

Blue River Church of Christ

February 28, 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 21, 2016 Attendance	109 + 134 = 243
Contribution	\$5,072.75
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	10:45
#837 "I Need Thee Every Hour"	#179 "Amazing Grace" "That's Why We Praise Him"
<i>Prayer</i> Andy Hester	<i>Prayer</i> Shane Hall
#783 "Tarry with Me" #786 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"	#353 "One Day"
<i>Scripture</i> Bill Endicott John 1:1-18	<i>Scripture</i> Gary Hasty John 1:1-18
#315 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"	#528 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" #276 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
<i>Lord's Supper</i> Joe Harber, presiding	<i>Lord's Supper</i> Larry Sullivan, presiding
<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>	<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>
<i>Giving</i>	<i>Giving</i>
#470 "Victory in Jesus"	#1014 "Jesus Loves Me"
<i>Power Kids</i> Love	<i>Power Kids</i> Love
<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "Gospel: The Human Touch"	<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "Gospel: The Human Touch"
#907 "Hark the Gentle Voice"	"Be Thou My Vision"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Earl Fultz	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Russ Simmons
<i>Final Praise</i> Psalm 116:5	<i>Final Praise</i> Psalm 116:5
<i>Songs Led By</i> Tony Pollard	<i>Songs Led By</i> Roger Cook

In Need of Prayers

Liz Church was admitted to St. Luke’s East last week. **Dawson Johnson, son of Kelly and Kyle**, has been in Children’s Mercy with RSV and a collapsed lung. **Zailey Sutton, Jon and Cheryl’s** daughter, was released from Childrens Mercy South. **Andy Hester** will have eye surgery on March 3. **Jacque Landers** and **Grover Renick** are 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 Continue to pray for **Ray Weatherbee, Vickie Sullivan, Donna Kerns, Gary Campbell, Keith Bench, Ralph Staley, Linda Brizendine.**

Small Groups

New plans for Small Group Fellowship are being developed and need your prayers. 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.

New Adult Classes

Next Sunday, March 6, new classes will begin for adults—
Auditorium – **Darin Kennedy** will be teaching on “Faith and Works.”
Upstairs Classroom – **Shane Hall** will be teaching on “Family Relations.”

Wilshire Nursing Service

February 28 (Today, 3:00) – Our 4th Sunday service at Wilshire Nursing Home will be today.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 27 (Sunday) – Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:45 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 28-March 5

Liz Church – February 28 *Angelia Hudkins – March 1*
Larry Sullivan & Kian Davenport – March 2
Esther Klemm – March 3 *Skylar Davenport – March 5*

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

February 28	1 st Service	Dawn Cook & Aubrey Hall
	2 nd Service	Heidi & Hadyn Hoggatt
February 28	1 st Service	Sharon Self & Susan Foster
	2 nd Service	Sue Roberts & Hayley Kerley

The Elder’s Editorial – Russ Simmons

Blue River is blessed with many new faces and new people to love. Those who have been here a while, take the time to make new people a part of your life. Those who have come recently, please allow us to get to know you. Fellowship with God’s people is a great thing.

New people have come for a variety of reasons. Some are new to the area and are looking for a place to serve the Lord. Some need a place of healing, a place of peace to renew their spiritual strength and relationship with the Lord. Some have been floating around with no particular spiritual direction, but a voice has been saying, “You really ought to make a more purposeful commitment to the Lord.” Whatever the reason, we are thankful that God has sent you our way.

We believe He has sent you here for a reason. Paul writes to the church in Rome (Romans 12:4-6): *“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.”*

First, we are members of one another. So we ask those who desire to be a part of the Blue River activities on an ongoing and regular basis to make it known through the act of placing membership. Yes, you need time to be sure that this is the right place for you. Being part of the life of a church family is not something that should be done without prayerful consideration. But when you let the leadership and body know that you want to be considered a member, you are saying, “I want to be included in your life and I want to include you in my life.”

Second, God by His grace has given you a gift to use within the body. God has sent you to Blue River because you have something special, something we need. He wants you to use that gift to fill that empty spot, to make the body here function better. When you place membership, you are saying to God, “I want to use the gift you have given me to serve you in this body.” You are saying to the Blue River leadership, “Please include me and my gifts in this body that God may be glorified.”

Paul says to the elders in Ephesus, *“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood”* (Acts 20:28). When you place membership at Blue River, you are saying that you want the shepherds to keep watch over you. Think about the 23rd Psalm, where David describes the work of a shepherd. The shepherds of Blue River want to lead you to green pastures and quiet waters. They want to provide refreshment for your soul as you travel down the right path. They want to protect you from evil and comfort your hurts. They want your cup to overflow so that your life may be filled with goodness and love.