

# Blue River Church of Christ

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## Worship Times

### Sunday

Bible Study 9 am

Morning Worship 10 am

**Evening Worship 5 pm**

### Wednesday

Bible Study 7 pm

## Elders

Earl Fultz  
Russ Simmons  
Jan Sullivan

## Deacons

Gary Bledsoe, Worship  
Ben Church, Missions  
David Foster, Grounds  
Darren Herrmann, Stewardship  
Mike Peerson, Evangelism

## Pulpit Minister

Darin Kennedy

Statistics for Jan. 24, 2010:	Attendance	209
	Contribution	\$4,884.67

## Downtown Church of Christ Pantry

Bar soap, deodorant, lotion, baby wipes, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, toilet paper, applesauce, jello, canned milk, popcorn, coats, hats, gloves, & scarves for women, men & children.

(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.

**"Sunday evening services at the Downtown Church of Christ tonight"**

When talking about the unity of the church, one has to discuss both bigger and smaller.

On one hand, the unity of the church goes beyond geographic lines. We have proven through efforts of giving and working that our church is in Downtown Kansas City, Kansas City, KS, Haiti, Ukraine, and India. No political boundary could ever contain the church of Christ, and nothing prevents us from helping feed the poor, ease tragedy, minister to orphans, and spread the Word in every corner of the world.

Tonight will be another occasion to celebrate our unity here in the Kansas City area. We are participating in the evening service at the Downtown Church of Christ this evening at 6:00. It is an honor to partner in worship in the same way we have partnered in ministering to the poor through the Food for Life Pantry. We really are family in the deepest sense, even though our areas and demographics are very different. Later, on April 11 will be another opportunity for worshipping with area congregations when we host the Heartland Area-Wide Service.

## Order of Worship

Welcome Darin Kennedy

Prayer Wade Kerley

**#989 "Soon and Very Soon"  
"It Won't Be Very Long"**

Scripture Jeff Petersen  
Isaiah 61:7-11

**#593 "Consider Him"**

Lord's Supper Keith Bench, Presiding

The Bread  
The Cup

**#903 "There Is Power in the Blood"**

Giving

**#559 "The Joy of the Lord"  
#511 "I Am So Glad"**

Power Kids

Lesson Darin Kennedy  
"The Case for Christ: Outside the Gospels?"

Invitation

**#918 "Out of My Bondage"**

Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

Final Reading Psalm 86:9-10

Songs led by:  
Paul Walker/Gary Bledsoe

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

Please pray for the following: **Louise Pulliam** and **Doris Bouldin** are both currently recovering at the Villages at Jackson Creek, 3980 Jackson Drive, Independence, MO 64057; **Kimberly Kennedy** has been experiencing breathing difficulties – please pray for healing. **Christine Keeton** is recovering at Carmel Hills Nursing Home. **Stephen Godfrey** is recovering at home after being hospitalized last week.

## ***Upcoming Events***

### **Teen Bible Study**

**February 1** (Monday) The Bible study/devo will be held at the **Waldron's** house for the month of February (**except 2/8** when it will be at the building) from 7 to 9:00 PM. Come and invite your friends!

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Unity Service**

**January 31** (Sunday evening) We will worship with area congregations at the Downtown Church of Christ at 6:00 PM. The address is 2010 Van Brunt. Ask Darin if you need directions.

## ***LTC***

**February 7** The LTC Video Bible Drama team for 3rd-12th grades will meet after morning service. Bring a sack lunch.

## ***Notes***

So far the total given to Haiti relief is \$1,290.

## ***Small Group Signup***

You are all encouraged to participate in our new Small Group initiative. Today, and next Sunday, 2/7, you will have an opportunity to signup for one of these groups. The individuals that have trained for leadership are: David and Peggy Blankenship, Jason and Jessica Herrington, John and Sherry Owen, Phil and Sue Roberts, and Paul and Tammy Walker.

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We hope to have over 800 Christians at Overland Park to celebrate the incredible ways God is blessing the church in this area.

It has been very evident to us that the church of Christ is city-wide, nation-wide, and world-wide. On the other hand, we should remember that the unity of the church is dependent on small things as well. The “you” and “I” can get lost in the “all” and “world.” The intricacy of a tree can get lost in the magnificent grandeur of the forest. We need to experience peace within the intricacies of personal relationships.

When a Christian looks a brother in the eye to say, “I love you,” or, “I’m sorry,” or, “How can I pray for you?” the unity of the church is demonstrated. Within the Blue River congregation, that unity in small things can be experienced and increased through participating in small groups. You can sign up today for a life-changing and congregation-changing experience in our small groups ministry. The small moments of encouragement, teaching, service, and love will be a real blessing to you. In the end, I can extol unity and be thankful for unity, but until hand grabs hand and eyes see into eyes and arms wrap around real shoulders, I cannot really *experience* unity.

Jesus showed the dimensions of unity in both large and small ways. In John 17, he could pray for unity that defied barriers, including the most difficult barrier of time. In John 13, he could wash the feet of several “friends” (John 15:15), and ask them to do the same for each other. We need to experience the full unity of the church in big and small ways.

—Darin Kennedy

Birthdays: Jan. 31-Feb. 6

***Bob Scifers 1/31***

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

Jan. 31

Kimberly Sterne & Jacqueline Sikes