

Blue River Church of Christ

March 6, 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 February 28, 2016 Attendance	102 + 135 = 237
Contribution	3,942.51
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.

<p>8:30</p> <p>#416 "Footsteps of Jesus" #794 "Unto Thee, O Lord"</p> <p><i>Prayer</i> Jim Bassford</p> <p>#395 "Follow Me"</p> <p><i>Scripture</i> Bruce Sewell Psalm 95</p> <p>#676 "Living for Jesus"</p> <p><i>Lord's Supper</i> Bill Brotherton, presiding</p> <p><i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i></p> <p><i>Giving</i></p> <p>#555 "Seek Ye First" #553 "I'll Live for Him"</p> <p><i>Power Kids</i> Be a Helper</p> <p><i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "Hebrews: Daily Reckoning"</p> <p>#674 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"</p> <p><i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Jan Sullivan</p> <p><i>Final Charge</i> Romans 13:11</p> <p><i>Songs Led By</i> Shane Hall</p>	<p>10:45</p> <p>#309 "In My Life Lord, Be Glorified" #15 "Step by Step"</p> <p><i>Scripture</i> Mike Peerson Psalm 95</p> <p><i>Prayer</i> Jerry John</p> <p>#560 "Living by Faith" #18 "Faithful Love"</p> <p><i>Lord's Supper</i> Darren Herrmann, presiding</p> <p><i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i></p> <p><i>Giving</i></p> <p>#694 "Servant Song"</p> <p><i>Power Kids</i> Be a Helper</p> <p><i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "Gospel: Daily Reckoning"</p> <p>#912 "Burdens are Lifted at Calvary"</p> <p><i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Earl Fultz</p> <p><i>Final Charge</i> Romans 13:11</p> <p><i>Songs Led By</i> Gary Hasty</p>
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In Need of Prayers

Liz Church is now home from the hospital. **Dawson Johnson, son of Kelly and Kyle**, has been in Children’s Mercy with RSV and a collapsed lung. **Andy Hester** had eye surgery. **Jacque Landers** is home after complications. **Holly Hadley’s** recovery from a broken foot is going more slowly than expected. Continue to pray for **Bruce Keeton, Grover Renick, Ray and Jane 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

March 6 (TODAY) – 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.”

Welcome New Members

Luke and Amber Bellamy
Ruth Elmer
David and Alison (Allie) Keller
Beulah Vaughn

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. A supply of plastic eggs is available in the office. Any questions, please call **Sara Reis** or **Debbie Peerson**.

Birthdays – February 28-March 5

David Eller & Bruce Keeton – March 6
Rosemary Olas – March 7

<i>Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants</i>		
March 6	1 st Service	Sharon Self & Susan Foster
	2 nd Service	Sue Roberts & Hayley Kerley
March 13	1 st Service	Brenda & Conner Brotherton
	2 nd Service	Jennifer & Aubrey Hall

A Minister’s Musings – *Shane Hall*

Why Small Groups? If you and your family are looking for a great way to connect, serve, and study, this is a question we encourage you to seriously ask yourself. As the ever-growing Body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23), we should always be on the lookout for ways to add “make your calling and election sure” (2 Pet. 1:10). The leadership here at Blue River has prayerfully considered and begun creating three new small groups that are designed to feed this flock in a few specific ways.

First, it is important to be together. Some may be convinced that an hour of fellowship per week is all we need. Others may say, “An hour per week is just about all the time I have to give.” Our time is valuable to us. We all have deadlines and commitments that leave us with little free time. In truth, however, our meeting together should become one of our commitments, instead of left for free time. As part of our transformation into the image of Christ, we should desire more and more to be together. I’m always reminded of the first Christians and how important it was for them to be near each other. When the church began, a pilgrimage to a central location once a year stopped being enough. We can do so much when we are together: prayer, study, service, encouragement, and benevolence being just a few of the great works that can be done.

Second, we can study God’s word together. There is something about joint participation when studying scripture. Being able to use your brothers and sisters in Christ as sounding boards is very beneficial. How exciting it must have been to get a letter from Paul the Apostle! Upon receiving these letters, the church would read them before passing them along to another body of believers (1 Thess. 5:27; Col. 4:16). When it comes to studying God’s word, you receive a wonderful blessing from being around people of like faith. In addition, you could be that blessing to someone else!

Finally, being together is an important example. As a parent I am constantly aware of the example I am setting for my children. Granted, my example is not always one I want them to see, but I want them to visualize a pattern of good works. My children are not the only ones watching. I wish many of my relatives and friends could see the great benefits that Christ’s church can provide. A small, intimate group setting, where people are seeking the betterment of one another and where the truth is being spoken in love, is perhaps the best (or at least the most genuine) way for my children and others to witness how marvelous the church can be. I don’t want people to look into my life and see church as an extracurricular activity; I want my story to read very clearly that church is what I do first and when they follow that example I can point them to the cross.

Why small groups? Ultimately you must answer the question for you and yours. Maybe the better question would be, *why not?*