

# 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  
dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org

## Family Life Minister

Shane Hall  
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Statistics for July 9, 2017 Attendance	81 + 126 = 207
Contribution	\$6,112.75
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,989
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$6,072

## 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.

July 16, 2017

# BLUE RIVER

## Church of Christ

## Order of Worship

**8:30**

#869 "We're Marching to Zion"

*Prayer* Andy Hester

#791 "On Bended Knee"

#537 "Here We Are but Straying Pilgrims"

*Scripture* Mike Newbury  
Joel 2:28-32

#313 "The Old Rugged Cross"

*Lord's Supper* Shane Hall

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#490 "It Is Well with My Soul"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Summer Reading:  
The Spirit"

#694 "Servant Song"

*Shepherd's Prayer* John Owen

*Final Blessing* Romans 15:13

*Songs Led By* Gary Hasty

**10:45**

#2 "We Praise Thee, O God"  
#421 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*Prayer* Drew Battistelli

*Scripture* David Keller  
Joel 2:28-32

"Be Thou My Vision"  
#431 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

*Lord's Supper* Nick Williams

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#464 "Because He Lives"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Summer Reading:  
The Spirit"

#77 "Glorify Thy Name"  
#290 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Earl Fultz

*Final Blessing* Romans 15:13

*Songs Led By* Roger Cook

### **Prayer List**

Grover Renick passed away this week. Please keep **Freda** and their daughters in your prayers. **Betty Williams** was taken to Research Hospital. Continued prayers for **Liz Church, Donna Kerns, Stacey Wubbenhorst, Holly Hadley, Buddy Self, Drew Battistelli, Hannah Guntert, Jan Sullivan, Kelly Seuferling, Sherry Owen, Lena Bramlett, Liz Church, Doris Buys, Dave and Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Evelyn Campbell, Bruce Keeton, Jane Weatherbee and Ralph & Eloise Staley.**

### **Memorial Service**

Visitation for **Grover Renick** will be Wednesday at 2:00, and the memorial service will be at 3:00 at Langsford Funeral Home in Lee's Summit.

### **Friends & Family Weekend**

Thank you, **Sean Turner**, and all those who made this year's event such a great time!

### **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!

### **Wilshire Nursing Home Ministry**

**July 23 (3:00pm)** – Make plans to participate this month at Wilshire at Lakewood Nursing Home.

### **Family Float Trip**

**July 30 – August 1** – See **John Wubbenhorst** with any questions.

### **JumpStart 2017**

**August 25-27** – Hosted by Rocketdyne Rd. Church of Christ in Neosho, MO. See [www.jumpstartrally.com](http://www.jumpstartrally.com) for more information.

### **Youth Rally**

**September 15-16** – Hosted by Blue River Church of Christ – Elevate: Empowering Youth to Live Above the World!

### **Silver Dollar City**

**October 14-15** – **Aaron Palmer** is putting a list together of families who would like to go to the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Church of Christ Weekend at Silver Dollar City.

#### **Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants**

July 16	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Brenda & Conner Brotherton
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Heidi & Hayden Hoggatt

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

On a day when we celebrate our family here at the Blue River Church of Christ, I want to tell you that I love you. We are normally a little wary of someone who shares his feelings so openly, but I don't care. I really do love you. My wife and I remember the first time I said, "I love you," to her. We had just come back from a date (not the first one; I'm not that easy), and she was about to go up to her dorm room. As she walked away, I just slipped in a little "I love you." She did not say anything, but kept going up the stairs as if she did not hear. That first time was hard for me to say and harder for her to hear, but as you can see, I finally won her over.

We are a little suspicious of people's love, especially "church love." "Church love" can often be, "I love you, but I don't have to like you." Love becomes more of a Christian duty, but it eventually dwindles into putting up with each other, and finally disappears into disgust. No, I do not have that kind of love. I like you too.

Love is measured by biblical guidelines:

1) *Love is joyful.* Paul was a powerful example of someone who passionately loved every person in the church. Listen to the language of someone who was separated from the church by a long distance, "How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?" (1 Thessalonians 3:9). Love means we smile when we see someone and when we think of someone.

2) *Love is productive.* Love causes us to work together in the Kingdom of God—"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together..." (Hebrews 10:24-25). Kingdom work is healing wounds and spreading the gospel. We push one another in love to become stronger workers in the Lord's vineyard.

3) *Love is sacrificial.* The simple instruction to put another's interest before your own is the best way to show Christ's love. Paul demonstrated this in his own life: "So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us" (1 Thessalonians 2:8).

All three of these principles are constantly held in balance. All work with no play makes love dull. All play with no work makes love meaningless. All fun with no pain makes love cheap. All pain with no smiles makes love a burden too heavy to bear. Fellowship, service, and worship all make a perfect place for biblical love, eternal love.

For the week of July 16-22—Acts 1-4

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](http://bluerivercofc.org/summerreading)