

# Blue River Church of Christ

September 27, 2015

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## Church of Christ

### 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 20, 2015 Attendance	94 + 123 = 217
Contribution	\$3,614.95
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* Ron McCleary  
Isaiah 41:8-20

#344 "Low in the Grave He Lay"  
#345 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*Prayer* Sean Turner

#346 "He Lives"  
#962 "Were You There?"

*Lord's Supper*  
Brian Wahlen, presiding

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

"And Can It Be"

*Power Kids* Self Control

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Unexpected"

#464 "Because He Lives"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Earl Fultz

#853 "When We All Get to Heaven"

*Final praise* Isaiah 12:2

*Songs Led By* Roger Cook

#### 10:45

*Scripture* Aaron Palmer  
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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 Sego, Sherril Sego's father, Brittany Johnston, Robert Hicks, and Grover Renick.**

### **Adult Classes**

Adult classes – Auditorium: **Russ Simmons** is offering a class on “Joy.”  
Upstairs Classroom: **Darin Kennedy's** topic is the Minor Prophets.

### **Nursing Home Service**

**September 27** (TODAY, 3:00) – Our fourth Sunday service at Wilshire at Lakewood Nursing Home is today.

### **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, and 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 27 – October 3**

*Christin Olas – September 27*

*Ruth Nutter – September 29*

*Donna Kerns – September 30*

*Sharon Self & Harold Sterne – October 1*

*Alden Miller – October 2*

## **The Preacher's Post – Darin Kennedy**

Today, we will finish the Gospel of Mark in our sermons, but I will finish in Mark 16:8 and not proceed through verse 20. I do not believe verses 9-20 were original to Mark; therefore, I do not consider them authoritative for preaching or prescribing life in the church. The verses are not wholly absent of truth, but they are not in themselves Scripture. You will probably see in your personal Bible the statement between verses 8 and 9, “The earliest manuscripts do not contain the following section.” This is one of the largest passages in the modern Bible whose authenticity is questioned as being found in the original document.

The study of the accuracy of the text is called Textual Criticism. Early English versions were translated from manuscripts that were copied over 1,000 years after the original documents were written. Since then, older and older manuscripts have been found with different readings. We also have found ancient versions translated in different languages. We also have many quotations from early Christian writers who quote the Bible. When all of these manuscripts, versions, and quotations are collected and compared, we can get closer and closer to what the original writings of the Bible were. You can be very confident that the super-majority of the Bible has been consistently transmitted to us today. And where there are some differences over time, such as the later addition of Mark 16:9-20 to the original, these changes have practically no bearing at all on the apostolic doctrine passed down to us through the consistent witness of recognized Scripture.

As for the passage in question, the longer ending of Mark is not found in the oldest Greek manuscripts. The oldest translations in Syriac, Latin, and Armenian (from the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> centuries) do not have the ending. The earliest Christian writer to quote from Mark 16:9-20 was Irenaeus (around A.D. 180), which means that the addition is early, but other writers, like Eusebius (4<sup>th</sup> century) and Jerome (5<sup>th</sup>), recognized that most manuscripts did not have it. Jerome included it in his Vulgate, which meant that it was preserved in the Catholic Church as authoritative for 1,500 years, but he also knew of other endings to Mark. To me, the most effective evidence against the longer ending is that there were other endings to Mark found as well. People have often had trouble knowing what to do with the sharp ending of verse 8, wanting to add on a seemingly more appropriate ending more consistent with the other gospels, but the shorter ending forces the reader to ask how he or she would respond to the gospel, as if the reader's response is the completion of the story.

### ***Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants***

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