

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 Paul Walker	David Keller Russ Simmons
Deacons	David Blankenship Darren Herrmann Aaron Palmer	David Foster Jack Hudkins Sean Turner
Pulpit Minister	Darin Kennedy dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org	
Family Life Minister	Shane Hall shall@bluerivercofc.org	

Statistics for June 10, 2018 Attendance	Not Recorded
Contribution	\$10,702.97
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, 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.

June 17, 2018

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Order of Worship

8:30

#300 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"
#509 "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

Prayer Joe Harber

Scripture Jeff Petersen
Isaiah 60:15-22

#544 "Without Him"

Lord's Supper Brian Wahlen

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#895 "I'll Live in Glory"

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Summer Reading: Light"

#943 "Do You Know My Jesus?"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Blessing 2 Corinthians 4:6

Songs Led By Paul Walker

10:45

#2 "We Praise Thee, O God"
#6 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Scripture Matt Hoggatt
Isaiah 60:15-22

Prayer Vint Hall

#725 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Lord's Supper Roger Cook

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#77 "Glorify Thy Name"
#4 "To God Be the Glory"

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Summer Reading: Light"

#290 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

Final Blessing 2 Corinthians 4:6

Songs Led By Ryan Smith

Prayer List

Roger Wealand will have back surgery on June 19. **Rita Fitzsimmons** has uterine cancer and is scheduled for surgery on July 11. **Earl Weddle** is having a rough time from the chemo side effects and pain. Continued prayers for the **Walker family with the passing of Donna, Andy Hester, Faye Sullivan, Betty Trotter, Roman Martin, Liz Church, Evelyn Campbell, Tony Pollard, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.**

Summer Reading in the Park

Mondays and Tuesdays (7:00 pm) – We'll read through the writings of John (John, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John, and Revelation). Mondays, we'll read at Waterfall Park in Independence behind Bass Pro Shops. Tuesdays, we'll read at Harris Park in Lee's Summit behind Summit Waves. Come join us!

Christian Family Services Memorial Golf Tournament

Monday, June 18 – @ Falcon Ridge – Lunch at noon and tee off at 1:00. Cost is \$100. "All proceeds benefit our adoption, counseling and foster care ministries." Register with Shelley, 913-383-3337 or shelley@cfskc.org.

Wedding Shower

Sunday, June 24 (12:00-2:30 pm) – **Dallas Herrmann** and Carrie Stewart's Wedding Shower. The couple is registered at Amazon, JCP, and Wal-Mart. A light lunch will be served.

Narrow Way Youth Retreat

June 27-July 1 (ages 9-18) – Registration is open. There has been a request for food donations on Facebook, in the foyer, and sent out via email. Please sign up and support our kids! Any questions, see **Jennifer Hall**.

Save the Dates!

July 4 – 4th of July Celebration at the Simmons'

July 7 – Youth/Family Royals Game – Faith & Family Night

July 15-19 – Vacation Bible School

August 4-5 – Friends and Family and Family Open House Weekend

August 24-25 – BRCC Marriage Retreat

September 7-8 – BRCC Ladies Retreat

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Kelly & Alex Newbury

2nd Service – Darlene Pollard & Kimberly Kennedy

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

Here we were at Waterfall Park this week, reading the first 5 chapters of John. It was hot, but peaceful. We got to about chapter 4 when Jesus began talking to the Samaritan woman, where he talks beautifully about living water, worshipping God in spirit and truth, and winning her to the kingdom. All of a sudden, an incredibly loud, deep, hoarse voice shouts out, "Alicia! Come over here! Alicia! The playground's this way! ALICIA!" I glance over, a little concerned about this Alicia what with the incredible commotion, and I see a grandmother smiling (so Alicia was not in danger), cigarette hanging lightly from her fingers (explaining the deep, hoarse voice). This woman begins a conversation with a few people right next to her, and she continues as loudly as with them as she did when she was calling Alicia (so she's just naturally loud or hard of hearing).

It was a bit jarring to the nerves to go from such peace and the beauty of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman to such noise. Couldn't that woman see that we were reading together? Couldn't she notice that other people were enjoying a serene experience with one another in the contemplation of divine things? Couldn't the whole world stand still for the hearing of God's Word and let some magic happen?

But it won't stand still. The noise will never stop. We have protected ourselves from it by insulating ourselves in our buildings with a nursery for the kids and with unwritten rules of quiet and respectful etiquette. But the noise goes on. And we have a choice. We can wait for all the world to come to us, quietly and respectfully, or we can go to them in the midst of their noise, speaking and living out the Word of God with them.

That's the Samaritan woman for you, a noisy woman. Jesus asks for a drink, and she questions his being a good Jew. He offers living water, and she says, "You don't even have a bucket." He describes the living water's eternal nature, and she cracks a joke: "That would lighten my workload if I didn't have to keep coming back to this well." Jesus confronts her past, and she tries to steer the conversation away with a speculative, religious question. He answers her question, and she tries to dismiss the discussion: "Someday we'll all figure it out, Lord willing." What a noisy, crude woman! She's not only been sexually immoral, but she's also got a mouth on her.

Then Jesus speaks the greatest Word of all: "I Am." Her noise cannot silence such testimony; the defensive posture of noise cannot hold back the invasion of life itself. She must flee...no, not flee...retreat for a bit, rally the troops, and approach again—this time not in defense, but in wonder.

One thing we learn by reading in the park is that the world will not stop for us. Just as God took the primordial chaos and ordered it in creation by His Word, so the most appropriate context for Jesus the Word to be heard loud and clear is the context of noise.