

Blue River Church of Christ

May 24, 2015

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Order of Worship

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Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 8:30, 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study 7 p.m.

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

Statistics for May 17, 2015 Attendance	104 + 137 = 241
Contribution	\$5,458.51
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,250
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,217

Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life

They have need for: Ramen noodles, pasta meals, peanut butter, kool-aid, canned or packaged tuna, canned chicken, jello, cornbread mix, snack bars, applesauce or fruit cups, green beans, corn, mixed vegetables, bar soap, women's body wash, and tooth paste. 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

Private Reading Mark 10:17-45

#63 "I Will Call upon the Lord"

Welcome

#57 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Scripture

Jerry Brown
1 Timothy 6:6-19

Prayer

Bill Brotherton

#74 "Praise the Lord"
#83 "God Is So Good"

Lord's Supper

Russ Simmons, presiding

The Bread

The Cup

Giving

"You Are Holy"

Power Kids

Fruits of the Spirit

Lesson

Darin Kennedy
"A Warm Welcome"

#679 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Shepherd's Prayer

Earl Fultz

Final Charge

Philippians 4:12-13

Songs led by

Paul Walker

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In Need of Prayers

Donna Kerns is in rehab at Truman Medical Center East. **Pat Seago** is fighting an infection. **Carrie Eaton's** father, Sam Bruno, a member at Pleasant Hill, is improving at Research Hospital. **Vickie Sullivan's** mother, Mattie Weiss, has been moved to hospice care. Continue to pray for **Brittany Johnston, Robert Hicks, Betty Williams, Michael May, and Grover Renick.**

Parents' Night Out

May 29 (Friday, 6:00-9:00) – Kids 6th grade and below will be watched at the church building while parents fellowship together. RSVP to **Jessica Herrington.**

Young Adult Class

We now have a summer class in the library for Young Adults (roughly ages 18-30), entitled "Jesus the _____." We are examining Jesus from various perspectives. Some material will be from Philip Yancey's book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*. See **Dave Blankenship** with any questions.

Vacation Bible School – June 14-17

You can go to our website home page, bluerivercofc.org, to sign up your children, neighbors, and family members to participate in our upcoming VBS, *Be a Superhero!*

Wilshire Worship Service

May 24 (TODAY, 3:00) – Our 4th Sunday service at Wilshire at Lakewood Nursing Home.

Family Float Trip

For all those planning to participate in the Family Float Trip, June 28-30, please get your money to **John Wubbenhorst** by **May 31.**

Graduation Open Houses

May 30 (Saturday, 1-4) – **Shannon Fultz** at BRCC Fellowship Hall

May 30 (Saturday, 9-noon) – **Cara Owen** at 400 SE Annette, Lee's Summit

Birthdays – May 24-30

Jim Bassford & Andy Hester – May 27

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

On this Memorial Day weekend, it is appropriate to consider the overwhelming cost paid by those who have served our nation in wartime. Many paid with their lives, but many others have continued to pay after returning to their homes and families. We are becoming more and more aware of those with PTSD, who find it incredibly difficult to sleep at night, to carry on a healthy relationship with spouse and children, to hold down a job. Many return with physical difficulties because of which they will struggle for the rest of their lives. Many return with memories that haunt one's thoughts whether asleep or awake.

I was a young adult, and I asked Paul, one of our fellow church members in Texas, what he did in WWII. He acted somewhat shyly, but eventually I found out he was a paratrooper who dropped down behind enemy lines to carry out more secretive missions. I got excited and pried a little more, expecting stories of glory worthy of the bright lights of Hollywood. Paul slowly shook his head, backed away a bit, wanting to share but finding it painful to speak: "We couldn't take any prisoners, and I watched our commander..." He could not finish, and I was sorry that I had pried without compassion. War is hell and continues to be hell long after it is over.

In another congregation in a small town in Texas, we enjoyed fellowship with a man named Rudy. Rudy was a very interesting individual. He always dressed in coveralls, and I later found out he owned more houses in town than he did coveralls in his closet. Rudy was also known as the town drunk. Several times he could be found wandering the streets shouting out or crying or sitting silently on the curb. It is so easy to label someone, but we later heard him talk about his military service. Rudy was in Japan right after the dropping of the atomic bombs. His unit was responsible for breaking up the schools that promoted allegiance to the emperor. I cannot imagine the devastation he witnessed. MacArthur had taken over the ski resort on Mount Fuji and turned it into a hospital for soldiers. Rudy went there after dropping down to 90 pounds, not because of injury or radiation, but because of mental trauma. He showed us a picture of himself on skis: "They put those on me and propped me up for the picture because I couldn't stand." Rudy tried to do what he could when he returned to the States, building a decent printing business and making good investments, but he continued to be propped up by alcohol against the burden of memory.

On this Memorial Day, the flags will fly in the cemeteries, and wreaths will be placed at the Tomb, but we should also remember the scars in the hearts, families, and memories of the living. Give thanks, compassion, and support.

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

May 24	1 st Service	Lisa & Emma Bassford
	2 nd Service	Kimberly Sterne & Alana Peerson
May 31	1 st Service	Laurie & Hayley Kerley
	2 nd Service	Jessica Herrington & Alana Peerson