

Blue River Church of Christ

May 29, 2016

BLUE RIVER

Church of Christ

Order of Worship

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| 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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| 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 |

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| Statistics for May 22, 2016 Attendance | 117 + 126 = 243 |
| Contribution | \$4,955.34 |
| 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.

8:30

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| <i>Scripture</i> | Mike Newbury Acts 8:26-40 |
| | #694 "Servant Song" #23 "Our God, He Is Alive" #555 "Seek Ye First" |
| <i>Prayer</i> | David Blankenship #364 "Come, Share the Lord" |
| <i>Lord's Supper</i> | Gary Hasty |
| | <i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i> |
| <i>Giving</i> | Singing of Psalm 19:7-10 #694 "Servant Song" |
| <i>Power Kids</i> | Fruit of the Spirit |
| <i>Lesson</i> | Darin Kennedy "Deacons" #694 "Servant Song" |
| <i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> | Russ Simmons |
| <i>Final Charge</i> | Romans 12:6-8 |
| <i>Songs Led By</i> | Shane Hall |

10:45

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| <i>Scripture</i> | David Keller Acts 8:26-40 |
| | #694 "Servant Song" #975 "Get Right, Church" #555 "Seek Ye First" |
| <i>Prayer</i> | Rich Pearce #364 "Come, Share the Lord" |
| <i>Lord's Supper</i> | Alan Olas |
| | <i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i> |
| <i>Giving</i> | Singing of Psalm 19:7-10 #694 "Servant Song" |
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Prayer List

Donna Kerns remains hospitalized in St. Louis. **Dawson Johnson** is home. **Joe Harber's** mother is recovering from surgery. Continue to pray for **Virginia Fuhr, Howard Petersen, Phil Roberts, Grover Renick, Bruce Keeton, Gary Campbell, Keith Bench, Ralph Staley, Linda Brizendine, Betty Williams.**

Anniversary Open House

May 29 (Sunday, 2:00-4:00 pm) – Please join the Trotter family for a celebration of **Jim and Betty's 70th anniversary.** Festivities will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Area Wide Worship

May 29 (Sunday, 5:00) – An area-wide worship service will be at Liberty Church of Christ. Artrell Harris of Roswell and Christian Family Services is the speaker. No small group at the building this afternoon.

VBS

June 5 (Sunday, 3:00) – VBS Volunteer meeting in the new classroom.

Congregational Vote

June 5 – Ballots for the annual reaffirmation of current elders/deacons/minister and appointment of new elder/deacons will be distributed. Absentee ballots are available today in the office.

New Adult Classes Start Next Week

Auditorium – **David Keller** will cover a “Journey through Genesis.”
Classroom – **Earl Fultz's** topic is “When Troubles Come: Facing the Trials of Life.”

Upcoming Youth Activities

June 23-26 (Thursday-Sunday) – Narrow Way Youth Retreat at Camp Imprint. See **Shane and Jennifer Hall** for details. **Registration Deadline Is June 5.**

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.

Work Day

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

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

Amnesia is a spiritually dangerous thing. If we cannot, or choose to not, remember the past, there can be serious consequences.

A lack of memory produces a lack of gratitude. Living in the present moment makes us arrogant as if we had accomplished everything ourselves. It is as if our desires, our work, and our choices have given the blessings of the day. Obviously, Rome is not built in a day. Everything good in our lives began with someone else, most especially God, but also including the efforts of many others.

If we forget the past, then the proverb will always be true, “History is doomed to repeat itself.” Or we could refer to the Teacher of Ecclesiastes: “There is nothing new under the sun.” At the same time, one hope of remembering, of telling stories of memory, is that we might learn something and break the cycle. Inevitability clashes with free will when a story is told. Does it always have to be the same? Why tell about the sins and losses of the past? Should we prepare for eventual defeat, or is it rather to awaken us to the possibility of another choice?

History not only includes loss, but it also tells about courageous victory. Someone faced challenges of outward circumstances and inward doubts, many very similar to our own, and he/she overcame them. Inherent to sharing a memory is that, “It happened once; it can happen again,” or, “If they could do it, we can do it too.” Memorial Day is a not only a re-telling of the past, but it is also a call for continued bravery and loyalty. To forget the past is to lose inspiration and empowerment for acting courageously today and in the future.

To refuse to remember is to refuse one of our greatest human abilities: the ability to reflect on our choices and priorities. Without the past, we are left with the more immediate priorities of survival and self-gratification. Either way, we are centered on self. The past gives a different direction to our moral compass. We realize that there are some things more important than our own happiness; there are some things more important than life itself. On Memorial Day, we mourn the loss of life, but we also celebrate freedom. Sacrifice becomes a possible choice for being victorious, not simply of defeat. In the same way, telling the stories of Jesus and the martyrs realigns our priorities toward the higher good and the benefit of others, toward those things that are eternal.

Take time to remember and reflect, time to celebrate the past. Christians should lead in this effort because we believe that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” And we praise the God “who was, and is, and is to come.”

| Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants | | |
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| May 29 | 1 st Service | Dawn Cook |
| | 2 nd Service | Darlene Pollard |

Birthdays – May 29-June 4

David Foster – May 30
Steve Etter – June 2

Pam Herrington – May 31
Dylan Wahlen – June 3