

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 October 14, 2018 Attendance	59 + 164 = 223
Contribution	\$6,911.20
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

<u>8:30</u>	<u>10:45</u>
<p style="text-align: center;">#886 "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"</p> <p><i>Prayer</i> David Rechenthin</p> <p><i>Scripture</i> Tony Pollard Isaiah 2:1-18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">#415 "Each Step I Take" #574 "Oh, How I Love Jesus"</p> <p><i>Lord's Supper</i> Bruce Sewell</p> <p><i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i></p> <p><i>Giving</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">#679 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"</p> <p><i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "What Happened? High Places"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">#904 "Have You Been to Jesus?"</p> <p><i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> John Owen</p> <p><i>Final Reading</i> Deuteronomy 6:4</p> <p><i>Songs Led By</i> Paul Walker</p>	<p><i>Prayer</i> Vint Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">#23 "Our God, He Is Alive" "You Are Holy"</p> <p><i>Scripture</i> Gary Hasty Isaiah 2:1-18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">#111 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"</p> <p><i>Lord's Supper</i> Roger Cook</p> <p><i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i></p> <p><i>Giving</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Holy and Anointed One" #448 "The Greatest Commands"</p> <p><i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "What Happened? High Places"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">#948 "I Am Resolved"</p> <p><i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> David Keller</p> <p><i>Final Reading</i> Deuteronomy 6:4</p> <p><i>Songs Led By</i> Shane Hall</p>

Prayer List

Sharon Michael's mom, Betty, is very ill. **Mark & Flora Swartz** will be out of the country through October. Continued prayers for **Earl Weddle, Betty Williams, 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.**

Prayer Meeting at the Building

October 23 (7:00) – Please submit your prayer requests to **Paul Walker** and attendance is open to all.

Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life Pantry

October 28 – We can help by buying 20 turkeys for their Thanksgiving baskets, about \$400 needed. Please give your contribution to Darin.

Trunk or Treat

October 31 (6:00-8:00) – Trunk or Treat at the building including a bar-b-que to share. Invitations via door hanging on the **24th from 5:00 to 6:00pm.** Volunteers are needed to canvass the neighborhood, also for setup/cleanup before and after the event, as well as provide treat donations. Please leave any candy, treat, or non-food items for trunk-or-treaters in the box in the foyer.

LTC Registration Deadline

November 4 – If you plan on participating in LTC, please turn in your registration form by the due date. This will allow time to arrange for coaches and schedule practice times. Forms are available on the bulletin board.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

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

3rd Annual Lock-In

November 16-17 – Save the date. More information coming soon!

Thanksgiving

November 22 – No classes on Wednesday, November 21.

Annual Men's Retreat

November 30-December 1 – The sign-up sheet is on the main bulletin board.

SnackPack Needs

The Lee's Summit School District has given us a complete breakdown of their snack needs & dates (also see the email sent October 21 with other needs).

October 20-November 2 – Fruit snacks / **November 26-30** – Cheez-its

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

Today our sermon is about idolatry, which is a very difficult subject to understand in our day and time. Idolatry in biblical times was easy to identify because of there being a statue of some sort. That statue might be a little charm-like object sitting on the hearth at home, or it might be a large statue of gold in a temple to which people came hundreds of miles to worship. Because we do not have such statues today, we find the warnings about idolatry to be irrelevant to us.

Idolatry today might not be as centered around an image, but it may be more dangerous because it is found in subtler and more subversive forms. Rather than focusing on the statues of idolatry in the Bible, it is better to focus on what caused idolatry and how those causes continue to exist and tempt us today. We should become more aware of these temptations so that we might awaken to the continued dangers of idolatry.

1) It is hard to worship an invisible God. Because He is invisible, we search for ways both to make faith tangible and to celebrate its mystery. Tangible idolatry can include building or amassing stuff and can also include strict rules controlling the flesh. Idolatry of mystery can include types of mysticism or speculative studies. The tangible part of our faith is that God became flesh in Jesus Christ and our life on earth is to be lived according to Jesus' example. The mystery of our faith is that the God of all the universe saves us and has empowered the church to live in His fullness. Beyond this might be interesting for a discussion, but it has no authority for us.

2) It is hard to be transformed. We are in the humble position of needing God's grace and direction. He will send us where we are not comfortable going, and He will ask us to be what we are not comfortable being. To better control our environment, we use the idolatry of stability and success. We water down discipleship or cheapen grace. We might add more rules, thinking that we are being tougher on ourselves, but we like to add rules that we have already been following or allow us to judge others to make ourselves look better. Idolatry of self-congratulation can ignore God's judgment against our wickedness, and idolatry of self-humiliation can give us the self-glorification and self-approval of always being the victim. God's grace balances all our needs if we will allow it to empower us to be both forgiven and transformed into the image of Christ.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Kelly & Alex Newbury

2nd Service – Heidi & Hayden Hoggatt