

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 November 6, 2016 Attendance	116 + 138 = 254
Contribution	\$9,308.75
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.

November 13, 2016

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Order of Worship

8:30

"Firm Foundation"

Scripture Bill Endicott
Psalm 22

Prayer Gene Clark

#800 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
#490 "It Is Well with My Soul"

Lord's Supper
Ron McCleary

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#63 "I Will Call upon the Lord"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Anticipation:
Forsaken"

#470 "Victory in Jesus"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Praise Psalm 22:30-31

Songs Led By Gary Hasty

10:45

#991 "This Is My Father's World"
"Great are You Lord"

Prayer Nick Williams

Scripture Ryan Smith
Psalm 22

"Above All"

Lord's Supper
Paul Walker

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#337 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"
#319 "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Anticipation:
Forsaken"

#553 "I'll Live for Him"

Shepherd's Prayer John Owen

Final Praise Psalm 22:30-31

Songs Led By Shane Hall

Prayer List

Evelyn Campbell is now at Villages of Jackson Creek, **Holly Hadley** had the 3rd surgery on her foot, **Alan Olas** has injured his back, **Marie Nash** surgery has been rescheduled for Tuesday, **Lena Bramlett's** brother is critically ill, and **Karen Green** is recovering from a recent surgery. Continued prayers for **Virginia Fuhr**, **Betty Williams**, **Grover Renick**, **Gary** and **Beverly Campbell**, **Keith** and **Jurhee Bench**, **Donna Kerns**, **Liz Church**, **Phil Roberts**, the families of **Betty Trotter**, and **Sherril Segó**.

Celebration

November marks the 13th anniversary that **Darin** and **Kimberly Kennedy** have been with us! Thank you both for all you do. You have been such a blessing to us all! Thank you for your ministry.

Ladies

Tuesday mornings (10:00am) – **Donna Wealand** is facilitating a time of devotional and prayer. The last few weeks have been such a blessing. You don't want to miss out! It is held weekly in the Adult Classroom. Childcare is provided.

Trek 812 Ministry

November 16 – This is the last week to contribute to the Trek service project for the military personnel. We still need your help! For a complete list of items to be collected please see the bulletin board in the lobby, the Facebook announcement or the email that was sent out from the office. If you have any additional questions, please contact **Angelia Hudkins**.

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.

Budget Requests

If you had expenditure requests in 2016 that should be budgeted in 2017, or if you will have new expenditures in 2017 that you want to request be budgeted, please get those to **Darren Herrmann** so that they can be evaluated by the Deacons as part of the 2017 budget. You can do so in person, by phone 816-229-1709, or e-mail at darren.herrmann@umb.com.

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

As I write this article on Tuesday here at the church building, the line is out the door to vote. Here, as in other places, the wait can be over an hour and a half. The wait can be tiring, so we have set out more and more chairs for those who cannot stand that long. It seems that will be the biggest complaint today, that they had to wait so long. But they are laughing and conversing, or engrossed in their phone, to pass the time. The line is made up of all ages, multiple international heritages, and both genders. It is exciting to watch the nation exercising their right to vote. How easily we have forgotten what it took for the waiting line to be so diverse!

The 15th Amendment to the Constitution gave the right to vote to citizens regardless of “race, color, or previous condition of servitude” in 1870. However, it took until the Voting Rights Act of 1965 for full equality in voting to be given to minorities. I remember visiting with a woman a few years ago in Selma, Alabama, who participated as a little girl in the famous march 50 years ago to the Alabama capitol in Montgomery. She described the event in great detail, especially the fear along the way and the incredible celebration upon reaching Montgomery. It was incredible to think about moving from a hidden, forgotten position to courageously standing for one's rights to being empowered with the right to vote.

Of course, another battle culminated in the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, giving women the right to vote. We praise Susan B. Anthony's fight for the right to vote, but even she did not experience voting, except when she voted illegally. The Amendment was passed 14 years after her death. It had actually been introduced in 1878, but took 41 years to be approved by Congress!

Waiting is difficult for all of us. Courage is often found not in the moment of battle, but in the persistent waiting in hope that things will be different. I think about Abraham being told that he would obtain the land of Canaan, but that it would take 400 years of captivity until his children would actually inherit it. I think of the Christians throughout the ages who eagerly expected the return of Christ, but when he did not return as quickly as they would have liked, they waited in the spirit described in James 5:7-8—“Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.” Waiting is not passive paralysis, but actively and courageously anticipating that everything will be made right and just, and acting as if one can taste it.

Every once in a while, the crowd in line erupts in vibrant conversation and even laughter. They find the blessings they can while waiting, but many courageously waited even longer because they saw this sight from afar.