

Blue River Church of Christ

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

Statistics for September 30, 2018 Attendance	92 + 121 = 213
Contribution	\$6,087.00
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$6,867
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$6,745

Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life

They have need for: bar soap, disinfectant wipes, gallon and quart size zip-lock bags, tall kitchen bags for people to put clothing in, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, jelly, instant potatoes, rice, beans (any kind), variety pack oatmeal, canned fruit, fruit cups, canned chicken, mac and cheese, Jiffy cornbread mix, toilet paper. 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.

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Order of Worship

8:30

#3 "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"
#525 "He Knows Just What I Need"

Prayer Brian Wahlen

Scripture Roger Bradshaw
1 Kings 8:22-61

#313 "The Old Rugged Cross"

Lord's Supper David Blankenship

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#71 "As the Deer"
#230 "Worthy Art Thou"

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"What Happened? A Great Start"

#681 "More Holiness Give Me"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Praise Psalm 86:5

Songs Led By Shane Hall

10:45

#532 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Prayer Larry Sullivan

Scripture Roger Wealand
1 Kings 8:22-61

#882 "No Tears in Heaven"
#235 "Let All That Is Within Me"

Lord's Supper Randy Smith

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#524 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"What Happened? A Great Start"

#694 "Servant Song"

Shepherd's Prayer Paul Walker

Final Praise Psalm 86:5

Songs Led By Gary Hasty

Prayer List

Sharon Michael's mom, Betty, is very ill. **Betty Williams** was taken to CenterPoint Sunday afternoon by ambulance after collapsing. She has been transferred to Monterey Park Rehab, 4600 Little Blue Parkway, Independence, MO 64057 – room 502. Her phone is (816) 548-3950, ext. 169. **Mark & Flora Swartz** will be out of the country through October. Continued prayers for **Vicki Kelley, Donna Kerns, Andy Hester, Roman Martin, Buddy Self, Cora Mai Hall, Rita Fitzsimmons, Earl Weddle, Evelyn Campbell, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.**

Fellowship Brunch

Today! – Join us for our fall fellowship brunch during Bible class time.

Church of Christ Weekend @ Silver Dollar City

October 12-14 – The special 2-day park tickets should be purchased by calling (800) 417-7770 and asking for offer #4548.

Trunk or Treat

October 31 – Coming soon! Trunk or Treat at the building. More details to come.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 4 – Don't forget to change your clocks!

3rd Annual Lock-In

November 17 – Save the date. More information coming soon!

Thanksgiving

November 22 – No classes on Wednesday, November 21.

College Student Ministry

If you would like your college student to receive some encouragement, please email their address to paulwalker2@sbcglobal.net.

A New Family Life Small Group

Families finding strength in Jesus and one another through prayer and Bible study. Please see **Shane Hall** for more information.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Jon & Cheryl Sutton 2nd Service – Liddy Miller & Lindsey Hall

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

I wish change was as easy as the changing of the leaves. After a few evenings of cold weather, the trees get the signal to begin. It is the instinct of the trees to naturally change. We marvel at the beauty of the change, but I think more than that, we are actually very jealous.

It is so much harder for people to make significant changes in their lives. People grow up with a certain way of life, and after 30 or more years of developing habits, it cannot change overnight. And, oh, how we fight change! Everything about us may cry out for change—lose weight, stop doing that, get better at that—but we naturally throw up defense mechanisms that keep us in the same patterns. Unlike the trees, instinctually we avoid change.

Christians speak the language of change, most especially with words like “repentance,” “dying to self,” and “born again.” But easier said than done. How can Christians embrace change more courageously, losing the defense mechanisms that prevent us from becoming what God wants us to be?

1) Be patient with yourself. People become discouraged because change does not happen quickly. Two steps forward can be exciting, but three steps back can be absolutely demoralizing. One must realize that God is incredibly patient with us. He demonstrates His patience over and over throughout the Scripture. I read the stories of His patience, and I immediately take a deep breath and realize that everything will be okay. Now, God is not patient with our sin. He hates it. But God is patient with us because He loves us so much. Someone might say that preaching patience will stop people from trying. I disagree completely. To realize that God is patient helps us to lose the paralyzing fear of failure, and we often progress more quickly than we would if we were trying too hard.

2) Establish a new environment. You cannot give up slop and still keep going back to the trough. (If you think that is gross, then don't read Proverbs 26:11!) You have to live in an environment among people and places and practices that encourage change.

3) Embrace pain. We make changes to feel better, so pain makes us feel like we are failing. On the contrary, pain is exactly what the doctor ordered. Change is painful, and when you feel the burn, you should get excited that progress is being made. Patience teaches that the pain will not last forever. A Christian perspective identifies those feelings as birth pains, which lead to joy and new life.