

# Blue River Church of Christ

January 31, 2016

# BLUE RIVER

## Church of Christ

### Order of Worship

<b>Contact Information</b> 221 NE Woods Chapel Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64064 816-373-7448 office@bluerivercofc.org www.bluerivercofc.org	<b>Worship Times</b> <b>Sunday</b> Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. <b>Wednesday</b> Bible Study 7 p.m.
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<b>Elders</b>	Earl Fultz Russ Simmons Jan Sullivan
<b>Deacons</b>	Jim Bassford                      Jack Hudkins David Blankenship              John Owen David Foster                        Mike Peerson Darren Herrmann
<b>Pulpit Minister</b>	Darin Kennedy dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org
<b>Family Life Minister</b>	Shane Hall shall@bluerivercofc.org

Statistics for January 24, 2016 Attendance	122 + 142 = 264
Contribution Jan 17 & 24	\$5084 + \$6729.78 = \$11,813.78
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.

<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
#853 "When We All Get to Heaven"	<i>Welcome</i>
<i>Scripture</i> Steve Etter Philippians 1:3-11	<i>Prayer</i> Rich Pearce
#887 "In the Morning of Joy"	#749 "The Battle Belongs to the Lord" #364 "Come, Share the Lord"
<i>Prayer</i> Joe Harber	<i>Lord's Supper</i> Roger Cook, presiding
#895 "I'll Live in Glory" #353 "One Day"	<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>
<i>Lord's Supper</i> Jim Bassford, presiding	<i>Giving</i> #810 "Listen to Our Hearts"
<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>	<i>Scripture</i> Gary Hasty Philippians 1:3-11
<i>Giving</i> #346 "He Lives"	#705 "A Common Love" #704 "Bind Us Together"
<i>Power Kids</i> Repentance (Godly Sorrow)	<i>Power Kids</i> Repentance (Godly Sorrow)
<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "Gospel: Connected"	<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "Gospel: Connected"
#916 "What a Day That Will Be"	#912 "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Russ Simmons	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Earl Fultz
<i>Final Blessing</i> Psalm 5:11	<i>Final Blessing</i> Psalm 5:11
<i>Songs Led By</i> Paul Walker	<i>Songs Led By</i> Shane Hall

## The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

### ***In Need of Prayers***

**Grover Renick** had a pacemaker put in on Tuesday. **Hannah Guntert** had an appendectomy last week. **Bruce Keeton** had heart surgery and is recovering at Centerpoint. **Liz Church** switched oral medications – previous tumors have not changed in size, but two new spots have appeared on her liver **Ray Weatherbee** is at The Groves recovering from back surgery. Continue to pray for **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).

### ***Upcoming Events***

**February 5** (Friday, 10-1) – **Nancy Sullivan** is offering watercolor classes at the building.

### ***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, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 – January 31-February 6**

*Margie Banks – February 1*

*Matt Hoggatt – February 5*

### ***Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants***

January 31	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Brenda & Conner Brotherton
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Liddy Miller & Cheryl Roberts
February 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Lillie Ramage & Aubrey Hall
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Angelia & Aubrey Hudkins

More and more people are coming to Blue River. They come for a variety reasons from a variety of backgrounds. We want to be a place where anyone can come to learn about Christ and to be welcomed by family.

Oh, I know we are open to guests. No one can come into Blue River without a smile or a handshake. You would have to sneak in completely by stealth to be completely left alone. I have never seen that welcome excluded from anyone no matter what skin color, dress, accent, etc. However, we should not think that a warm greeting is enough to make everyone feel welcome. The real secret is seeing things from the other person's point of view.

Most of us have a perspective that comes from being committed to the family here and being here on a regular basis. We are comfortable with things, needing little change or little explanation. It takes a bold and loving step to see things through the eyes of others who have little knowledge of and little commitment toward Jesus, the church, and Blue River.

First, it requires many questions to be asked. What does a visitor see when he or she comes into our church building and auditorium? What would be hard to understand about our worship to someone not used to it? What about our Bible classes are helpful to guests? What are people really looking for? What are we providing that could help people? These are beginning questions.

Second, it requires taking personal initiative. If the answer to the first question above is that a visitor would not be able to find a seat without embarrassingly going all the way to the front, then you need to give up your seat. If you see areas around the building, in Bible classes, in the nursery, in the worship, etc. that need extra help in order to make guests more welcome, then you have to jump in and be involved. If you see that most people are looking for closer relationships, then you have to be a new friend.

Third, it requires a willingness to meet people where they are. They may not be familiar with the Bible. They may have kids who have never sat in a church auditorium before. They may not be comfortable around large groups of people, and coming to Blue River took a great deal of courage. They may not be living the way God wants people to live. At Blue River, they should be encouraged and rewarded for taking the step to get back where they need to be. They should find cheerleaders who will encourage them and helpers who can gently guide.

Whether you brought guests or not, you have a responsibility to bless strangers, as if you belong together in the human race and are both in need of the grace of God. Who needs your encouraging and helpful presence?