance that moments in nature have had on spiritual thought. A few such occasions can be found in *The Biography of Elder Barton Warren Stone*, 1847. Barton Stone was a young man that grew up just after the Revolutionary War. When he began to show interest in Christianity, he had to make a decision to leave behind his friends and his past behavior. Stone says in his autobiography, “The [preaching] meeting over, I returned to my room. Night coming on, I walked out into an old field, and seriously reasoned with myself on the all-important subject of religion. What shall I do?”

Later Stone heard how those without God would be condemned, and he worried because, with the understanding of his Calvinist background, he had no way of knowing if God had predestined him or not. He felt lost and hopeless without a manifestation of God's choosing, until he heard another minister named William Hodge preach on God's love that invites sinners. Against the backdrop of the predestination of Calvinism, this message of people being able to freely come to the Lord was indeed good news. Stone says,

The discourse being ended, I immediately retired to the woods alone with my Bible. Here I read and prayed with various feelings, between hope and fear. But the truth I had just heard, ‘God is love,’ prevailed. Jesus came to seek and save the lost—‘Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out.’ I yielded and sunk at his feet a willing subject. I loved him—I adored him—I praised him aloud in the silent night—in the echoing grove around. I confessed to the Lord my sin and folly in disbelieving his word so long—and in following so long the devices of men. I now saw that a poor sinner was as much authorized to believe in Jesus at first, as at last—that now was the accepted time, and day of salvation.

Both occasions of dramatic transformation took place outside in the blackness of night, in the quiet of the outdoors, a fitting setting for coming “face-to-face” with the will of God. We ourselves have been blessed by these two occasions, as Barton Stone helped many in our history to realize the importance of God's word versus the teachings of people and the exciting good news of God's receiving all who seek Him.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Dawn & Matthew Cook

2nd Service – Darlene Pollard