

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 Jan Sullivan

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 June 18, 2017 Attendance	104 + 128 = 232
Contribution	\$4,666.40
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.

June 25, 2017

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Order of Worship

8:30

#470 "Victory in Jesus"

Prayer Ron McCleary

#578 "We Will Glorify"
#959 "Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

Scripture Jim Bassford
Acts 3:17-26

#514 "Redeemed"

Lord's Supper Jerry Brown

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#77 "Glorify Thy Name"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Shane Hall
"Refreshing Fruit"

#909 "There's a Fountain Free"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Charge Mark 1:15

Songs Led By Gary Hasty

10:45

#827 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Scripture Matt Hoggatt
Acts 3:17-26

Prayer Roger Cook

#962 "Where You There?"
#961 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Lord's Supper Larry Sullivan

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#962 "Where You There?"
"As I Went Down in the River to Pray"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Shane Hall
"Refreshing Fruit"

#851 "I'll Fly Away"

Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

Final Charge Mark 1:15

Songs Led By Ryan Smith

Prayer List

Dawson Johnson is in Children’s Mercy with an infection. Donna Kerns is now at Mid America Rehab. Stacey Wubbenhorst is still recovering from surgery. Continued prayers for Holly Hadley, Buddy Self, Drew Battistelli, Hannah Guntert, Jan Sullivan, Kelly Seuferling, Sherry Owen, Lena Bramlett, Liz Church, Doris Buys, Dave and Marie Nash, Grover Renick, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Donna Kerns, Evelyn Campbell, Bruce Keeton, Jane Weatherbee and Ralph & Eloise Staley.

Nursing Home Service

TODAY (3:00pm) – Join us at Wilshire at Lakewood Nursing Home.

Youth Camp Donations Needed.

By Sunday, July 2 – There are sign-up sheets on the main bulletin board listing the needed items.

4th of July Celebration

Tuesday, July 4 (5:30 pm-???) – Everyone mark your calendars to join in the 4th of July celebration at the home of Russ & Shirley Simmons. There is an information sheet and a signup sheet on the bulletin board on bright blue paper, or you can RSVP in person, phone 816-537-6081, or email sjsim4@sbcglobal.net.

Youth Camp

July 5-9 – We hope that all our kiddos 9 and older can join us! Narrow Way Youth retreat will be held at Camp Imprint in Edwards, MO. Please be sure you have registered online, and direct any questions to Shane or Jennifer Hall.

Door-Knocking for Friends and Family Weekend and VBS

Wednesday, July 12 (7:00-8:00pm) – Volunteers are needed for door hanging announcements regarding the Friends & Family Weekend and VBS.

Friends & Family Weekend

Saturday & Sunday, July 15-16 – The Saturday event will be a barbecue and time of fun. Sunday will be worship service and open house. So, make plans to invite and attend!

Vacation Bible School

July 23-27 – This year’s theme is *Maker Fun Factory*. Make plans now to attend, and let Jennifer Hall know if you can volunteer. We are hoping for 100 kiddos!

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

June 25	1 st Service	Sherry & Cara Owen
	2 nd Service	Angelia & Aubrey Hudkins

The Preacher’s Post – Darin Kennedy

When reading a good book, the reader is able to enter the story-world, walk around in the setting, relate to the characters, and experience the tension of the situation in need of resolution. Reading this week the narrative of Jesus in the gospel of Luke, chapters 9-12, has been no different. As we were reading aloud at the park this week, I could tell how we were connecting with the drama as we laughed at the absurdity of the disciples or raised our voice with Jesus’ words of anger or spoke gently the words of comfort or spoke excitedly words of victory. It was very enjoyable and challenging at the same time.

Reading as a participant in the story, one often relates well to a particular character. The challenge is to make sure that one relates well to *all* the characters. Everyone enjoys relating to those people who are healed or forgiven by Jesus, either recalling moments in our own past when God was there to help us or realizing in the present that we are in need now of rescue. We all enjoy hearing the words, “Do not be afraid,” to ease the anxious minds of the poor and weak. We also enjoy the celebration surrounding the finding of the sheep or the returning of the prodigal son. Certainly, it is appropriate to read as a child of God, as a recipient of the grace of God.

However, one must also relate to the hostile characters of the story. When Jesus says, “Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees,” we realize that we cannot set them aside as our enemies; instead, we must read as if we could be like them. We are the priest and Levite who pass by on the other side. We question Jesus’ relationship with “tax collectors and sinners.” We are the older son who refuses to come in to the feast. We reject the invitation to the banquet, delivering excuses rather than acceptance. We kill the messengers and the son so that we might steal the vineyard. We place heavy burdens on people. We are addressed as “Hypocrites!” We are the crowd shouting out, “Crucify him!” We are the ones who do not go home “justified.”

The enemies are in the story not to further the plot, but to create a choice. Who are you? Who will you become? How will you treat people? Do you follow the crucified Christ? You can enjoy grace, but can you share it?

For the week of June 25-July 1—Luke 13-16

Community reading aloud—

Monday, 7:00 p.m., at Waterfall Park in Independence

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. at Lea McKeighan Park in Lee’s Summit

Google Group Forum—bluerivercofc.org/summerreading