

Blue River Church of Christ

September 20, 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 13, 2015 Attendance	98 + 122 = 220
Contribution	\$5,347.11
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

Scripture Steve Etter
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

#783 "Tarry with Me"
#139 "In Heavenly Love Abiding"

Prayer Roger Bradshaw

#763 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Lord's Supper
Michael May, presiding

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

"And Can It Be"

Power Kids Self Control

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Extras on the Set"

#927 "Why Keep Jesus Waiting?"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

#417 "Where He Leads I'll Follow"

Final Testimony 1 John 4:14

Songs Led By Tony Pollard

10:45

Scripture Jack Hudkins
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

#783 "Tarry with Me"
#139 "In Heavenly Love Abiding"

Prayer Rich Pearce

#763 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Lord's Supper
Shane Hall, presiding

The Bread
The Cup

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In Need of Prayers

Donna Kerns had 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 Pat Segó, Sherril Segó's father, Brittany Johnston, Robert Hicks, and Grover Renick.

New Adult Classes in September

Adult classes – Auditorium: Russ Simmons is offering a class on “Joy.” Upstairs Classroom: 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.

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.

Outside Work Day

October 17 (Saturday, 9:00 a.m.) – See David Foster if you have questions.

Fall Gathering of Family & Friends

October 17 (Saturday, 4:00) – Russ and Shirley Simmons will be hosting their annual Fall Gathering, 4155 SE Paddock Circle, Lee's Summit. This is a family event with fun & games for all ages, along with a chili, soup, & dessert buffet. See signup sheet on bulletin board for more details.

Men's Retreat – October 23-24

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

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 20-26

Alex Newbury – September 21

Joe Harber, Madison Herrington & Grover Renick – September 25

Sara Gurski – September 26

The Preacher's Post – Darin Kennedy

“What makes the sphinx the seventh wonder?

Courage!

What makes the dawn come up like thunder?

Courage!

What makes the Hottentot so hot?

What puts the ‘ape’ in apricot?

What have they got that I ain't got?

Courage!”

—*The Cowardly Lion, The Wizard of Oz*

Disciples wrestle with courage more than anything else in our spiritual lives. We normally know the right thing to do. We are well-educated in the commandments. We are fully aware of the mission to which God has called us. Sometimes we claim that we are seeking more truth, and so we study harder and put on a show (more for ourselves than for others) about preparing ourselves. However, the reality is that time and energy spent *preparing* often masks the lack of courage we have for *doing*. There comes a time to put down the Book and to do the work that the Book calls us to do.

To face one's inward need for change takes courage. Any change, produces an uncomfortable level of stress. Change first produces a void, emptying one of bad habits, bad thoughts, and negative feelings. That emptiness is as dark as midnight to the soul, and the person is tempted to fill the void quickly with familiar things—often the negative things one was trying to eliminate. Courage is needed to fill the void with good things through discipline and new practices.

Changing relationships takes courage. Relational change is hard because one has no control over others. A person can only control oneself. Tension grows as one person experiences change the other does not want. At this point, the fear of tension and even separation causes one of two things to happen: either the person gives up those changes to keep things like they were, or the person tries to manipulate the other to change more quickly. It takes courage to wait on the Lord, to allow Him to work gently and patiently on others. It takes courage to not give up and not to judge.

It takes a great deal of courage to live out a public, faithful life. One does not have to be a celebrity or politician to affects others. We have enough instructions on “love your neighbor” to realize that faith needs to be lived out in the presence of and toward other people. In the store, at work, at school, etc., we are called to display righteousness. We must confront the fear of being different than others. We wonder if anyone will appreciate us or if we will be alone. Courage is needed to put aside personal recognition and to seek the invisible God's approval more than the approval of fleshly, visible people. Indeed, the Christian is always under the threat of persecution for living and speaking faithfully, but courage looks past the dangers at the ultimate victory of God.

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

September 20	1 st Service	Peggy Blankenship & Carrie Eaton
	2 nd Service	Brenda Herrmann
September 27	1 st Service	Carolyn Endicott & Arline Bradshaw
	2 nd Service	Denise Fultz & Hannah Guntert