

Blue River Church of Christ

February 21, 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 14, 2016 Attendance	118 + 152 = 270
Contribution	\$4,907.65
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

#538 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"
 #590 "Jesus Is All the World to Me"

Scripture Michael May
Psalm 8

Prayer Bill Brotherton

#679 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
 #349 "Ten Thousand Angels"

Lord's Supper
 Bruce Sewell, presiding

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#180 "Jesus Is Lord"

Power Kids Love

Lesson Darin Kennedy
 "Gospel: Angels Are Cool, But Jesus..."

#1014 "Jesus Loves Me"

Shepherd's Prayer Jan Sullivan

Final Praise Matthew 25:31

Songs Led By Gary Hasty

10:45

"Great Are You, Lord"
 #162 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Prayer Randy Smith

Scripture Ben Church
Psalm 8

#288 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
 #47 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Lord's Supper
 Alan Olas, presiding

The Bread
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#38 "Awesome God"
 #717 "We Will Glorify"

Power Kids Love

Lesson Darin Kennedy
 "Gospel: Angels Are Cool, But Jesus..."

#429 "Oh, To Be Like Thee"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Praise Matthew 25:31

Songs Led By Shane Hall

In Need of Prayers

Jacque Landers, Grover Renick, and Hannah Guntert are all recovering from recent surgeries. **Holly Hadley's** recovery from a broken foot is going more slowly than expected. **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, 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 on April 3, 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).

Parents Night Out

February 26 (Friday, 6:00-9:00 p.m.) – Kids 6th grade and under will be watched at the building while parents fellowship together. Contact **Jessica Herrington** to sign up your kids or to volunteer as a helper.

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 21-27

Kelly Johnson & Dave Nash – February 22

Shirley Petersen – February 23

Chris Guntert & Ron McCleary – February 26

Dwight Kerns & Don Lang – February 27

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

February 21	1 st Service	Brenda & Carrie Brotherton
	2 nd Service	Sara Gurski & Aubrey Hall
February 28	1 st Service	Dawn Cook & Aubrey Hall
	2 nd Service	Heidi & Hadyn Hoggatt

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

The kids have been preparing for LTC and studying Joshua, Judges, and Ruth. As these kids prepare for greater service to the kingdom, those three books provide excellent examples of leadership.

We as fathers, mothers, managers, teachers, deacons, elders, chairpeople, etc., can relate to the leaders in the Bible. We have been thrust into positions of leadership, but a position does not a leader make. A leader is one who exhibits leadership qualities and who encourages the followers to do the same. What are the qualities of God's leaders?

First, they are spiritual leaders. Joshua must have had administrative tasks to tackle when leading the multitude of the Israelites, but we know him as a man of prayer. He must have been a great motivational speaker, but the greatest motivation came when the name of the Lord was on his lips. Deborah told the people of the Lord's will to defeat their enemies. Gideon stood in the middle of the Midianite camp and worshipped God when he heard the Midianite soldier tell about his dream and the interpretation. These men and women led from the heart—more than that, led from a heart close to God.

Second, they are courageous. God asked the leaders of the Israelites to do some incredible tasks, especially when He asked them to fight against enemies far more numerous and more advanced in weapons and war experience. They responded by entering the battle fray, knowing beyond all doubt that the Lord was fighting for them and that victory was sure. Leaders are willing to face overwhelming odds and to face the fears that come from within and to go where God sends.

Third, they are finishers. After several of the judges' heroic acts and the conquering of their enemies, the Bible says, “And the land had rest” (3:11, 30; 5:31). As leaders, they saw the work through to the end. Even big-mouth Samson used his own death so that the Philistines might be destroyed. Several of the war leaders chased down their enemies until the last of them were destroyed. A strong leader does not find satisfaction in the attempt, but in the accomplishment.

Fourth, strong leaders are first good followers. They follow the commandments of God. Even though they wear the mantle of leadership among the people, they know who the real Leader is. God is King, and they allow Him to determine their actions and their words. When they fail to follow God, they fail to lead. Sadly, the book of Judges ends, “In those days there was no king in Israel” (21:25). I do not believe that statement is about the absence of military or political leadership, but about the absence of people who would allow God to be King, who would lead the people according to His ways. What kind of leader will you be at home, work, school, and church? First you must ask, what kind of follower are you?