

Blue River Church of Christ

July 19, 2015

BLUE RIVER

Church of Christ

Order of Worship

Contact Information

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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

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| Jim Bassford | Jack Hudkins |
| David Blankenship | John Owen |
| David Foster | Mike Peerson |
| Darren Herrmann | |

Pulpit Minister

Darin Kennedy

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| Statistics for July 12, 2015 Attendance | 120 + 121 = 241 |
| Contribution | \$6,153.12 |
| 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

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#533 "I Am a Sheep"

Scripture Jeff Petersen
Psalm 140

Prayer Brian Wahlen

#800 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
#490 "It Is Well with My Soul"

Lord's Supper
David Blankenship, presiding
The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#781 "Thank You, Lord"

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Lesson Darin Kennedy
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Final blessing Psalm 69:32

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In Need of Prayers

Earl Brown is now in hospice care. **Gary Campbell** will need to undergo additional testing related to his previous surgery. **Keith Bench** is scheduled for shoulder surgery later this month. **Sherril Seago's** father is not doing well. **Donna Kerns** continues to recover and rehab at home. Continue to pray for **Brittany Johnston, Robert Hicks, and Grover Renick.**

July 4th Left-Behinds

There were three pairs of sunglasses that were left at the Churches' after the Fourth of July celebration. If you're missing a pair, check on top of the file cabinet in the office.

Power Kids

We need Power Kids teachers for both services during August. Please see **Debbie Peerson** if you can help.

Small Groups

Several small groups are meeting around the Lee's Summit area. We would love to get you involved. One group meets this afternoon at 5:00 at the church building.

Nursing Home Service

Next week, July 26, at 3:00, is our 4th Sunday service at Wilshire at Lakewood Nursing Home.

Birthdays – July 19-26

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| <i>Jana Schmitt – July 19</i> | <i>Aaron Wahlen – July 20</i> |
| <i>Jeff Petersen – July 22</i> | <i>Kelly Newbury – July 23</i> |
| <i>Brooklyn Herrington – July 24</i> | <i>Katie Rosas – July 25</i> |

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

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| July 19 | 1 st Service | Jon & Cheryl Sutton |
| | 2 nd Service | Michelle Hasty & Alana Peerson |
| July 26 | 1 st Service | Carrie Eaton & Lillie Ramage |
| | 2 nd Service | Angelia & Aubrey Hudkins |

The Preacher's Post – Darin Kennedy

Our kids are incredibly important, and we want them to have the very best. The best thing they could possibly have is an active faith in God and a love for God's people. Even if we say these are the most important, the way we use our time and resources with our children may reveal different priorities. We are at a great point at Blue River where more and more is available to our children, dedicated people are working hard to make our programs what they need to be, and the children themselves are excited about growing spiritually. What we need now is an enormous workforce ready to make our children's spiritual education and activities a success.

I was visiting with a very successful youth minister recently. He has been at the same congregation as youth minister for 30 years. He has done an incredible job of getting people involved, but even he was challenged the other day. He went to a conference and heard that successful youth ministries will have a 2:1 ratio between kids and volunteers. He was excited because they felt they did have an adult volunteer for every two kids. Then the presenter emphasized that what was needed was TWO ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR EVERY ONE CHILD. If we have 50 kids below the age of 18 (which is about where we are at Blue River), then we need 100 volunteers who are active in ministry to them. That does not mean that every class or activity has to have a 2:1 ratio, but it is going to take 100 adults being involved on a regular basis in teaching, mentoring, chaperoning, planning, singing, small groups, decorating, etc., to do this monumental task well. What do we need to do to make this happen?

First, most adults are going to need to be devoted to our community activities like Bible classes. Rather than going to Sunday morning class, Wednesday class, sitting through a sermon, and going to a small group—all for self-edification—at least one of those times should be devoted to teaching or helping. Even if you are not the main teacher, we need helpers, especially for kids with special needs.

Second, we can no longer think in terms of volunteering for one month of the year or even one quarter out of the year. We need 100 adults to take ownership of ministry to our young people as their continual work. Imagine the relationships you could build having a constant connection with some of our individual kids. They will treasure you for the rest of their lives, and you will make an eternal difference.

Third, we cannot be limited to Bible classes, but we need regular involvement outside of normal class times. Preparing for and planning upcoming events, chaperoning activities, mentoring a few kids in small group settings, etc., all need lots of people to help.

How can you be involved in the lives of Blue River kids on a weekly and monthly basis? What kind of difference can you make?