

Blue River Church of Christ

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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

Family Life Minister

Shane Hall

Statistics for October 4, 2015 Attendance	101 + 120 = 221
Contribution	\$6,064.04
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.

October 11, 2015

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Order of Worship

8:30

#589 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
 #560 "Living by Faith"

Prayer Tony Pollard

#718 "We Shall Assemble"
 #71 "As the Deer"

Scripture Brian Wahlen
 Romans 12:1-8

#381 "Years I Spent in Vanity"

Lord's Supper
 Jerry Brown, presiding

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#273 "More Precious than Silver"

Power Kids Friendship

Installation of Family Life Minister

#454 "Rock of Ages"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Charge Hebrews 13:20-21

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In Need of Prayers

Following a PET scan and MRI **Liz Church** is working with doctors to determine next steps in treatment for the recurrent cancer. She is currently on oral meds with possible radiation to be added. **Donna Kerns** returned to the Mayo Clinic for a follow-up appointment. **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 Seago, 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.

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.

Parents Night Out

Parents Nights Out will begin in November. The dates through February are: **11/20, 12/18, 1/29, and 2/26.** To make this a success, we need volunteers to watch the children at the building. Please give this consideration as you plan your schedules.

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 – October 11-17

Michael Kennedy – October 11

Natalie Bassford & Hilary Davenport – October 12

Sydney Kerley – October 15 Carolyn Endicott – October 16

Roger Bradshaw & Jack Hudkins – October 17

The Preacher’s Post – *Darin Kennedy*

One of the things we celebrate today is paying off the loan for the church building. Those who have paid off their own home understand the significance of such an achievement. It has required generous contributions, discipline, and sacrifice. An occasion like this causes reflection concerning the special place that has been provided for us.

In many ways, the church building has been a sacred place. On a regular basis, here we have experienced the remembrance of Christ through worship. Some of you have sat in pretty much the same location in the auditorium, worshipping from your particular perspective. Many of our kids grew up here, going down into the basement to learn God’s Word or going to the Fellowship Hall for Power Kids. Several have exchanged wedding vows in this place, sometimes before a couple of hundred witnesses, and sometimes before a few. We have also celebrated the lives of loved ones here during memorial services, where healing and comfort took place. Many have used our baptistery to enter into Christ and be added to His church. We have shared many meals here in unity and celebrated with crazy antics around holiday times. Many memories were made. Many saints have tread these floors. Many hearts have been changed. It has been our home away from home.

Oh, I know the place is far from perfect. It needs painting and repairing and remodeling. It does not have much color. The baptistery has been colder than I liked at times. My son Michael fell against a chair downstairs and had to be taken to the emergency room. The offices and library have been used to discuss conflict. The tables have traces of paint and crayon all over them. The carpet is stained with coffee, Coke, and chocolate chips. These have all been marks of home as well.

The building has little significance in itself, but it is one place in our lives where we recognize the presence of God and we enjoy the fellowship of the spiritual family. Broken as it is, the Kingdom of God can be found here. If it can be found here, then it can also be found in your house, school classroom, work office, community—broken as they are. The church building has been part of the church’s tithe of money, place, and time, so that all things, places, and times might belong to God. Here we have learned what it is to be citizens of heaven residing in fallen flesh. Thank God for home!

<i>Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants</i>	
October 11	1 st Service John & Cara Owen 2 nd Service Heidi Hoggatt & Liddy Miller
October 18	1 st Service Susan Foster & Sharon Self 2 nd Service Jessica Herrington & Kimberly Sterne