

Blue River Church of Christ

February 14, 2016

BLUE RIVER

Church of Christ

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 p.m.
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Elders	Earl Fultz Russ Simmons Jan Sullivan
Deacons	Jim Bassford Jack Hudkins David Blankenship John Owen David Foster Mike Peerson Darren Herrmann
Pulpit Minister	Darin Kennedy dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org
Family Life Minister	Shane Hall shall@bluerivercofc.org

Statistics for February 7, 2016 Attendance	105 + 137 = 242
Contribution	\$8,398.92
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,554
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,931

Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life
 They have need for: Ramen noodles, pasta and rice meals, peanut butter, jelly, Kool-Aid, canned or packaged tuna, canned chicken, Vienna sausages, Jell-O, cornbread mix, snack bars, diet drink packets, port& beans, oatmeal, taco seasoning, gravy mix, spaghetti mix, tomato sauce, canned fruit, small packs of instant potatoes. Please leave all donations in the office.

Prayer Warriors are waiting to hear from you. This group of caring people will pray for you and your request. Place a note in the "Prayer Warrior" box, or 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.

8:30

#517 "Heaven Came Down"
 #162 "All Hail the Power"

Prayer Jerry Brown
Scripture Tony Pollard
 Psalm 25

#129 "Amazing Grace"
 #47 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Lord's Supper
 Brian Wahlen, presiding
The Bread
The Cup

Giving
 #578 "We Will Glorify"

Power Kids Love

Lesson Darin Kennedy
 "Gospel: Not What It Used to Be"

#429 "Oh, to Be Like Thee"

Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

Final Blessing Galatians 6:9

Songs Led By Shane Hall

10:45

#447 "Now Unto the King Eternal"
 #511 "I Am So Glad"

Scripture Jack Hudkins
 Psalm 25
Prayer Matt Hoggatt

#396 "No Not One"
 #375 "Oh, the Depth and the Riches"

Lord's Supper
 Roger Cook, presiding
The Bread
The Cup

#881 "Mansion Over the Hilltop"
Giving

Power Kids Love

Lesson Darin Kennedy
 "Gospel: Not What It Used to Be"

#907 "Hark the Gentle Voice"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Blessing Galatians 6:9

Songs Led By Paul Walker

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

In Need of Prayers

Jacque Landers, Grover Renick, and Hannah Guntert are all recovering from recent surgeries. **Bruce Keeton** had heart surgery and is recovering at Golden Living in Independence. **Liz Church** switched oral medications – previous tumors have not changed in size, but two new spots have appeared on her liver. Continue to pray for **Ray Weatherbee, Denise Fultz, Vickie Sullivan, Donna Kerns, Gary Campbell, Keith Bench, Ralph Staley, Linda Brizendine.**

Small Groups

God is working at Blue River! New plans for Small Group Fellowship are being developed and need your prayers. Be on the lookout for updates that will keep you informed. This exciting new plan of action is set to begin toward the end of March, so be ready! See **Shane** if you have questions or a desire to assist. “Be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph. 4:3).

It's a Boy.

Josh and Jessie McCrae welcomed another boy to their family. **Miles Alexander McCrae** joined his brothers on Saturday, February 6. Miles had to spend a week in the hospital after his birth, but now doing better.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 27 (Sunday) – Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:45 a.m. service. All children age 13 (or so) and under are invited to participate. Please have your child bring a basket to “hunt.” If you would like to donate supplies (plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy), please bring items to the building by Sunday, March 13. Any questions, please call **Sara Reis** or **Debbie Peerson.**

Birthdays – February 14-20

Kara Herrmann, Barbara John, Aaron Palmer, Kimberly Sterne – February 16

Carrie Brotherton – February 17

Patricia Capell, Robert Hicks, Jr, Hollis Hoggatt – February 18

Amelia Harrington – February 19

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

February 14	1 st Service	Kelly & Alex Newbury
	2 nd Service	Laurie & Hayley Kerley
February 21	1 st Service	Brenda & Carrie Brotherton
	2 nd Service	Sara Gurski & Aubrey Hall

One of the biggest issues of the New Testament is whether Gentiles have to become proselyte Jews, needing to be circumcised and to follow Jewish food laws and traditional holy days, in order to be considered full members of the people of God. The overwhelming answer from Paul, Peter, and James is that the Gentiles do not need to be circumcised or to be Jewish. Jesus accepts the Gentiles as...Gentiles. Nothing else is demanded except faith in Christ, along with the Jews, making them one in Christ.

However, the temptation to follow Jewish law is incredibly strong, not only for Jewish believers who have come to Christ, but also for Gentiles who are searching for their place within the new Israel. As a modern believer, I often ask why anyone would be attracted to the Jewish law and customs. Peter himself says that the law is “a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear” (Acts 15:10). So if the law has proven to be “a yoke,” why would anyone want to add it to their faith in Jesus?

1) Judaism is an established religion under Roman law and, therefore, legal. When the Romans take over a country, they leave their religions in place. They would prefer the people also worship the great god Rome, but they mainly want to keep the peace. Christianity reaches beyond the racial barrier between Jews and Gentiles and is now considered a new religion and illegal. In addition, the Jews promote violence against Christians. If one could better tie oneself to the established Jewish religion, proclaiming the Jewish Messiah, then one could remain safe: “Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ” (Galatians 6:12).

2) Judaism can lead to superstition. All throughout history, Jews have wrestled with charms, astrology, omens, etc. They have seen their rituals as magical, although God warns repeatedly against this way of thinking, and they are drawn to other magical things. Many Gentile cultures have also been drawn to superstition, and the Jewish traditions have presented an outlet for that desire. How comforting it feels to add to one's inner faith a few outward rituals, such as circumcision and sacrifices and special food and holy days, that provide something concrete on which to hold. The warning from the New Testament is that adding something to Jesus “is really no gospel at all” (Galatians 1:7).

As we read through Hebrews, we might never be tempted to follow Jewish laws or customs, but we can be tempted to fit in with what our culture wants, and we can also turn to other things besides Jesus to define our identity and success, to give us strength and comfort. But the message is that nothing can compare to Jesus. To add to him is to reject his all-surpassing nature as Son of God, High Priest, Savior, and Lord.