

# 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 29, 2017 Attendance	92 + 154 = 246
Contribution	\$6,611.91
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.

November 5, 2017

# BLUE RIVER

## Church of Christ

## Order of Worship

### 8:30

#860 "There Is a Habitation"  
#827 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

*Prayer* David Blankenship

*Scripture* Bruce Sewell  
Psalm 112

#315 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*Lord's Supper*  
Andy Hester

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#492 "Only in Thee"  
#558 "There Stands a Rock"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Righteous"

#907 "Hark the Gentle Voice"

*Shepherd's Prayer* John Owen

*Final Blessing* Romans 6:22

*Songs Led By* Shane Hall

### 10:45

#71 "As the Deer"  
#470 "Victory in Jesus"

*Prayer* Gary Hasty

*Scripture* Corbin Hall  
Psalm 112

#4 "To God Be the Glory"

*Lord's Supper*  
Roger Cook

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#2 "We Praise Thee, O God"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Righteous"

#429 "Oh, to Be Like Thee"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Earl Fultz

*Final Blessing* Romans 6:22

*Songs Led By* Ryan Smith

### ***Prayer List***

**Phil Reynolds's** mother, Regena Reynolds, passed away. Services were held on Thursday. **Tony Pollard** starts chemo on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Continued prayers for **Donna Kerns, Roman Martin, Sullivan Family, Howard Petersen, Ann Boles, Steve Etter, Holly Hadley, Pat Reynolds, 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**.

### ***Trunk or Treat***

Thanks to all those who participated in decorating trunks, running games, set-up/clean-up, and cooking. Special thanks to **Marlene Haley** for organizing the event. We had **157** trick-or-treaters, not including parents, come through.

### ***A Note of Thanksgiving***

“Dear Blue River, thank you so much for the care package! It was very thoughtful and as a college student, it’s always a good feeling to receive packages. Thank you to all the kids that drew pictures and for all those that donated the snacks. Special thanks to **Paul** and **Tammy Walker** for organizing the whole thing! Thanks again to my wonderful Blue River family! Love, **Cara Owen**”

### ***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!

### ***Young Adult Discussion***

**November 11 (10:00am)** – Swope Parkway Church of Christ will be hosting. The theme for the discussion is “How can today’s church be more relevant for me?” The target age range is 18-30. This discussion will allow the younger generation to freely express themselves regarding the church: concerns, challenges, personal struggles, unmet needs, ideas, etc.

### ***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.

### ***Today’s Morning Nursery Attendants***

1<sup>st</sup> Service – Maya Turner

2<sup>nd</sup> Service – Liddy Miller

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

What’s with all the Disney princesses, superheroes, and cuddly animals? Sure, there were some different costumes at Trunk or Treat, but most of them fit in these three categories. Don’t these kids know anything—that perfect hair and skin and clothes come from a rigorous toilette (you can’t fight a battle and still look perfect), that good doesn’t always win against evil (and the clean-up is incredibly expensive), that those furry bears will eat you (maybe with a little honey BBQ sauce, Pooh?)? They’re simply not realistic. Are we setting them up for disappointment by letting them pretend? Shouldn’t we go ahead and put them in work clothes, use make-up to add a few wrinkles and gray hair, and let them clean or build or dig something to earn the candy? Ahh, look how cute they are, working hard and looking depressed. Now, don’t eat too fast; some of that candy has to go to the government. Why pretend? They need to learn.

Life is hard. There’s no doubt about that. But can you imagine what it would be like if we didn’t start with a creative, imaginative, positive, innocent vision of how things could be? Not only do we need to start with that vision, but we also need to return to it several times during our lives. We’re dressing those kids up like princesses, superheroes, and cuddly animals because we need to see it again (sorry, kids, for living vicariously through you), to hope that there can be true love, beauty, and the ability to take a selfie with a wild animal without casualty. Is it possible to start again? We better hope we can, or we would be lost.

Of course, being rejuvenated can’t be a complete rejection of everything that has happened so far. You may not have married a prince or a princess, but that does not mean you can just go search for one now. You might be able to build some muscle again, but you can’t go and “duke it out” with any bad guy that comes your way. You can’t forget the hard lessons you have learned, acting naively in a world that demands much from you. So if you can’t go back, how can you start again? “You must be born again” (John 3:7).

Imagine once again being forgiven and becoming a forgiving person. Dream again of inner joy, contentment, and peace. Picture all those muscles, no matter their size, serving those in need. Consider true love, especially with your spouse, that is not dependent on circumstances. Tell the story of adventure where you take the gospel into the world. Envision the very throne room of heaven where you are welcomed by God. Go ahead, put on the costume, walk around in it for a while, and then determine that you will not let that dream slip away with flipping the calendar page or facing another day of routine.

Congregational reading for November 5-11—Isaiah 56-61