

# 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 8, 2018 Attendance	86 + 206 = 292
Contribution	\$6,255.60
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 15, 2018

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## Church of Christ

### Order of Worship

**8:30**

**"Be Thou My Vision"**  
#75 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*Scripture* Bill Endicott  
Ephesians 1:15-23

*Prayer* Gene Clark

#578 "We Will Glorify"

*Lord's Supper* Bill Brotherton

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#345 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"  
#67 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Our Mission: The Revealing"

#193 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Earl Fultz

*Final Praise* Ephesians 3:20-21

*Songs Led By* Ryan Smith

**10:45**

*Scripture* Gary Hasty  
Ephesians 1:15-23

*Prayer* David Keller

#718 "We Shall Assemble"  
"Covenant of Love"  
#361 "Nailed to the Cross"  
#383 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

*Lord's Supper* Nick Williams

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

"What the Lord Has Done in Me"  
"The Church's One Foundation"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Our Mission: The Revealing"

#711 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Russ Simmons

*Final Praise* Ephesians 3:20-21

*Songs Led By* Shane Hall

### **Prayer List**

Faye Sullivan and Betty Trotter are now on Hospice. Earl Weddle has been diagnosed with cancer, and his oncologist is optimistic regarding treatment and curability. Continued prayers for Roman Martin, Liz Church, Donna Walker, Evelyn Campbell, Tony Pollard, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee Andy Hester.

### **Youth Activity and Service Project**

**Saturday, April 21 (9:30-5:00)** – Global Youth Service Project Day and 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Paintball: Meet at the building for donuts at 9:30. After working at Harvesters, we'll head to High Performance Paintball in Harrisonville at 2:00. Cost: \$15 per person. Parents are invited too!

### **VBS Planning Meeting**

**Sunday, April 22 (2:00)** – If you are interested in helping with VBS, please join us. We will present the theme, discuss curriculum, and delegate volunteers. If you are unable to attend, please let Jennifer Hall know how you can help.

### **Drama Production**

**Sunday, April 22 (1:30)** – David Keller's readers-theatre adaptation of *Flora: A Survivor's Story* will be performed by his Middle School Drama Class from Summit Christian Academy in the Community Commons Room at John Knox Village. It is the inspiring story of Flora Misch and her family's survival of the Nazi war machine and the later occupation of Germany by the Russians.

### **Ladies Tea Home Service**

**Saturday, April 28 (9:30-11:30am)** – Don't miss the *Mad Hatter's Tea Party!* Please RSVP to Arline Bradshaw. 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** – We need a solid headcount so the correct number of tickets will be purchased. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**May 20 – High School Graduation Celebration**

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

**August 24-25 – BRCC Marriage Retreat**

### ***Today's Morning Nursery Attendants***

1<sup>st</sup> Service – Sherry & Cara Owen

2<sup>nd</sup> Service – Liddy Miller & Lindsey Hall

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

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

In our sermon today, we are discussing God's grand plan for all creation and the church's vital role in that plan. While we mainly think about our responsibility to people, God is also renewing all of creation, and we can be partners in that work as well. Here are some ways we can work for the good of the earth God created as good:

1. Take this online quiz to see how to reduce your carbon footprint. [www.earthday.org/reduce-footprint-take-ecological-footprint-quiz](http://www.earthday.org/reduce-footprint-take-ecological-footprint-quiz)
2. Join a local park or river cleanup or Sponsor-a-Highway program.
3. Use environmentally friendly, non-toxic cleaning products (maybe baking soda & vinegar).
4. Use LED or CFL light bulbs to reduce your carbon footprint.
5. Car pool, ride a bike or use public transportation. Drive hybrid or electric cars.
6. Keep tires properly inflated to get better gas mileage.
7. Change your car's air filter regularly
8. Teleconference instead of flying. Flying over 5 times a year accounts for 75% of your carbon footprint.
9. Stop using disposable plastics, esp. bottles, plates, bags, and straws.
10. Recycle paper, plastic, and glass.
11. Change to online billing to save trees and delivery fuel costs. Read documents online instead of printing everything.
12. Donate old clothes and home goods instead of trashing them, or have a garage sale.
13. Recycle printer, fax, and copier cartridges.
14. Use a water bottle or coffee mug instead of paper, plastic or Styrofoam.
15. Bring reusable bags for grocery shopping.
16. Buy organic food and support farmers' markets and farmers who do not use toxic pesticides.
17. Grow your own organic food, or support a community garden.
18. Compost kitchen waste into fertilizer.
19. Use a water-saving showerhead and take shorter showers.
20. Fix leaky faucets.
21. Run your dishwasher only when it is full.
22. Wash your clothes in cold water and line dry.
23. Pull out invasive plants, and replace with native plants.
24. Turn off and unplug electronics you are not using.
25. Turn off lights when you leave a room.
26. Install solar panels on your roof.
27. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Save energy, and get more exercise.
28. Move the thermostat down 2 degrees in winter and up 2 degrees in summer to reduce your carbon footprint by 2,000 pounds.
29. Lower the temperature on your water heater.
30. Use Energy Efficient appliances. They will conserve energy and save money.

Thanks to Allie Keller for these suggestions in anticipation of Earth Day next Sunday, April 22.