

Blue River Church of Christ

November 15, 2015

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Church of Christ

Order of Worship

Contact Information

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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
dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org

Family Life Minister

Shane Hall
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Statistics for November 8, 2015 Attendance	124 + 138 = 262
Contribution	\$5,012.70
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,250
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,365

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

#23 "Our God, He Is Alive"
#916 "What a Day That Will Be"

Scripture Bill Endicott
Galatians 53-26

Prayer Bill Brotherton

#864 "Where the Gates Swing
Outward Never"
#506 "No One Ever Cared for Me
Like Jesus"

Lord's Supper
Bruce Sewell, presiding

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#803 "Turn My Heart"

Power Kids I Am Thankful

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"The Big 7: Wrath"

#903 "There Is Power in the Blood"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Blessing Psalm 37:5-6

Songs Led By Paul Walker

10:45

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John Wubbenhorst, presiding

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In Need of Prayers

Liz Church is currently on oral meds with possible radiation to be added to her cancer treatment. **Donna Kerns** is now home from Mayo Clinic after a follow-up appointment. Continue to pray for **Steve & Karen Etter, Gary Campbell, Keith Bench, Ralph Staley, Joe Harber, and Grover Renick.**

Quarterly Fellowship Brunch

TODAY – Our fourth quarter fellowship brunch will be held between 1st and 2nd services. Downstairs classes will be held as usual.

5th Sunday Song Service

There will be a 5th Sunday Song Service at East Independence Church of Christ on the evening of **November 30**. What a great way to finish your Thanksgiving Weekend! Our own **Shane Hall** will be one of the leaders.

Parents Night Out

November 20 (Friday, 6-9 p.m.) – Kids 6th grade and below will be watched at the building while parents fellowship together. We could still use some adult and teen help. RSVP to **Jessica Herrington** (816-589-9793).

Budget Time

If you expect to have expenditures in 2016 for church activities that you will be reimbursed for, please communicate those to the Deacon responsible for that area, or get them to **Darren Herrmann** by **November 22**.

Small Groups

The small group at the building now meets at 4:00 on Sunday afternoons.

Downtown church of Christ

We need \$150 for 10 turkeys for the Downtown Church of Christ's Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Thanksgiving baskets for their members in need. If you can help, please give that to Darin or Darren today.

Birthdays – November 15-21

Frank Stewart – November 15

Betty Williams & Wilma Wolverson – November 16

Alexis House – November 17 Bob Minton – November 18

Nathan Reis & Maya Turner – November 19

Jackson Bassford, Karen Etter, & Brenda Herrmann – November 21

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

November 15	1 st Service	Sue Roberts & Hayley Kerley
	2 nd Service	Tammy & Caleb Walker
November 22	1 st Service	Carolyn Endicott & Brenda Petersen
	2 nd Service	Rebecca & Katie Waldron

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

“...the foundation of our national policy will be laid in the pure and immutable principles of private morality, and the preeminence of free government be exemplified by all the attributes which can win the affections of its citizens and command the respect of the world.”

—George Washington

“First Inaugural Address,” April 30, 1789

Found at ourdocuments.gov/content.php?page=milestone

This week, Daniel and I were looking through a wonderful online resource, which lists, and includes transcripts of, 100 milestone documents of American History, and we chose President Washington's first inaugural address. I found it to be one of the most moving documents I had ever read. As Washington spoke to the Congress, his first order of business was to challenge them, the national leaders, to be people of the highest standard of virtue. He claimed that God had providentially blessed America not only in her gaining of independence, but also in the incredible, peaceful unity displayed among so many different parties and sects in putting together a national constitution and government. Because God was at work, then the leaders should lead from a standard of morality that would win the respect of the people and the nations.

Obviously, one wishes that someone would say such a thing today to our national leaders. Their lack of personal virtue and their constant bickering have made them a laughingstock of the people and of the world. No one publicly blames the lack of respect shown them on their lack of virtue, but Washington said from the beginning that morality and respect would go together.

At the same time, the message is not only for national leaders, but I also heard a clear call to the church. Churches attempt many different ways of “winning the affections” of people, but the key way will be when disciples of Christ lead virtuous lives of the highest order. We have more reason than the leaders of America to claim providential blessings; we have been created, blessed, saved, forgiven, and called. How much more should we, in thankfulness, be devoted to God's ways!

As we talk about sin during the Sunday morning sermons, I hope you are making a new commitment to holiness, not only for your own happiness, but also that you might be the light of the world.