

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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| 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 | |

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| Statistics for September 23, 2018 Attendance | 84 + 116 = 200 |
| Contribution | \$6,016.61 |
| 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

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| 8:30 | 10:45 |
| <i>Prayer</i> | Tony Pollard |
| | "Lift High the Cross" #578 "We Will Glorify" #2 "We Praise Thee, O God" |
| | <i>Scripture</i> |
| | David Keller 1 Corinthians 3 |
| <i>Scripture</i> | John Wubbenhorst |
| | #490 "It Is Well with My Soul" |
| <i>Lord's Supper</i> | <i>Lord's Supper</i> |
| | Roger Cook |
| <i>The Bread</i> | <i>The Bread</i> |
| <i>The Cup</i> | <i>The Cup</i> |
| <i>Giving</i> | <i>Giving</i> |
| | #827 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" "In Christ Alone" |
| <i>Lesson</i> | <i>Lesson</i> |
| "Ministry: Yours, Mine, and Ours" | Darin Kennedy "Ministry: Yours, Mine, and Ours" |
| | "Lift High the Cross" |
| <i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> | <i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> |
| | David Keller |
| <i>Final Reading</i> | <i>Final Reading</i> |
| 1 Corinthians 4:1 | 1 Corinthians 4:1 |
| <i>Songs Led By</i> | <i>Songs Led By</i> |
| Paul Walker | Ryan Smith |

Prayer List

Sharon Michael's mom, Betty, is very ill. Todd Hadley's mom, Norma, has pneumonia. Roger Wealand's daughter, Angie, is out of the hospital, but will take time for complete healing. Mark & Flora Swartz will be out of the country through October. Continued prayers for Vickie Kelley, Donna Kerns, Andy Hester, Roman Martin, Buddy Self, Cora Mai Hall, Rita Fitzsimmons, Earl Weddle, Evelyn Campbell, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.

LTC 2019 Sign-Up and Information

Today! – LTC – children 3rd-12th grade – Stop by the table in the lobby for your LTC registration worksheet. We are also asking for coaches and volunteers to sign up at this time. Come see us! Sharon, Lynn, and Karen

Fellowship Brunch

Sunday, October 7 – Join us for our next quarterly fellowship brunch during Bible class time. See Arline Bradshaw with any questions.

Church of Christ Weekend @ Silver Dollar City

October 12-14 – The special 2-day park tickets should be purchased by calling (800) 417-7770 and asking for offer #4548.

Trunk or Treat

October 31 – Coming soon! Trunk or Treat at the building. More details to come.

3rd Annual Lock-In

November 17 – Save the date. More information coming soon!

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.

A New Family Life Small Group

Families finding strength in Jesus and one another through prayer and Bible study. Please see Shane Hall for more information.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Brenda & Conner Brotherton

2nd Service – Jessica & Madi Herrington

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

A few weeks ago, I wrote on Barton Stone's taking a walk in the woods at night as a time for awakening to God's love. Another episode in a man's run-in with nature is found in the life of a young Alexander Campbell, who would later become a great minister, supporter of church unity, and proponent of restoring God's church to the biblical plan.

In the late 1700's, Alexander's father, Thomas Campbell, came over to the United States from Ireland before his family, continuing his work in Ireland to encourage all churches to come together around the reading of Scripture, rather than the divisions around the creeds to which each church adhered. Alexander, as a teenager, shared his father's dream of unity, and he came over with his mother and siblings to America. Alexander loved to be outdoors, and America provided quite a playground for him. Notice how Alexander's interaction with nature gave him hope for God's plans for unity to come to fruition (from his biography by Robert Richardson)—

As, in former years, he had bathed in the bright streams of his native isle, oppressed then with a consciousness of the civil and religious misrule and discord, the hatred, the bigotry, superstition and revenge which brooded over the land, he now in the country of his adoption, for the first time, with new feelings of delight and an indescribable sense of relief, plunged into the depths of an American forest. In the exaltation of his youthful feelings he seemed to have reached a land of enchantment. The moon, already high in heaven and nearly at the full, seemed to mingle its silvery beams with the sun's golden radiance reflected from the western sky. The mighty trees, in all their wild luxuriance, stood around him, forming aloft, as it were, a new heaven of verdure; while, beneath, he trod upon the soil of a new world—the land of liberty and of Washington, whose liberal institutions had long been the object of his admiration. All nature around him seemed to sympathize with his emotions. The balmy air, fresh from the wild mountain slopes, the new varieties of birds, which from almost every tree seemed, to his fancy, to chant their evening song in praise of the freedom of their native woods, the approaching shades of evening, veiling the distant landscape in a gentle haze—all seemed to speak of liberty, security and peace. He was far from being an enthusiast, but, on this occasion, all the bright hopes and glowing fancies of his youthful nature seem to have been aroused. Keenly susceptible as he was to impressions of grandeur, and tending still, in the habitual workings of his mind, to religious thought, as he ranged through the deep, untrodden glades, or paused beneath the canopy of verdure which the wild vine had woven as the woof upon the spreading warp of branching oaks, his heart overflowed with gratitude and reverence.