

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	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 April 2, 2017 Attendance	109 + 147 = 256
Contribution	\$8,798.60
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,989
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,555

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.

April 9, 2017

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Order of Worship

8:30

#517 "Heaven Came Down"
#611 "Heavenly Sunlight"

Prayer Jeff Petersen

Scripture Roger Bradshaw
Psalm 118:15-29

#620 "Sunlight"
#806 "Sun of My Soul"

Lord's Supper Bill Brotherton

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

"Light the Fire"
"Stepping in the Light"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Great Change: Light"

"Light the Fire"

Shepherd's Prayer John Owen

Final Charge Isaiah 60:1

Songs Led By Shane Hall

10:45

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"
#4 "To God Be the Glory"

Scripture Shane Hall
Psalm 118:15-29

"This Is the Day"

Prayer Nick Williams

"In Christ Alone"

Lord's Supper Paul Walker

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#931 "Wake Up, O Sleeper"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Great Change: Light"

#948 "I Am Resolved"

Shepherd's Prayer John Owen

Final Charge Isaiah 60:1

Songs Led By Roger Cook

Prayer List

Continue to pray for our **college students** who are attending college locally and away. Continued prayers for **Mark & Jenny Swartz, Kelly Seufferling, Sherril Sego, Sherry Owen, Bernie Standiford, Michael May, Jerry John, Eloise Staley, Lena Bramlett, Dave Nash, Liz Church, Holly Hadley, Doris Buys, Marie Nash, Grover Renick, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Donna Kerns and Evelyn Campbell.**

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 16 (12:00) – Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt following the **10:45 am** service. Thank you to those that have already donated, but we still need more. If you can donate (plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy), please bring the labeled items to the church office.

Parent's Night Out

Friday, April 28 (6:00-9:00pm) – The **Walkers** are hosting kids up to 6th grade here at the building and the theme is Hawaiian Luau! Please see the sign-up sheets on the main bulletin board for both kids and volunteers.

Youth and Trek 812 Combined Activity

Saturday, April 29 (10:00am) – The groups will tackle landscaping at the building from **10-12:30**, lunch from **12:30-1:30** and then carpool to enjoy Broomball from **2:00-3:00**. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Make plans to attend!

Oklahoma Christian Chorale Concert

Saturday, April 29 (7:00pm) – The OCU Chorale Group will perform for us here at the building.

5th Sunday Area Wide Fellowship

Sunday, April 30 (5:00pm) – Liberty Church of Christ – 1401 Glenn Hendren Dr., Liberty, MO 64068, (816) 781-5134.

Family Float Trip

Registration forms have been placed on the bulletin board located in the foyer. If you would like to attend the family float trip, please fill out a form and submit it to **John Wubbenhorst** by **April 30**. The float dates are **July 30-August 1**.

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

April 9

1st Service

Kelly Newbury

2nd Service

Darlene Pollard

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

“Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.”

—Ephesians 4:28

In my opinion, the greatest truth of salvation is not that God forgives us, but that God uses us. Just the fact that we had to be forgiven is a good enough reason not to use us; we have already proven ourselves to be useless.

When you applied for a job, you had to give them a résumé. On that résumé, you did not “lie,” but you certainly tried to paint a favorable picture of yourself. You gave references that would speak positively about you, not the ones with whom you fought. Now imagine your résumé when God wants to select a messenger, a representative, of the most important message the world will ever hear. You want to make the résumé look good, but the Boss already knows everything about you, whether you posted those particular events on Instagram or not. It is obvious that you will never get that job, but unbelievably He says, “You’re hired.”

Imagine the worthiness of those early disciples. Their background as fishermen, tax collectors, political rebels, etc., is enough to keep them from the job of apostle, but they had more against them than their lack of work experience. They were angry, selfish, arrogant, ignorant, fearful good-for-nothings. When the going got tough, they fought, slept, denied, and ran. How do you leave the kingdom in their hands?

But Jesus chose them. And fighters learn to “have all things in common.” Sleepers learn to pray. Deniers proclaim before crowds and ruling councils. And runners stand until they are imprisoned or die. It is amazing how useful a saved person can be.

In the quotation from Ephesians at the top of the page, Paul tells thieves not only to stop, but also to be productive. They will enjoy not only forgiveness, but also usefulness. The great change to take place will not be window dressing, but putting on Christ, so that what was unworthy of Christ now looks **and acts** like Christ. Jesus was deeply concerned for the poor, and now even thieves can serve like he did.

No matter your background, you are perfect for the work of the gospel because you demonstrate what the gospel can do.