

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 Russ Simmons
John Owen Jan Sullivan

Deacons

David Blankenship Aaron Palmer
David Foster Sean Turner
Darren Herrmann Paul Walker
Jack Hudkins

Pulpit Minister

Darin Kennedy
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Family Life Minister

Shane Hall
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| Statistics for September 24, 2017 Attendance | 112 + 133 = 245 |
| Contribution | \$7,279.86 |
| Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget | \$5,989 |
| Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving | \$6,072 |

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 labeled 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.

October 1, 2017

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Order of Worship

8:30

#853 "When We all Gent to Heaven"
#479 "Peace, Perfect Peace"

Prayer Jim Bassford

Scripture Dave Blankenship
Psalm 30

#517 "Heaven Came Down"

Lord's Supper Gene Clark

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#76 "How Great Thou Art"
#509 "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Woe to Wow"

#924 "Just As I Am"

Shepherd's Prayer John Owen

Final Charge Acts 3:19

Songs Led By Shane Hall

10:45

#867 "To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way"
#76 "How Great Thou Art"
#479 "Peace, Perfect Peace"

Prayer Brent Hall

Scripture Larry Sullivan
Psalm 30

#517 "Heaven Came Down"

Lord's Supper Darren Herrmann

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#96 "I Stand in Awe"
#666 "I Am Thine, O Lord"
#96 "I Stand in Awe"

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"Woe to Wow"

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Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

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Prayer List

Steve Etter recently had double hernia surgery. **Holly Hadley** had foot surgery on September 29th. **Anne Boles** has recently returned home from an emergency appendectomy. **Liz Church** has a PET scan on October 2nd. **Jan Sullivan** is now home and on hospice care. **Howard Petersen** is struggling with some health issues. Continued prayers for the **Sullivan Family, Rita Fitzsimmons, Bob MacMillan, Freda Renick, Donna Kerns, Buddy Self, Drew Battistelli, Lena Bramlett, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Evelyn Campbell, Bruce Keeton, Jane Weatherbee, Ralph & Eloise Staley** and **Sherril Segoe**.

Small Group Information

There is now a list hanging on the main bulletin board with information about the current small groups. For those of you seeking a fit please reach out to a group that fits your needs or see **Shane Hall** if you are interested in hosting or leading a new group.

Tuesday Mornings at the Building

Weekly (9:30-11:00) – Nancy Sullivan is teaching an Intermediate Watercolor Class.

Weekly (10:00-11:00) – Donna Wealand holds a Ladies Study & Prayer Group.

Wednesday Evenings at the Building

Weekly (7:00pm) – Join us: Trek 812 is for preschool age and up, nursery care, ladies group, men's group or the couple's group. These classes are open to all!

Annual Men's Retreat

October 6-7 – This year the men will “aim for higher heights as they pine for a closer walk with God and deeper relationships with one another.” At **Life Change Camp, 351 NE 831 Road, Clinton, MO 64735**. There is a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board in the lobby.

2017 Extraordinary Women's Conference

October 6-7 – This year Odessa Church of Christ is holding a free simulcast at their building. Please see the Ladies' bulletin board for more details, and if you would like to attend, please sign up on the main bulletin board.

Silver Dollar City

October 14-15 – See **Aaron Palmer** about attending the 15th annual Church of Christ Weekend at Silver Dollar City.

The Preacher's Post – Darin Kennedy

Balance is incredibly hard to achieve. It is hard to achieve in managing time, budgeting finances, parenting children, etc. One of the worst ways to achieve balance is trying to stay completely balanced in each and every moment. The gymnast on the balance beam is beautiful while doing unbelievable feats of agility and skill on a 4-inch wide surface; however, she cannot even pick up a towel or a water bottle lying just a few feet away from atop the beam. She has to get off the balance beam to accomplish anything else. While I try to have an overall balance to life, I want my individual moments to do something, to communicate something, to feel something.

I have been wrestling with balance while reading Isaiah this week. I am dumbfounded at how he can maintain a sense of dread and judgment and challenge alongside a message of peace, renewal, and comfort. I think about sermons I have preached and the responses I have received to them. I may preach about the grace of God in such a way that people feel forgiven and cherished and free. The response can be, “You need to be a little tougher on us sometimes. Grace is not cheap.” I can preach about high standards and repentance, and someone will walk out before I even finish, thinking he or she will not be welcome at Blue River because of previous mistakes. How can I get it all in, both grace and judgment, at the same preaching event? I guess I could preach the length of Isaiah's 66 chapters, but that would pose other listening issues.

Never feeling concern means never feeling peace. Never feeling remorse means never feeling rescued. Never feeling sorrow means never feeling jubilation. “There is a time for everything” (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Balance is not staying in the middle of all decisions, all feelings, all messages; instead, it is moving from one side to the other according to what is appropriate. A parent can correct, even harshly when necessary, because many moments are spent in complete adoration of the child. A worshipper can have a real relationship with God, bringing before Him both lament and jubilant praise when appropriate, rather than a flaccid relationship masked over with stale duty and respect and propriety. A preacher can preach the necessity to repent and fear of condemnation because the good news of grace and salvation is part of a regular spiritual diet.

For the week of October 1-6—Isaiah 26-33

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Kelly & Alex Newbury

2nd Service – Denise Fultz