

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 November 12, 2017 Attendance	109 + 136 = 245
Contribution	\$8,910.81
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 19, 2017

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Order of Worship

8:30

#4 "To God Be the Glory"
#678 "More About Jesus"

Prayer Roger Bradshaw

Scripture Gene Clark
Psalm 136

#578 "We Will Glorify"

Lord's Supper Jim Bassford

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#469 "Faith Is the Victory"
#67 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Keep It Simple: Be Thankful"

#781 "Thank You, Lord!"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Praise 1 Chronicles 29:13

Songs Led By Shane & Corbin Hall

10:45

#2 "We Praise Thee, O God"
"Salvation Belongs to Our God"
"Had It Not Been the Lord"

Prayer Ben Church

#63 "I Will Call upon the Lord"
#103 "He Has Made Me Glad"
#480 "Blessed Assurance"
#484 "You Are My All in All"

Scripture Aaron Palmer
Psalm 136

"How Deep the Father's Love"

Lord's Supper Paul Walker

The Bread
The Cup

#781 "Thank You, Lord!"

Giving

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Keep It Simple: Be Thankful"

#613 "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"
#83 "God Is So Good"

Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

Final Praise 1 Chronicles 29:13

Songs Led By Drew Battistelli

Prayer List

Betty Williams was in the hospital this week and will have a heart catheterization tomorrow. Continued prayers for Vickie Sullivan, Faye Sullivan, Tony Pollard, Liddy Miller, Donna Kerns, Roman Martin, Howard Petersen, Holly Hadley, Buddy Self, Lena Bramlett, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Evelyn Campbell, Bruce Keeton, Jane Weatherbee, Liz Church and Sherril Segó.

Tuesday Mornings at the Building

Weekly (9:30-11:00) – Nancy Sullivan has an Intermediate Watercolor Class.

Weekly (10:00-11:00) – Donna Wealand holds a Ladies Study & Prayer Group.

Wednesday Evenings at the Building

November 22 – No evening classes due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Winter Classes – Starting December 10

Auditorium – Earl Fultz will be teaching “**Godly Living in a Hostile Culture: The Letters of Peter.**”

Adult Classroom – Darin Kennedy will teach through **The Gospel of Matthew.**

LTC Deadline

November 26 – To organize our coaches, mentors and judges we ask all children 3rd-12th grades that want to participate to sign up by this date.

Wilshire Nursing Home Ministry

Sunday, November 26 (3:00pm) – Make plans to participate and be a blessing.

Fellowship Brunch

Sunday, December 3 (9:30-10:30am) – Please join us for our quarterly fellowship.

Parent's Night Out

Friday, December 15 (6:00-9:00) – Save the date. On the main bulletin board there is a signup sheet to reserve a spot for your kiddos and to volunteer to help that evening if you can.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Brenda & Carrie Brotherton

2nd Service – Jessica & Madi Herrington

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

“Keep it simple stupid.”

—Kelly Johnson, Engineer (1960)

When Lockheed was developing military aircraft, engineer Kelly Johnson challenged his team to build an aircraft that could be repaired by a regular mechanic on the field in combat conditions. It had to have been simple in design, using parts simple to obtain, and so his mantra was KISS—“Keep it simple stupid.”

Sometimes the KISS principle should also apply to theology. Oh, don't get me wrong, there are many things which require depth of language, thought, experience, and scholarship in order to mature into a church engaged with a changing world and connected with a rich history. At the same time, active discipleship also needs simply stated truths and quick thought that can be accessed quickly “in combat conditions.”

Another analogy is your central nervous system, which includes your brain and spinal column. Your peripheral nervous system picks up sensations and transmits the nerve impulses to the central nervous system. Much of the input data requires some consideration on an appropriate response. Those nerve impulses go all the way to the brain, considerations are made, and orders are sent out to the muscles and glands to react in a certain way. Sometimes that consideration happens quickly; sometimes not. Some sensory impulses do not make it all the way to the brain. They require immediacy and extraordinarily quick action, so they only make it to the spinal column. No higher level of thinking occurs, only reaction, or reflex, which can be valuable in removing your hand from something hot.

A disciple should have quick reflexes, not because a disciple does not need to think, but because a disciple does need to act. A disciple needs to be able to access instantaneously a certain identity, a natural response, a basic understanding of what it is to serve God and others, and a word fitly spoken. In the history of Israel, the Old Testament has several places where the basic story is repeated: We were slaves in Egypt, but God set us free. In the New Testament, several places recount the gospel: Jesus, the Son of God, died and rose again so that we might be forgiven and saved. When you have that foundational identity found in the story of God, that you have been rescued, then your natural reflex can be praise, testimony, and love.