

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 7:00 p.m.

Elders	Earl Fultz John Owen	Russ Simmons Jan Sullivan
Deacons	Jim Bassford David Blankenship David Foster Darren Herrmann	Jack Hudkins Aaron Palmer Sean Turner Paul Walker
Pulpit Minister	Darin Kennedy dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org	
Family Life Minister	Shane Hall shall@bluerivercofc.org	

Statistics for January 22, 2017 Attendance	100 + 167 = 267
Contribution	\$8,528.34
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,554
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,904

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. 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.

January 29, 2017

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Order of Worship

8:30

10:45

	“This Is the Day” #4 “To God Be the Glory”		“This Is the Day” #4 “To God Be the Glory”
<i>Scripture</i>	Mike Newbury Psalm 133	<i>Scripture</i>	Alan Olas Psalm 133
<i>Prayer</i>	Jim Bassford	<i>Prayer</i>	Jack Hudkins
	#544 “Without Him”		#544 “Without Him”
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Steve Etter	<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Randy Smith
<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>		<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>	
<i>Giving</i>		<i>Giving</i>	
	#300 “Praise Him! Praise Him!”		#300 “Praise Him! Praise Him!”
<i>Power Kids Dismissed</i>		<i>Power Kids Dismissed</i>	
<i>Lesson</i>	Darin Kennedy “Great Change: Unity”	<i>Lesson</i>	Darin Kennedy “Great Change: Unity”
	#535 “The Glory-Land Way”		#535 “The Glory-Land Way”
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	John Owen	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Russ Simmons
<i>Final Charge</i>	Ephesians 4:3	<i>Final Charge</i>	Ephesians 4:3
<i>Songs Led By</i>	Paul Walker	<i>Songs Led By</i>	Paul Walker

Prayer List

Jerry John, Eloise Staley and Lena Bramlett have all had recent hospital stays, and Dave Nash fell and broke his hip. Continued prayers for Liz Church, Holly Hadley, Doris Buys, Marie Nash, Grover Renick, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Donna Kerns and Evelyn Campbell.

Memorial Service

Linda Brizendine's family is holding a memorial service at the Red Bridge Church of Christ on **Saturday, February 4**, at 6:00 pm.

Ladies Class

Some ladies have been meeting on **Tuesday mornings (10:00am)** for a wonderful devotional time and prayer. Please consider attending! Donna Wealand is facilitating.

Secret Sisters

If you would like to participate in 2017, please fill out a form located on the Secret Sister shelf and get it to Dawn Cook as soon as possible.

Watercolor Classes

Beginners – If you are interested in starting a new class, please contact Nancy Sullivan at (816) 679-9092 or at nancysullivanart@gmail.com.

90th Birthday Open House

Sunday, February 5 (2:00-4:00) – Please join us to celebrate Evelyn Campbell's 90th Birthday at The Villages of Jackson Creek Assisted Living, 3980 S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO 64057, in the Grizzly Bear Lodge on the lower level. Children are welcome. No gifts, please. If you have any questions, call 816-353-0725.

Church Homecoming

Sunday, February 19 – Please invite all former members and recurring attenders to our homecoming celebration. Please forward any email addresses that you have to Sean Turner at turnertitans27@yahoo.com, and copy the office at office@bluerivercofc.org so they may receive a formal invitation. Food will be catered for all.

Parents Night Out

Friday, March 10 – Parents save the date! Stay tuned for more details to come.

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

January 29	1 st Service	Sandy Sewell & Sharon Snowden
	2 nd Service	Jennifer & Aubrey Hall

The Preacher's Post – Darin Kennedy

Today, our sermon is about welcoming and being welcomed into the unity of the church. Everyone describes Blue River as a friendly congregation, but what more can we do to intentionally make others feel welcome?

First, we should put our best foot forward. When company is coming over, we try to look our best. That does not mean dressing up “to the nines” or fixing up in a way that makes our guests feel uncomfortable; instead, it means doing normal, comfortable things with an extra measure of grace and purpose. We should sing more enthusiastically, letting them hear how much of a blessing congregational singing is. We should be more prepared for quality Bible classes and childcare. I know, I know...the sermons should be better too. I'm not leaving myself out. Every area of ministry should have an increase in quality. But do not think quality comes only from leadership; it comes also from bold worship from each individual, active class participation from each student, and courageous sharing of faith from those within an arm's reach.

Second, a welcoming emphasis requires that we provide clear understanding. Activities like singing or the Lord's Supper are to some like speaking in tongues, requiring interpretation. Once in my youth I brought a friend to church, and there was a baptism at the end of service. When my friend saw the one being baptized go down and come up wet, he jumped a bit and said, “I didn't know there was water in there.” Many have no idea what we do or why we do them, and it requires some more explanation.

Third, being guest-centered requires that we put our guests first. Do not be the first ones to grab your favorite pew. Stay out in the lobby until others sit first, and then find a seat right before we start. Your family may even get split up, not getting to sit together. I remember growing up that if we had company over and there were not enough chairs, then I had to sit at the table on a stool that was shorter than a normal chair with my dinner plate at my chin. It is what you do for guests in your own family's home. After the service, visit with guests first. I know that your relationships within the church are important, but they are strong enough to take time to serve the unfamiliar first.

Ask—1) How can I put the needs of others, especially of guests, before my own? 2) What would be helpful to me if I were in their place?