

Blue River Church of Christ

January 17, 2016

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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 10, 2016 Attendance	107 + 132 = 239
Contribution	\$5,073.29
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,272
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$7,817

Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life
 They have need for: Ramen noodles, pasta meals, peanut butter, kool-aid, canned or packaged tuna, canned chicken, jello, cornbread mix, snack bars, applesauce or fruit cups, green beans, corn, mixed vegetables, bar soap, women's body wash, and tooth paste. 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

#570 "A Beautiful Life"
 #853 "When We All Get to Heaven"
 #480 "Blessed Assurance"

Scripture Jerry Brown
Isaiah 53

Prayer Brian Wahlen

#222 "There's Something About that Name"

Lord's Supper
Ron McCleary, presiding

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#718 "We Shall Assemble"

Power Kids Repentance (Godly Sorrow)

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Gospel: Jesus"

#903 "There Is Power in the Blood"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Blessing Ephesians 3:16-17

Songs Led By Gary Hasty

10:45

#712 "Jesus Is Coming Soon"
 #166 "He's My King"

Scripture Matt Hoggatt
Isaiah 53

Prayer Shane Hall

#578 "We Will Glorify"

Lord's Supper
Randy Smith, presiding

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#989 "Soon and Very Soon"

Power Kids Repentance (Godly Sorrow)

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Gospel: Jesus"

#902 "Nothing But the Blood"

Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

Final Blessing Ephesians 3:16-17

Songs Led By Paul Walker

In Need of Prayers

Liz Church will be switching oral medications – previous tumors have decreased in size, but two new spots have appeared on her liver. **Linda Brizendine** has been diagnosed with breast cancer. **Ray Weatherbee** is at The Groves recovering from back surgery. Continue to pray for **Grover Renick, Denise Fultz, Vickie Sullivan, Donna Kerns, Gary Campbell, Keith Bench, Ralph Staley.**

New Website

We are making changes to our congregation’s website, **bluerivercofc.org**. But we are also making it more streamlined, easier to maintain, more flexible for mobile devices, and quite a bit cheaper. We are still working on it, so don't be surprised to find things that need to be changed. We still have directories of both members’ addresses and phone numbers and for email addresses on a password-protected page. To get the password for the directory page or to make changes to your listing in the directory, please contact the office or Darin.

Upcoming Events

January 22 (Friday, 10-12) – **Nancy Sullivan** is offering watercolor classes at the building.

January 23 (Saturday, 3:00) – **TREK 812** Broom Ball on Mavericks’ ice

January 24 (Sunday, 9:45) – Quarterly Brunch between 1st & 2nd services. See **Arline Bradshaw** for details. Downstairs classes will be held as usual.

TREK 812

We had a great start last year to our new kids’ club. Here in 2016, we will continue great Wednesday night activities for learning and exciting monthly fellowship activities and service projects. Make a commitment to get your kids involved and to volunteer as an event helper. See **Angelia Hudkins** or **Jennifer Hall** for information or for your kid’s TREK 812 t-shirt.

Adult Classes

Brian Wahlen is teaching “Theology of the Cross” in the Auditorium. **Ron McCleary’s** topic is “Jesus on Prayer” in the Fellowship Classroom.

Birthdays – January 17-23

John Owen – January 17

Marcella Hedges – January 19

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

January 17	1 st Service	Arline Bradshaw
	2 nd Service	Heidi & Haydn Hoggatt
January 24	1 st Service	Denise Fultz & Dawn Cook
	2 nd Service	Kimberly Kennedy & Brenda Herrmann

A Minister’s Musings – *Shane Hall*

Music has always been an important part of the Christian life. Even before Jesus died and rose again, music was an integral part of worshipping the one true God of the Bible. When it comes to Bible music, I think immediately of David and his passion for writing, playing, and singing hymns dedicated to God. The Bible refers to him as “the sweet psalmist of Israel” (2 Sam. 23:1) and records many of his songs and psalms for us to enjoy. David, of course, is not the only one who wrote songs and praised God with music. There were those who were in charge of conducting temple worship. And David obviously passed his passion and skill for music down to his son Solomon who wrote some 1,005 songs himself. Moses wrote and sang songs, Isaiah sang, Ezekiel sang, Jehoshaphat sang...Deborah, Joshua, and the list could go on. The long and short of it: Music was important.

It is also good to remember that Jesus sang too. I know, it is easier to think of Jesus as a quiet recipient of adoration and worship. But he also sings! Matthew 26:30 gives us a beautiful picture of Jesus singing. The song was probably a psalm (maybe Psalm 114 or Psalm 118?), and some have speculated that Jesus lead his disciples in these psalms by singing a line and then having the disciples respond by singing a “Hallelujah.” I have to admit, it’s pretty neat to think of Jesus leading singing. I wonder if he used a pitch pipe or if he had perfect pitch? (If you are reading this in worship laugh quietly.)

In all seriousness, we should periodically make a personal assessment of how important “psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs” are to us. We certainly don’t have to be writers and composers to express musical praise to the creator, but we are definitely called to lift our voices with passion and even a little “gusto.”

“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ” (Eph. 5:18-20).

We have all heard sermons on this verse; we sing to one another and to God. That alone makes it an important act. But what should our demeanor be like? Does it matter how “into it” I get? Is it good for me, spiritually, to just leave emotions out of it? I write this with a full understanding that some folks just aren’t inclined to music. I get it. But could it be the case that we are missing out on a deep blessing by not being a full participant in melodic praise to Jehovah? This paragraph is full of questions that are answered on a personal level. The important thing is that you take time to answer them.

On Sunday mornings, whether you attend first or second service, you (we) have an opportunity to do what God’s people have done for centuries: follow in the footsteps of great servants and worshipers, obey delightful commands, and provide encouragement to one another. We do this in many ways, but one very heartfelt and emotional way is through song! We do it together. Many voices being lifted up as one toward He who sustains our lives and fulfills His promises. Donate your love, respect, and every emotion to the King of Kings. “Come let us sing with Joy to the Lord, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation” (Psalm 95:1).