

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 April 1, 2018 Attendance	86 + 206 = 292
Contribution	\$9,267.25
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$6,867
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$6,745

Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life

They have need for: bar soap, disinfectant wipes, gallon and quart size zip-lock bags, tall kitchen bags for people to put clothing in, ramen noodles, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, jelly, instant potatoes, rice, beans (any kind), variety pack oatmeal, canned fruit, fruit cups, canned chicken, mac and cheese, Jiffy cornbread mix, toilet paper. 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.

April 8, 2018

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Order of Worship

8:30

#480 "Blessed Assurance"
#417 "Where He Leads I'll Follow"

Prayer David Rechenthin

Scripture Stephen Couture
Proverbs 4

#469 "Faith Is the Victory"

Lord's Supper Bruce Sewell

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#96 "I Stand in Awe"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Shane Hall
"Be Careful Little Eyes"

#912 "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary"

Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

Final Praise Proverbs 4:23

Songs Led By Corbin Hall

10:45

#480 "Blessed Assurance"

Prayer Vint Hall

#991 "This Is My Father's World"
#778 "Be with Me, Lord"

Scripture Aaron Palmer
Proverbs 4

#725 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Lord's Supper Alan Olas

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#23 "Our God, He Is Alive"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Shane Hall
"Be Careful Little Eyes"

#694 "Servant Song"

Shepherd's Prayer John Owen

Final Praise Proverbs 4:23

Songs Led By Gary Hasty

Prayer List

Andy Hester had a melanoma removed. **Faye Sullivan** is now on Hospice, and the whole **Sullivan** family could use your prayers. **Earl Weddle** has been diagnosed with cancer. **Roman Martin** is home and would appreciate visitors as he is not able to leave the house. Continued prayers for **Liz Church, Betty Trotter, Donna Walker, Evelyn Campbell, Shirley Petersen & family, Betty Williams, Eloise Staley, Tony Pollard, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.**

Women Walking with God Conference

April 13-14 – Hartman Arena in Wichita, KS. A block of rooms is reserved at Best Western Wichita North. WWWG for the price of \$79.99 + tax (breakfast is included). Please register online.

Prayer Seminar

Saturday, April 14 (10:00 and 1:30) – Read more about the format, and register at bluerivercofc.org/prayer-seminar.

Youth Activity and Service Project

Saturday, April 21 (9:30-5:00) – Global Youth Service Project Day and 3rd Annual **Family** Paintball: **(9:30)** – Meet at the building for donuts. **(10:00)** – Leave for Harvesters. **(10:30-12:30)** – Work time at Harvesters. **(1:00)** – Return to the church building for lunch and then head to High Performance Paintball in Harrisonville. **(2:00-5:00)** It's on! Cost: \$15 per person. Parents are invited too!

Ladies Tea Home Service

Saturday, April 28 (9:30-11:30am) – Please RSVP to **Arline Bradshaw**. As is accustomed, the tea will be held at the Bradshaws' house.

Save the Dates!

May 12 & 13 – Friends and Family and Family Open House Weekend

May 13 – Emma Bassford's graduation party @ the Bassford home

May 19 (9:30-2:30) – Youth & Trek Combined Activity – The cost is \$10.00 per person to help cover admission, rides and lunch. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the foyer so the correct number of tickets will be purchased. Adult volunteers are asked to sign up as well.

June 27 - July 1 (ages 9-18) – Narrow Way Youth Retreat

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Kelly & Alex Newbury

2nd Service – Darlene Pollard & Kimberly Kennedy

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

"I've been living to see you,
Dying to see you, but it shouldn't be like this.
This was unexpected, what do I do now?
Could we start again, please?"

—Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, *Jesus Christ Superstar* (1971)

Last Sunday, NBC showed a live concert of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and I found myself entranced again by, in my opinion, one of the most insightful commentaries on the gospel story I have experienced. Every time I see it, I experience something new, and this time I noticed more fully the song, "Could We Start Again, Please?"

The disciples have had a roller-coaster ride with Jesus. They have been enamored by the crowds, falling in love with stardom, but confused by Jesus who always seems a bit sour on the popularity and is becoming increasingly morose, speaking more about death than victory. Jesus is finally arrested, and the disciples are left alone, their hopes destroyed. They sing, "Could We Start Again, Please?"

What an appropriate question to ask! What else could be more demoralizing than to see Jesus taken away with the threat of death, his movement on the brink of collapse without his continued presence? On this side of the empty tomb, we often look with pity at those disciples in that moment, "Everything's going to be all right. Don't get so upset," or even with frustration, "Don't they have any faith?!" But that moment must have been excruciatingly painful, not to mention how it worsened when Jesus actually dies. Couldn't we simply start over and do it right next time?

No, there can be no restart. The plan was established before the world began. Nothing can stop it now. Oh, there is One who has the power to stop it, but He will not. He knows that the real starting over should come *through* death, not to avoid death. The collapse must happen. The cup must be drunk.

In our own discipleship today, we wrestle not with the necessity of Jesus being crucified, but with the necessity of our being crucified. Can't the gospel be better represented by people who fit in well with what is popular and powerful? We are confounded when the answer is, "No, it can only be proclaimed by a people who die with Jesus."

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*****Special Request – Downtown Church needs clothes donations!*****