

# 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 June 25, 2017 Attendance	138 + 119 = 257
Contribution	\$7,039.25
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.

July 2, 2017

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## Church of Christ

## Order of Worship

### 8:30

#429 "Oh, To Be Like Thee"  
#226 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Prayer* Steve Etter

*Scripture* Tony Pollard  
Isaiah 55

#83 "God Is So Good"

*Lord's Supper*  
David Blankenship

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#450 "Give Me the Bible"  
#415 "Each Step I Take"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Summer Reading:  
Rich Man, Poor Man"

#470 "Victory in Jesus"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Russ Simmons

*Final Blessing* Luke 14:13-14

*Songs Led By* Shane Hall

### 10:45

#429 "Oh, To Be Like Thee"  
"Firm Foundation"

*Prayer* Jack Hudkins

*Scripture* Larry Sullivan  
Isaiah 55

#83 "God Is So Good"

*Lord's Supper*  
Dallas Herrmann

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

"Ancient Words"  
"In Christ Alone"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Summer Reading:  
Rich Man, Poor Man"

#470 "Victory in Jesus"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Earl Fultz

*Final Blessing* Luke 14:13-14

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### **Prayer List**

Dawson Johnson is out of the hospital. Donna Kerns is 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.

### **Youth Camp Donations Needed TODAY!**

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

### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**

**Tuesday, July 4 (5:30 pm-???)** – Everyone mark your calendars to join in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

July 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Maya Turner
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Liddy Miller

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

What does it take to resurrect someone?

I have recently been asked to be on an advisory board for a re-entry program sponsored by the Roswell Church of Christ in Kansas City, Kansas. The program serves those who are coming out of prison. I am honored to be asked to serve, but I have quickly found out how little I knew about the needs of ex-offenders and the cycle that often leads them back into prison. The website for the Missouri Department of Corrections says that 20,000 inmates are released every year back into society. They are trying to provide more extensive training before the offender’s release, but, as the website also says, “Offenders leaving prison have many challenges that create barriers to their success, such as substance abuse issues, lack of family support, mental health issues, medical issues, lack of education and skills, no housing, and many more.”

What amazes me is how quickly the issues compound. They come out of prison without having had a job, many returning to families who are struggling financially themselves, if they return to a family at all. They often have to pay court fees, parole fees, restitution, etc. Because of their crime, they are no longer eligible for welfare programs, including Section 8 housing. When filling out a job application, they do not have a permanent address, and they are required to list their crimes and time of incarceration, which automatically excludes them from employment with most job providers. They are trapped in a cycle without release, although they have already served their time, and the inevitable result is a return to the practices that got them into trouble in the first place.

The amount of resources and work that it takes to get one person back on his/her feet is extraordinary, and then there are 19,999 more a year. Add on to that number all of their families who have had to live without mother or father or breadwinner, which has left them vulnerable to future crimes and imprisonments. It is a vicious cycle that requires an intrusion by God and God’s people. I hope to find out many more ways that we at Blue River can better serve people who need more than forgiveness, who need resurrection. Reading Luke has made me ask more than ever, “How can I serve those in need?”

For the week of July 2-8—Luke 17-20

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](https://www.google.com/forum/#!forum/bluerivercofc.org/summerreading)