

# 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

**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 22, 2017 Attendance	Not recorded
Contribution	\$5,408.01
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 29, 2017

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## Church of Christ

### Order of Worship

**8:30**

#538 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"  
"In Christ Alone"

*Prayer* Brian Wahlen

*Scripture* Sean Turner  
Isaiah 53

#354 "I Gave My Life for Thee"

*Lord's Supper* Steve Etter

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#718 "We Shall Assemble"  
#508 "A Wonderful Savior"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Afflicted"

#943 "Do You Know My Jesus?"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Russ Simmons

*Final Praise* Psalm 149:4

*Songs Led By* Shane Hall

**10:45**

#538 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"  
"In Christ Alone"  
#718 "We Shall Assemble"

*Scripture* Roger Wealand  
Isaiah 53

*Prayer* John Wubbenhorst

#364 "Come, Share the Lord"

*Lord's Supper* Larry Sullivan

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#103 "He Has Made Me Glad"  
"Covenant of Love"  
#508 "A Wonderful Savior"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Afflicted"

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### **Prayer List**

**Tony Pollard** is still recovering from colon cancer surgery. Roman Martin, **Donna Wealand's** son, is recovering from throat cancer surgery. **Donna Kerns** is having surgery on some melanoma on her neck. Continued prayers for the **Sullivan Family** with the loss of **Jan, Howard Petersen, Ann Boles, Steve Etter, Holly Hadley, Pat Reynolds, Rita Fitzsimmons, Bob MacMillan, Freda Renick, 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 Segó**.

### **A Note of Thanksgiving**

Blue River family, thank you so much for sitting with me during Tony's surgery. You made a very stressful situation so much easier to endure! Also, thank you for all of the cards, visits, and phone calls. We know we are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family! We still have a long road ahead, but we know that we are loved and prayed for on a daily basis and it means the world to us. Thank you again! With great Christian love, **Samantha (& Tony) Pollard**

### **Darin's 5:00 Small Group Here at the Building**

No meeting tonight. Will resume on **November 5** at **4:00pm**.

### **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!

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing**

**October 29** – Starting at 5:00pm at East Independence Church of Christ.

### **Trunk or Treat**

**October 31 (6:00-8:00pm)** – Still needing volunteers! Also spread the word with everyone you can. This is a great outreach opportunity for the church in our community. Questions see **Shane Hall or Marlene & Bill Haley** (816-210-4212).

### **Daylight Savings Time Ends**

**Sunday, November 5** – at 2:00am. Don't forget to set your clocks and change your batteries.

### **Youth Group Lock In**

**November 17-18 (6:30pm Fri-11:00am Sat)** – Activities will include Bible study, team building, games, food provided (bring your favorite snack), and fellowship. See **Aaron & Aylee Palmer** with questions.

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

Over the centuries, there have been many views of the atonement, asking the question, "How did Jesus' death result in the forgiveness of sins, and why did atonement have to come through death at all?" The diversity of theories come from the multiple reasons in the Scripture for the atonement. People are prone to picking one of the reasons and seeing only through that particular perspective, which can create a distorted picture. It is better to keep all the views in balance in order to see both the many facets of God's nature and the different ways that sin can be destructive.

One view connects with the animal sacrifices of Israel: "Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (Hebrews 9:22). This view shows the seriousness of sin that leads to death. Death of a substitute is needed to replace our own death that we earned. It also shows the holiness of God, who requires cleansed people to come before Him. Distortion happens when it becomes too ritualistic, treating routine "sacrifices" of ritual like the keys to getting clean without the inner transformation from being convicted of the seriousness of our sinful condition, raising some rituals to sharing the efficacious power only found in Jesus' death. It can also distort God's treatment of sin into a logical system of redemption, forgetting the irrational love behind it that desires intimate relationship.

Another view sounds more transactional: "...you were bought at a price" (1 Corinthians 6:20). The benefit is to recognize our enslavement to sin and our release (our exodus) to pursue righteousness. Satan is "the prince of this world" (John 16:11), and Jesus had to pay our debts. God is willing to give what is most valuable in order to free us. The distortion can attribute too much power to Satan, forgetting that the cross did not just pay Satan off, but beat him like a drum. In our freedom, we can also forget how much it actually costs, praising Jesus for dying *for* us, but not pursuing our dying *with* him.

Still another is the revelation of pure love: "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us" (1 John 3:16). This view highlights an intimate relationship that God desires and reveals God's heart of grace and compassion. Our hearts are moved when we see such love, drawing close to God and being transformed in our inner being. Even the great picture of love can be distorted, however, when we forget the seriousness of sin and the darkness that surrounds the cross. We can also get so caught up in God's compassion that we lose all fear, another important motivation for doing away with sin.

All the views have something significant to offer and should be approached with the marvel of worship and the dedication of discipleship.

Congregational reading for October 29-November 4—Isaiah 49-55

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

1<sup>st</sup> Service – Sherry & Cara Owen

2<sup>nd</sup> Service – Laurie & Sydney Kerley