

Blue River Church of Christ

June 12, 2016

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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 7:00 p.m.
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8:30

10:45

Elders	Earl Fultz Russ Simmons Jan Sullivan
Deacons	Jim Bassford Jack Hudkins David Blankenship John Owen David Foster Darren Herrmann
Pulpit Minister	Darin Kennedy dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org
Family Life Minister	Shane Hall shall@bluerivercofc.org

Statistics for May 29, 2016 Attendance	109 + 123 = 232
Contribution	\$7,794.96
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, pork & 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.

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Scripture Gene Clark
Psalm 119:65-72

Prayer Jeff Peterson

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The Cup

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Prayer List

Donna Kerns has been transferred to Mid-America Rehab in Overland Park. **Shane Hall's** mother, Roxanne Hall, broke a bone above her ankle and had surgery this week. **Phyllis MacMillan** is scheduled for lung surgery on June 15. Continue to pray for **Joe Harber's** mother, **Dawson Johnson, Virginia Fuhr, Howard Petersen, Phil Roberts, Grover Renick, Bruce Keeton, Gary Campbell, Keith Bench, Ralph Staley, Linda Brizendine, Betty Williams.**

VBS

July 17-20 (6:30-8:45) – See the Blue River website to register your children.

4th of July

Save the date! The **Simmons** are hosting the 4th of July gathering at their house.

New Small Groups

New Small groups begin on Sunday, **June 26**. Please look for a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

India Mission Benevolence

John and Renee Wubbenhorst are going to India in July. They are raising money to help orphans, widows, lepers, and village preachers. In addition, we are raising money to provide a \$1,000 scholarship for one of the graduates of the children's home in Kakinada to go to college. We would also like to collect money in order to help Ponnada Joshua fund the completion of the church building in his village. If you can contribute to those needs, please give that money to John Wubbenhorst or one of the elders, deacons, or ministers.

Workday

Workdays on the church grounds will be June 18 and 25. See **David Foster**.

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

June 12	1 st Service	John and Cara Owen
	2 nd Service	Heidi and Hayden Hoggatt

Birthdays – June 12-June 18

Tricia Porter – June 12 Hayley Kerley – June 14
Bob Schmitt – June 15 Roman Pearce – June 16
Eloise Staley and Jerry Brown – June 17
Lillie Ramage – June 18

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

People hunger to know their purpose in life. In fact, I would say that it is a necessity to have an overall purpose for life. Someone may say that he does not have a purpose or know his purpose; however, whether he has consciously chosen a purpose for his life, he makes daily decisions according to a certain way of thinking, a certain set of principles or values—a purpose of some sort. The question is not if you have a purpose, the question is more accurately stated, “Am I satisfied with my purpose?”

Sadly, so many people choose a central purpose for themselves that cannot bring fulfillment. A woman might take motherhood for her purpose and identity, but wonders why she tires easily. A young worker might see his purpose as taking over the company, but wonders at his loneliness. One of the crazy things about our world is the large number of people choosing for their purpose to be intentionally purposeless. Chaos and fleshly pursuits become the air they breathe, but they choke on guilt and depression. On the one hand, people allow their purposes to be chosen for them; on the other hand, people intentionally choose the wrong purposes. To intentionally choose to be a disciple of Christ is to take on the greatest possible purpose.

1) *The purpose of discipleship is broad enough to encompass all of life.* A disciple can be a mother, an employee, a student, etc., etc., etc. It gathers up all our identities, all our work, all our relationships, everything under one umbrella, giving us priorities and values for any area of life.

2) *Discipleship is flexible.* Every person will change dramatically between different stages of life. Discipleship is in itself a journey of discovery. Each stage may begin and end with different abilities, different relationships, and different tasks, but the love of Jesus grows in us throughout.

3) *The purpose of discipleship is still strong in failure and suffering.* To fail at another purpose is to experience guilt and depression. To fail as a disciple of Jesus, or to sin, is to discover grace. To have something taken from you is to discover comfort.

4) *Discipleship is eternal and truthful.* All other purposes collapse upon themselves, dwindling into self-absorption or self-destruction. God's will is the only way of giving yourself completely to Him as makes you want you were meant to be.