

Blue River Church of Christ

August 9, 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 August 2, 2015 Attendance	109 + 115 = 224
Contribution	\$8,928.97
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

#517 "Heaven Came Down"
Scripture Tony Pollard
 Psalm 23
#415 "Each Step I Take"
#18 "Faithful Love"
Prayer Jerry Brown
#794 "Unto Thee, Oh Lord"
#71 "As the Deer"

Lord's Supper
 Andy Hester, presiding
The Bread
The Cup
Giving

#325 "Boundless Love"
Power Kids Honor Your Mother
 & Father
Lesson Darin Kennedy
 "Alone"

#2 "We Praise Thee, Oh God"
Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz
Final statement of faith Romans 5:8
Songs Led By Shane Hall

10:45

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In Need of Prayers

Services for **Earl Brown** were held on Friday. **Gary Campbell** is recovering at home. **Keith Bench** is recovering from shoulder replacement. **Ralph Staley** is recovering at home from a stroke. **Joe Harber** will have knee surgery August 19. **Sherril Segó's** father is not doing well. Continue to pray for **Donna Kerns, Brittany Johnston, Robert Hicks, and Grover Renick.**

Meet the Halls

August 9 (Sunday, 5:00 [NEW TIME], Hudkins' home) – Families with elementary school kids and younger. RSVP to **Angelia.**

August 16 (Sunday) – **Shane** will be preaching in both services. A quarterly brunch is planned during Bible class time for meeting the Halls.

August 23 (Sunday) – Confirmation vote will be held in both services concerning **Shane** as new minister.

Small Groups

Several small groups are meeting on Sunday. Let us plug you into one where you can develop helpful relationships. One meets at the building this afternoon at 5:00.

Quarterly Fellowship Brunch

August 16 (Sunday, 9:45) – Our quarterly brunch will be held during class time following first service in the Fellowship Hall. Downstairs classes will be held as usual. **Arline Bradshaw** has posted an online signup sheet for food assignments. See her with any questions before she leaves town on August 14.

Birthdays – August 9-15

Frank Stewart – August 9 Dawn Cook – August 11

Jack McCrea – August 13 Nic Peerson & Aubrey Johnston – August 14

Kent Desselle – August 15

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

August 9	1 st Service	Brenda & Connor Brotherton
	2 nd Service	Karen Banks & Julia Graham
August 16	1 st Service	Dawn Cook & Brenda Petersen
	2 nd Service	Kimberly Sterne & Jessica Herrington

The Preacher's Post – Darin Kennedy

I love the Scriptures. Over and over again, they prove to me that they are the words of God. I say “prove” not in the sense that I doubt them and they must pass my test for them, but in the sense of their being effective. They beg to be used in my life: “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful...” (2 Timothy 3:16). When I place them in the context of my decisions, they always prove to be the right thing to do. What are the qualities of Scripture that make them so useful?

1) The Scriptures are consistent. I love to watch Christians' faces when they hear a lesson from a passage that they had not studied much before. It may be that they spent lots of time in the New Testament, and when they hear a passage from the Old Testament, they sort of light up. I think the reason is that they are amazed at how the different passages, written in different times, circumstances, genres, and voices, all tie together so naturally. They have an increased confidence that God has not changed and will never change. The plan of God will work the same today as it did for Abraham, Joseph, Moses, David, Elijah, Jesus, Peter, James, and John. Each passage is just one more piece of the puzzle, and my life is just one of many in God's family.

2) The Scriptures are descriptive. In the same way Jesus came to earth to live with us, so all Scripture has an incarnational quality. The Scripture portrays an incredibly accurate picture of the human condition. Our sorrows, joys, weaknesses, strengths, sins, personalities, and tendencies are all a part of God's story. It would have been simpler to simply list commandments, but Scripture places the story of people alongside those commandments. We follow the commandments not only because God is bigger, smarter, and stronger than us, but also because God understands us better than we understand ourselves. It draws us to Him because He draws so close to us. He sees us, hears us, and rescues us. I daresay that when you read the Scriptures, you will see yourself in them, and then you will see what God wants you to be.

3) The Scriptures are practical. Some of the commandments of God, such as sacrifices and worship practices, are made for sacred places and times, but most are made for everyday living, affecting what we say, what we think, the relationships we build, the homes we manage, and the work we do. As stated earlier, God understands the human condition, and He gives commandments that fit our human weaknesses. He wants us to be faithful and joyful, and so He tells us the way of righteousness. Thankfully, because God knows us so well, He mercifully provides for our disobedience too.