

# 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  
 Darren Herrmann

**Pulpit Minister** Darin Kennedy  
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**Family Life Minister** Shane Hall  
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Statistics for April 3, 2016 Attendance	107 + 112 = 219
Contribution	\$8,154.80
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,554
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,931

### Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life

They have need for: Ramen noodles, pasta and rice meals, peanut butter, jelly, Kool-Aid, canned or packaged tuna, canned chicken, Vienna sausages, Jell-O, cornbread mix, snack bars, diet drink packets, pork & beans, oatmeal, taco seasoning, gravy mix, spaghetti mix, tomato sauce, canned fruit, small packs of instant potatoes. 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.

April 10, 2016

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## Church of Christ

### Order of Worship

**8:30**

#903 "There Is Power in the Blood"  
 #902 "Nothing But the Blood"

*Prayer* Jeff Petersen

#374 "There Is a Fountain"

*Scripture* Bill Endicott  
 Psalm 51

#318 "O Sacred Head"

*Lord's Supper*  
 Jim Bassford, presiding

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#111 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

*Power Kids* Cross (Grace &  
 Forgiveness)

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
 "Hebrews: Bloodborne"

#904 "Have You Been to Jesus?"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Russ Simmons

*Final charge* Hebrews 13:15

*Songs Led By* Roger Cook

**10:45**

#508 "A Wonderful Savior"  
 "Blessed Be Your Name"

*Prayer* Matt Hoggatt

*Scripture* Aaron Palmer  
 Psalm 51

#176 "Lamb of God"

*Lord's Supper*  
 Larry Sullivan, presiding

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

"Awesome God"  
 "Shout to the Lord"

*Power Kids* Cross (Grace &  
 Forgiveness)

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
 "Hebrews: Bloodborne"

#454 "Rock of Ages"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Earl Fultz

*Final charge* Hebrews 13:15

*Songs Led By* Shane Hall

### **Prayer List**

**Betty Williams** fell while working in the yard and broke her femur. She had surgery on Wednesday and will remain in the hospital until the end of the week. **Phil Roberts** is recovering at home following surgery last week. Continue to pray for **Jacque Landers, Grover Renick, Liz Church, Holly Hadley, Bruce Keeton, Vickie Sullivan, Donna Kerns, Gary Campbell, Keith Bench, Ralph Staley, Linda Brizendine.**

### **Adult Classes**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter** – Classes for adults—  
Auditorium – **Darin Kennedy** is teaching on “Faith and Works.”  
Upstairs Classroom – **Shane Hall** is teaching on “Family Life.”

### **Quarterly Fellowship Brunch**

**April 10 (Today, 9:45)** – Our second quarter fellowship brunch will be held between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> services. Downstairs classes will be held as usual.

### **Wichita Women’s Conference**

There will be a meeting for all the women attending the conference next weekend at 10:00 today in the secretary’s office to finalize rooms, transportation, etc. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact **Shirley Simmons** or **Rosemary Olas** today. Reservations need to be confirmed on Monday.

### **Members Directories**

There are copies of Address & Phone and Email directories in the reception area. Please review and check off if correct or make any edits that are necessary. If your name has been highlighted, your information has been confirmed or updated. If not highlighted, you still need to review.

### **Upcoming Youth Activities**

**April 23 (NOTE Date Change)** (Saturday, 10:30) – Father-Son paintball outing at Jaegers. See **Aaron Palmer** for details.  
**June 23-26** (Thursday-Sunday) – Narrow Way Youth Retreat at Camp Imprint. See **Shane and Jennifer Hall** for details.

## **Birthdays – April 10-16**

*Jan Sullivan – April 10*  
*Cheryl Roberts – April 13*

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

“Spring cleaning” is a term thrown around this time of year, several doing theirs by moving to a whole different house. There is no worse feeling than to move that refrigerator and see all the mess of months, even years, underneath. At this time, many say, “Let’s work to keep it this clean.” But that resolution never keeps, does it? An empty space is a vacuum that longs to be filled with something, and that something normally turns out to be junk. We have to find time to examine, to purge, and to restore. I think you can see some spiritual messages here as well as I can.

I grew up hearing that this could happen on a weekly basis. Around the time of the Lord’s Supper, someone would mention, “Let us examine ourselves.” That was the time for looking inward and making commitments to rid ourselves of all the things that interfere with our relationship with Christ and the work to which He has called us. Every Sunday was a new start. It was a reminder of the grace of God, who gives us so many chances to clean up and move on.

I am reminded of Peter’s situation in John 13. Peter first refuses Jesus’ offer to wash his feet, but then he tells Jesus to wash him all over. Jesus responds, “A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean” (John 13:10). Peter has some dirt on him, demonstrating in this passage the filth of being stubborn; however, he does not need to start completely over. Get rid of pride. Learn the next lesson of service. And move forward in your relationship and work.

Cleaning, getting rid of the dirt, is not enough. The junk must be replaced with something. In fact, it is inevitable that *something* will come to take its place. The question is what will fill the void. Jesus told a parable about an evil spirit that comes out of a person. The spirit roams a while before returning. When it returns, it finds an unoccupied, clean house. It likes its new accommodations so much that it invites seven new spirits to be roommates. The key word in the parable is “unoccupied.” The house is purified, but not purposed. If anger is not replaced by forgiveness, then anger will return. If greed is not replaced by compassion, then greed will settle back in. If lust is not replaced by the joy of true relationships, then the battle against lust will never be won. To redeem the space in one’s life is to empty *and* to fill.

The opposite of “Spring cleaning” is “sweeping it under the rug.” Pride makes an intentional decision to keep the dirt around, away from the eyes of others. Disciples are called to confess, to pray, and to forgive.

<b>Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants</b>		
April 10	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Brenda & Carrie Brotherton
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Amber Bellamy & Rita Fitzsimmons
April 17	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Arline Bradshaw & Aubrey Hall
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Sara Gurski