

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

Statistics for October 23, 2016 Attendance	127 + 128 = 255
Contribution	\$5,213.00
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,554
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,904

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 30, 2016

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Order of Worship

8:30

#844 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Prayer Ron McCleary

Scripture Mike Newbury
James 4:1-10

#415 "Each Step I Take"
#800 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
#375 "Oh, the Depth and the Riches"

Lord's Supper Gary Hasty

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Shane Hall
"Teach Us to Pray"

#853 "When We All Get to Heaven"

Shepherd's Prayer John Owen

Final Praise Psalm 28:6-7

Songs Led By Paul Walker

10:45

#193 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Prayer Nick Williams

Scripture Ben Church
James 4:1-10

#71 "As the Deer"

Lord's Supper Randy Smith

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Shane Hall
"Teach Us to Pray"

#827 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
#202 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Praise Psalm 28:6-7

Songs Led By Ryan Smith

Prayer List

Continued prayers for the **Trotter family, Virginia Fuhr, Marie Nash, Betty Williams, Grover Renick, Gary Campbell, Keith and Jurhee Bench, Donna Kerns, Liz Church, Phil Roberts, Beverly Campbell**, the families of **Carol Hendrix** and **Sherril Segó**. 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.

Ladies

Tuesday mornings (10:00am) – **Donna Wealand** is facilitating a time of devotional and prayer. The last 2 weeks have been such a blessing. You don't want to miss out! It is held weekly in the Adult Classroom. Childcare is provided. This week we are having a luncheon after class. If you would like to join us, please see **Samantha Pollard**.

Beginner Watercolor Class

Fridays through December 2 (10:00am) – If you are interested, please contact **Nancy Sullivan** at (816) 679-9092 or nancysullivanart@gmail.com.

Celebration

Grover and Freda Renick will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on November 17. Their daughters Beverly and Jeanette would like the church family to join them in celebrating this momentous occasion on Sunday, **November 20** here at the church, **2:00-4:00**.

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.

Daylight Savings Time

November 6 - Don't forget to set your clocks back for worship next week!

Ministry Opportunities

Backsnack – Serving the kids in need in the Lee's Summit School District. We need donations and helpers. See the insert in today's bulletin.

Bubba Brigade – On the bulletin board sign up to help with home repairs or to request needed work.

Bulletin Boards

As you have extra time you may want to check out all the upstairs bulletin boards. There have been many updates as well as pictures added. Please give a special thank you to **Stormy, Sarah and Bekah Cook** for graciously giving their time, ideas and hard work!

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

Last weekend our men's retreat was a great success. We were all inspired to "Get in the Game," finding our place within the ministry and mission of the church and taking the leadership to do that ministry. We were challenged to not wait to be asked, but to take initiative in doing what we are called to do.

We certainly have many ways to serve in our individual lives as spouses, parents, employees, neighbors, etc., in obedience to and for the glory of God. But we are also called to ministry within the church, where our individual gifts are used in cooperation with others also for God's glory and for the furtherance of His kingdom.

I see many who think that their individual lives are much more important to the exclusion of ministry within the church. Church is a place to be encouraged and recharged, a pit stop if you will, so I can get back to my normal life of important work. That mindset has two dangers: 1) Often one does not have the discipline to maintain a spiritual presence in the "hustle and bustle" of everyday life if one does not work within the place of spiritual expectations. If work is not connected to faith here, then it will be hard for faith to be connected to work out there. If work-life sits passively in the face of faithful expression, then faith-life may lie dormant in the face of busy schedules. 2) When not joined to the collective body, individual pursuits, as noble as they may be, may dwindle into selfishness. We determine what God wants us to do. We determine what is faithful. We refuse to be confined by others' opinions or differences or weaknesses. We think we are better off on our own, but God chooses to be glorified through the working unity of the body more than our own individual strengths.

There are always caveats. We should not be so busy with church life that we forget the importance of daily discipleship, as if we can say, "I gave at church, and that is enough." But the super-majority of Christians are not wrestling with doing too much with the church. In addition, one may have many times where one stands courageously alone in faithful service, even if the church is not present or supportive. But Blue River can be very supportive if individuals allow the congregation to be so. Overall, we can be much more greatly challenged to participate more in the life and work of the church.

Today, you will probably leave your money to participate in the ministry of the church. But have you also contributed your time, ideas, support, voice, etc., for the work of the church, so that the people that testify to the goodness of God might be fully equipped to do ministry?