

Blue River Church of Christ

September 13, 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 September 6, 2015 Attendance	82 + 141 = 223
Contribution	\$8,147.51
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,250
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,248

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

#410 "He Leadeth Me"
#57 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayer Andy Hester

#77 "Glorify Thy Name"
"Firm Foundation"

Scripture Ron Ramage
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

#354 "I Gave My Life for Thee"

Lord's Supper
Gene Clark, presiding

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

"And Can It Be"

Power Kids Self Control

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Some King"

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Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

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In Need of Prayers

Donna Kerns is scheduled for surgery at the Mayo Clinic. **Gary Campbell, Keith Bench, Ralph Staley, and Joe Harber** are all home now as they recover from various surgeries and illnesses. Continue to pray for **Sherril Sego's** father, **Brittany Johnston, Robert Hicks, and Grover Renick.**

New Adult Classes in September

New adult classes – **Russ Simmons** is offering a class on “Joy.” **Darin Kennedy's** topic is the Minor Prophets.

Downtown Church of Christ

Many thanks for all of those who provided an abundance of food, clothing, and prize items for the DTCC giveaway last week.

Men's Retreat – October 23-24

A sign-up list is on the bulletin board in the foyer. See **Larry Sullivan** for info.

Million Dollar Sunday – September 27

Eastern European Mission (EEM) is having a Million Dollar Sunday event to raise money for Bibles. If you would like to support that work, please make your check to Blue River and note in the memo line “EEM,” and place those funds in the collection plate during the offering time. All funds will be forwarded on to EEM after September 27.

Parking Lot Capital Campaign

As was announced, the goal is to raise a majority, if not all, of the \$30,000 cost to cap the parking lot within the next year. Please mark the memo line on your check, “Parking lot.”

Birthdays –September 13-19

Shannon Fultz & Addison Sullivan – September 14
Sherry & Leah Owen & Tammy Walker – September 16
Arline Bradshaw & Pete Olas – September 17

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

September 13	1 st Service	Sue Roberts & Hayley Kerley
	2 nd Service	Tricia Porter & Aylee Palmer
September 20	1 st Service	Peggy Blankenship & Carrie Eaton
	2 nd Service	Brenda Herrmann & Candy Smith

The Preacher's Post – Darin Kennedy

Last week, I had my first class on the Minor Prophets, and we talked about the book of Jonah. I was startled by several things in the book, but I was most startled by how much I am like Jonah. Jonah knows his Bible. The second chapter of Jonah is the prayer he speaks to God while in the belly of the fish, and it is a conglomeration of quotations from the Psalms. He quotes from or alludes to several of them, including Psalm 116: “The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the Lord: ‘Lord, save me!’” (Psalm 116:3-4). In the first chapter of Jonah, as the storm rages and the sailors inquire about Jonah's identity, he speaks a clear theology: “I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land” (Jonah 1:9). Jonah has all the right knowledge in his head, but he still runs at the beginning, and he still gets angry enough to die when the Ninevites repent. If Jonah is so well equipped, why then does he fail?

The answer lies within Jonah, within the deep recesses of the heart that are revealed in the stress of the storm, in the belly of the fish, and in the oppressive burden of the heat of the day. He may know what the Lord says, but Jonah is rebellious against God and hates the people God has created. Jonah is fine when all those pretty verses about salvation and a God who hears and a God who forgives are all for him, but he does not like to share the goodness of God: “I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God (also found in Psalm 116:5), slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live” (Jonah 4:3-4). Did you hear that? He says, “God you are so compassionate that I wish I could die.” When God's goodness is shared with people that Jonah hates, then Jonah is angry.

If knowledge is not implanted in humility, then it cannot bear fruit. If knowledge is always filtered through my own prejudices, plans, and desires, then I will pick and choose not only what to believe, but also how, when, where, and to whom it should be applied. It is the essence of idolatry—to make God into what I want Him to be. Where is the selfishness of our faith exposed? Is it when the storms of life rage? Is it when the heat is unbearable? Is it when we have to share a room or street with ungodly Ninevites?