

Blue River Church of Christ

February 7, 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 January 31, 2016: Attendance	107 + 138 = 245
Contribution	\$4,749.63
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,272
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,988

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, jello, 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
#144 "O Worship the King" "In Christ Alone"	#674 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #71 "As the Deer"
<i>Scripture</i> Bruce Sewell Isaiah 55	<i>Scripture</i> Mike Peerson Isaiah 55
<i>Prayer</i> Roger Bradshaw	<i>Prayer</i> Jerry John
"How Deep the Father's Love"	#957 "This World Is Not My Home" #337 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"
<i>Lord's Supper</i> David Blankenship, presiding <i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>	<i>Lord's Supper</i> Paul Walker, presiding <i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>
<i>Giving</i>	<i>Giving</i>
#71 "As the Deer"	#830 "Open My Eyes that I May See"
<i>Power Kids</i> Love	<i>Power Kids</i> Love
<i>Lesson</i> Shane Hall "Seeds Fell"	<i>Lesson</i> Shane Hall "Seeds Fell"
"More Holiness Give Me"	#904 "Have You Been to Jesus?"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Jan Sullivan	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Russ Simmons
<i>Final Blessing</i> Psalm 115:14-15	<i>Final Blessing</i> Psalm 115:14-15
<i>Songs Led By</i> Roger Cook	<i>Songs Led By</i> Gary Hasty

In Need of Prayers

Grover Renick and **Hannah Guntert** are both 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 and Jane 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” (Ephesians 4:3).

Education Workshop

February 13 (Saturday, 9-11:30 a.m.) – If you are a current teacher or if you are interested in teaching, assisting, or helping with our Education Ministry, please plan to attend. We will be dividing into age groups—2-3 year olds, 4-5 year olds, 1st-3rd grades, 4th-6th grades, 7th-9th grades, 10th-12th grades, young adults and adults—for purposes of planning our curriculum for the upcoming year. RSVP to **David Blankenship** (913-980-7434) if you need babysitting.

Birthdays –February 7-13

David Blankenship & Harrison Hoggatt – February 7

Evelyn Campbell – February 8

Krislyn Roberts – February 9

Jane Weatherbee – February 11

Doug Davenport – February 12

Doris Buys, Liddy Miller, & Phil Roberts – February 13

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

February 7	1 st Service	Lillie Ramage & Aubrey Hall
	2 nd Service	Angelia & Aubrey Hudkins
February 14	1 st Service	Kelly & Alex Newbury
	2 nd Service	Laurie & Hayley Kerley

The Preacher’s Post – *Darin Kennedy*

Next week, I am going to begin a sermon series on Hebrews, entitled, “Jesus Is Better.” I hope to accomplish several things with the series—

1) *What is the next step in your spiritual maturity?* These last few months, we have been talking about the gospel of Jesus Christ, the good news that Jesus came into the world to save sinners. We have spoken much about baptism and the salvation that is found only in Jesus. But the writer of Hebrews expects that we go further than that, “not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about cleansing rites, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment” (Hebrews 6:1, 2). Now that we have become Christians, we must continue to pursue being like Christ, “fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith” (12:2), and going “to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore” (13:13). We often look at maturity in Hebrews as being able to understand the Old Testament “shadows” or knowing who Melchizedek is, but that is nothing compared to actual transformation into Christ’s image.

2) *How do your pursuits compare to Jesus?* Many things in our lives appear to give us more confidence and comfort than faith in Jesus. He is unseen, and so we chase things that can be seen and touched and controlled. On the other hand, he has become so routine for us that we seek higher mysteries that captivate us. His path is one of suffering, so we pursue safety. Because of following Jesus, we have been excluded, so we eagerly desire inclusion into groups of kindred of minds and status and interests. But nothing compares to the glory of Jesus, and to pursue anything less than Jesus is turning your back on him, what he stands for, and what he has planned for you. You will be asked many times throughout the study to weigh what you do or have, both good and bad things, with Jesus.

3) *Where can I go except to Jesus?* The writer of Hebrews challenges the church to pray, knowing that in Jesus we will “receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need” (4:16). When we need to persevere we can and should “draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings” (10:22). Jesus being our high priest goes beyond an understanding of his position; instead, it should take us to him in longing and prayer.

I look forward to our time in Hebrews. I encourage you to read well.