

# 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.

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

Statistics for September 11, 2016 Attendance	98 + 150 = 248
Contribution	\$5,997.00
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,554
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,901

### 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.

October 2, 2016

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## Church of Christ

### Order of Worship

8:30

10:45

#991 "This Is My Father's World"  
#53 "Father, I Adore You"

#4 "To God Be the Glory"  
"Here I Am to Worship"

*Scripture* Steve Etter  
Psalm 97

*Prayer* Nick Williams

*Prayer* Sean Turner

*Scripture* Jack Hudkins  
Psalm 97

#383 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

*Lord's Supper*  
Joe Harber

*Lord's Supper*  
David Keller

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

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*The Cup*

*Giving*

*Giving*

#141 "Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You"

#242 "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord"  
#290 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

*Power Kids*

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*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Anticipation:  
Light"

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#943 "Do You Know My Jesus?"

#383 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Russ Simmons

*Shepherd's Prayer* Earl Fultz

*Final Charge* Isaiah 2:5

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*Songs Led By* Gary Hasty

*Songs Led By* Shane Hall

### **Prayer List**

**Frank Stewart** is now in rehab at home. **Virginia Fuhr** had emergency surgery. **Dawson Johnson** has surgery scheduled for October 6, and **Ripley Miller** has surgery scheduled for October 17. Continued prayers for **Marie Nash, Phil Roberts, Betty Williams, Grover Renick, Gary Campbell, Keith and Jurhee Bench, Donna Kerns, Holly Hadley, and Liz Church**. If you would like something added or removed, please let the office know by leaving a note on the desk, a phone call or you can send an email to [office@bluerivercofc.org](mailto:office@bluerivercofc.org).

### **Fall Classes**

**Auditorium** – **Darin Kennedy** is teaching on “**Faith and Culture.**”

**Adult Classroom** – **Russ Simmons** is teaching on “**The Humanity of Jesus.**”

**Wednesday evenings** – **Earl Fultz** is teaching the men’s class, and **Denise Fultz** is teaching the women’s class. For the kids (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade) we have **Trek 812**, and for those younger childcare is provided.

### **Ladies**

**October 11** (10:00) – **Donna Wealand** will facilitate a time of devotional and prayer. It will be held weekly in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided.

### **S.O.F.T. Group**

**October 15** (12:30) – The S.O.F.T. group will meet for a chili dinner, pumpkin pie, and games in the Fellowship Hall. The points of contact are **Carolyn Endicott** or **Donna Wealand**. They are looking for a headcount as well as volunteers to help.

### **Beginner Watercolor Class**

**Fridays through December 2** (10:00am) – The class is free, but you will need to purchase supplies. This would be a great time to invite a friend who might be searching for a relationship with God and with others. If you are interested, please contact **Nancy Sullivan** at (816) 679-9092 or [nancysullivanart@gmail.com](mailto:nancysullivanart@gmail.com).

### **Men’s Retreat**

**October 21-22** – Heartland Center, 16965 NW Highway, KC, MO 64152. All men are invited to “Get in the Game”!

### **Youth Group Lock-In**

**October 28-29** (6:00pm-11:00am) – Youth 7-12 grades will enjoy a time of “costume” kick ball, games, movie and Bible studies. Please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the lobby for both the youth to attend and adult volunteers. Please see **Aaron or Aylee Palmer** for additional details.

## **A Minister’s Musings – *Shane Hall***

What would it take for you as an adult to be persuaded to convert to another religion right now? You have to admit, it would take a lot to change your view. Most of us have become pretty “set in our ways” when it comes to our faith and how we practice it. We learn from an early age the acceptable patterns and traditions that make up what we believe and why.

Based on extensive research on this topic, most data points out clearly that the faith trajectory of the vast majority of Americans is mapped out before they become adults, often before they even reach adolescence. A study from the Barna Group reveals “for every one hundred people who are not born again by the time they reach eighteen, only six of those individuals will commit their lives to Christ for the first time as an adult” (Kinnaman, 72).

What does this mean for us as Christians? Well, it certainly emphasizes how important the development of our children should be to us. When statistics like this are brought forth, I’ll be honest, it makes me a little nervous! Am I doing what I need to be doing as a parent? Am I putting the right emphasis on spiritual things? Do my children hear a biblical world view from me at home, or do I just expect them to “get it” through attendance osmosis? Obviously we cannot force anyone to faith, including our children, but we must diligently seek to “bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6).

What does this sobering statistic say about the others who may have a different faith than I do? What happens when a person’s childhood passes them by and they never develop faith in Christ? What should be my approach? In the past we have made the mistake of believing that a comment here or there is capable of changing a person’s spiritual trajectory. We expect a short sermon or poignant article to get folks moving in the right direction. But the truth is, a spiritual overhaul does not happen without some serious effort on the part of both the hearer and the teacher. Effort must be put into the development of relationships. Our hearts must be fully engaged if we wish others to desire a relationship with Jesus. As the old saying goes, “People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.”

Early training is certainly the way to go. It definitely makes for smoother sailing later in life. However, if other faiths/belief systems fill the spaces where the love of Christ should reside, we must meet them where they are and respect the journey. Love them with a sacrificial love, and be a blessing in times of need. A simplistic “get saved” message just isn’t going to cut it anymore. We must take the time to make time. Lift up the Savior—take up our crosses.

### **Transportation Ministry**

If you need transportation to church, doctor appointments, grocery shopping, etc., please contact **Roger and Donna Wealand** (816-289-6694 or 816-289-7553). Immediate needs are welcome.