

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 May 14, 2017 Attendance	109 + 116 = 225
Contribution	\$11,443.05
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,989
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,577

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.

May 21, 2017

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Order of Worship

8:30

10:45

#108 "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple"
#800 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

"Pierce My Ear"

Prayer Sean Turner

Prayer Roger Wealand

#837 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

#694 "Servant Song"
#662 "All to Jesus I Surrender"

Scripture Andy Hester
Philemon

Lord's Supper
Randy Smith

#922 "Jesus Paid It All"

The Bread
The Cup

Lord's Supper
Bruce Sewell

Giving
#693 "Heart of a Servant"

The Bread
The Cup

Scripture Aaron Palmer
Philemon

Giving
#429 "Oh, To Be Like Thee"

"All to Us"

Power Kids Dismissed

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Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Great Change: Serve"

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#940 "Only a Step"

#664 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Shepherd's Prayer John Owen

Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

Final Charge Philippians 3:20-21

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Songs Led By Tony Pollard

Songs Led By Shane Hall

Summer Reading – *David Keller*

God’s primary revelation of Himself to mankind came in His son, Jesus the Christ (Hebrews 1:1-4). Our primary understanding of Jesus, how he came in fulfillment of God’s promises for mankind through Israel, comes to us through Scripture. We are a people of the Book, the Bible. Some might contend that we don’t know the Bible as well as our forebears did. Whether that’s true or not, no one would deny that knowledge of God’s Word is crucial to our growing and maturing in Christ.

In the auditorium class on spiritual disciplines this quarter, we looked at ways to strengthen our knowledge and understanding of the Bible. One of those key elements related to the importance of our reading and studying the Bible together as a local body of believers. (Throughout much of the history of Christianity, communal “hearing” of the word was the only exposure believers had of the Bible!) To encourage our reading and meditation on the Bible over the next three summer months, we’ll be engaging in a community “read-through” of the Gospel of Luke and The Acts of the Apostles, Luke’s two-volume story of the life of Jesus and the early church. Beginning the first full week of June, we’ll encourage everyone to read four chapters a week starting with Luke 1-4, and moving on in that pattern through Luke and Acts until we finish in late August.

Four chapters per week should be a manageable task for everyone. Even if four chapters aren’t completed in any particular week, catching up later would not be too difficult. Here are some additional suggestions for making the reading more meaningful.

- Create a regular time and place for reading so that a habit is developed.
- Read the text aloud. The ear may hear what the eye doesn’t see.
- Meditate on the text you’ve read, reflecting on what touches or challenges you. Don’t be afraid to ask questions of the text.
- Read and talk about the texts with your spouse, prayer partner, small group, or family.
- Connect the weekly reading to the “story line” of the broader Luke-Acts narrative.
- When possible, read supplemental texts that will enhance the connections between the assigned texts and the grand narrative of the Bible (e.g., read Philippians when reading about Paul’s time in Philippi as recorded in Acts.)

At the end of the summer, together we’ll evaluate our experience and consider how best to move forward in our Bible reading and study as a congregation. One long-range goal we may consider is reading through the entire Bible together in an appropriate schedule and doable time frame.

Prayer List

Jan Sullivan is at TMC Rehab. **Larry Sullivan** had successful surgery to remove a melanoma this last week. **Flora Swartz’s** sister passed away last week. **Stacey Wubbenhorst** is scheduled for spine surgery on June 1. **Eloise Staley** has had pneumonia, and **Ralph Staley** has had serious arthritic pain. Continued prayers for **Mark & Jenny Swartz, Kelly Seuferling, Sherril Segoe, Sherry Owen, Lena Bramlett, Dave Nash, Liz Church, Doris Buys, Marie Nash, Grover Renick, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Donna Kerns, Evelyn Campbell** and **Bruce Keeton**.

New address for **Keith & Jurhee Bench** 550 NE Napoleon Dr. Apt. 206 Blue Springs, MO 64014 & Phone #: 816-988-7872.

New address for **Bob & Jana Schmitt** 5404 S Shrank Ct., Independence, MO 64133 & Phone #: 816-353-0725.

House Keeping

The church has purchased lids for coffee cups. They are located next to the coffee pot. Due to stains and cleaning cost, we ask that all drinks have lids on them.

Fellowship Brunch

TODAY, May 21 (9:30-10:30am) – Please join us for our quarterly fellowship.

Graduation Open House

TODAY, May 21 (2:00-5:00) – Please join the **Walker** family at the Grain Valley Community Center (713 S. Main St. Grain Valley, MO 64029) as they celebrate **Caleb’s** graduation from High School.

Annual Corporate Meeting

Sunday, June 4 (after each service) – Our annual corporate meeting will include the reaffirmation vote for some of our congregational leaders: **David Blankenship** and **Darren Herrmann** as deacons, **Earl Fultz** as elder, and **Shane Hall** as minister. Absentee ballots will be available next week. If you have any questions about the process, please see one of the elders.

Friends & Family Weekend

Due to unforeseen circumstances this event will be rescheduled. Stay tuned for more information to come.

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

May 21	1 st Service	Brenda & Conner Brotherton
	2 nd Service	Liddy Miller