

# 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 October 8, 2017 Attendance	92 + 131 = 223
Contribution	\$7,013.60
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,989
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$6,016

## 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 15, 2017

# BLUE RIVER

## Church of Christ

## Order of Worship

### 8:30

#470 "Victory in Jesus"

*Prayer* Steve Etter

*Scripture* Andy Hester  
Psalm 96

"Be Thou My Vision"  
#725 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

*Lord's Supper*  
Phil Reynolds

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

"Be Thou My Vision"  
#23 "Our God, He Is Alive"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Me, Myself, and I Am"

"Be Thou My Vision"  
#957 "This World Is Not My Home"

*Shepherd's Prayer* John Owen

*Final Charge* 1 John 5:21

*Songs Led By* Ryan Smith

### 10:45

#410 "He Leadeth Me"  
#791 "On Bended Knee"

*Prayer* David Keller

"Firm Foundation"

*Scripture* Drew Battistelli  
Psalm 96

#354 "I Gave My Life for Thee"

*Lord's Supper*  
Nick Williams

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#71 "As the Deer"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Me, Myself, and I Am"

#613 "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Earl Fultz

*Final Charge* 1 John 5:21

*Songs Led By* Gary Hasty

### **Prayer List**

**Tony Pollard** has colon cancer, and surgery is scheduled for tomorrow. **Howard Petersen** is at Monterey Park Rehab. Roman Martin, **Donna Wealand's** son, has throat cancer. Continued prayers for the **Sullivan Family** with the loss of **Jan, Ann Boles, Steve Etter, Holly Hadley, Pat Reynolds, 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, Liz Church** and **Sherril Sego**.

### **A Note of Thanksgiving**

“Thanks to all of you for your prayers, get-well cards, and best wishes. I regret not having been with you for so long, as I have struggled with a myriad of health issues. More recently, I have had 2 surgeries and am now recovering from a third one...on my ankle that broke 6 days ago during one of my many fainting and falling episodes. I am immobilized for an estimated 6 weeks while my ankle heals. Christian faith and your caring have sustained and strengthened me greatly. With love to you, my Christian brothers and sisters. - **Bruce Keeton**.”

### **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!

### **Youth Group Event**

**October 20** – Starting at 5:00 pm at **Dustin & Julie Hall's** house. Info on FB page.

### **Program for Humanitarian Aid**

**October 22 (both services)** – **Chris Hill** will be speaking during worship service, and after 2<sup>nd</sup> service there will be a light lunch and an extensive presentation. There is no cost, but please RSVP either on the link on the church website or on the sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby.

### **Wilshire Nursing Home Ministry**

**October 22 (3:00pm)** – Make plans to participate and be a blessing.

### **LTC**

For 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders interested in participating in LTC, registration is still open. Get your Student Event Registration Worksheet on the LTC bulletin board in the hallway. Fill it out today – drop it in the office or give it to **Karen Banks, Sharon Snowden** or **Lynn Elsbury**.

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

Our Men's Retreat last weekend was a wonderful time in a beautiful place. I personally was spiritually enriched. We talked of our inner being where we can deepen our personal relationship with God. We used techniques of meditation on God's word and prayer. That quiet time alongside powerful worship of singing was just what I needed.

We are a practical people. Schedules, obligations, and routines surround our daily life. We are very selective when we hear a message about life in that we want something we can apply quickly at work or at home or in our relationships. Because of our desire for something we can easily say or do, we often ignore the inner being. Time for meditation and prayer does not seem practical, but an extravagance. Who has time for quiet except at a retreat? Who has time for a retreat? Prayer and listening seem useless because they do not accomplish something that we can see or measure. What does all that have to do with the real world?

According to the Bible, the inner being is immensely practical. The heart is the source from which all our words and actions and relationships take shape. Jesus said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person” (Mark 7:20-23). James said, “What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?” (James 4:1). Even when some things appear to be right in word and deed, because of some practical advice, the condition of the heart can be so dilapidated that consistency is impossible: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught” (Isaiah 29:13). If the heart is the source of either good or evil, then we must spend a majority of our time on the heart. If the heart is right with God, then daily decisions will, more likely than not, be pleasing to God. Certainly, there is a need for teaching on daily decisions, but that teaching cannot hold unless the soil is fertile. Ask a practical question: What is your heart's condition?

For the week of October 15-21—Isaiah 40-48

### ***Today's Morning Nursery Attendants***

1<sup>st</sup> Service – Dawn Cook

2<sup>nd</sup> Service – Darlene Pollard