

# 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.

<b>Elders</b>	Earl Fultz John Owen	Russ Simmons Jan Sullivan
<b>Deacons</b>	David Blankenship David Foster Darren Herrmann Jack Hudkins	Aaron Palmer Sean Turner Paul Walker
<b>Pulpit Minister</b>	Darin Kennedy dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org	
<b>Family Life Minister</b>	Shane Hall shall@bluerivercofc.org	

Statistics for July 23, 2017 Attendance	102 + 140 = 242
Contribution	\$4,200.50
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 30, 2017

# BLUE RIVER

## Church of Christ

### Order of Worship

**8:30**

#344 "Low in the Grave He Lay"

*Prayer* Jim Bassford

#180 "Jesus Is Lord"  
#470 "Victory in Jesus"

*Scripture* Sean Turner  
Isaiah 49:1-13

#376 "He Paid a Debt"

*Lord's Supper* Aaron Palmer

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving* #705 "A Common Love"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Summer Reading: Surprise"

#759 "Shall We Gather at the River"

*Shepherd's Prayer* John Owen

*Final Blessing* Isaiah 55:11

*Songs Led By* Gary Hasty

**10:45**

#991 "This Is My Father's World"  
"That's Why We Praise Him"

*Scripture* Roger Wealand  
Isaiah 49:1-13

#202 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

*Prayer* John Wubbenhorst

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

*Lord's Supper* Aaron Palmer

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving* #193 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Summer Reading: Surprise"

#692 "Change My Heart, O God"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Russ Simmons

*Final Blessing* Isaiah 55:11

*Songs Led By* Roger Cook

### **Prayer List**

Rita Fitzsimmons had a brain tumor removed on Thursday at MD Anderson, Darlene Pollard was in the hospital with a severe case of vertigo, but she is home now. Bob McMillan has blood clots and is in the hospital in Oregon. Continued prayers for Cheryl Sutton, Liz Church, Freda Renick, Donna Kerns, Stacey Wubbenhorst, Holly Hadley, Buddy Self, Drew Battistelli, Hannah Guntert, Jan Sullivan, Kelly Seufferling, 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.

### **Note of Thanksgiving**

The Renick family says “We thank the congregation for the love and support shown to us during this time of sadness and grief. We appreciate so much the delicious meals brought into our home, the many kind calls and visits, the beautiful flowers, and the lovely meal provided to our family after the memorial service. We also wish to thank those who sang the special songs during the service for Grover. We so appreciate our church family here at Blue River.”

### **Family Float Trip**

**July 30-August 1** – See John Wubbenhorst with any questions. Stay safe and have fun!

### **Luke-Acts Reading on Facebook Live!**

**Wednesday, August 2 (5:00pm)** – Haven't had a chance to attend a public reading? We've got an additional way to let you hear the word of God, read by our own. Join us at [facebook.com/bluerivercofc](https://www.facebook.com/bluerivercofc) on Wednesday at 5pm. We'll be reading through the entire book of Luke & Acts. If you can't make it at 5pm, no worries, the reading will be archived online for you to be able to listen at a time that's more convenient for you.

### **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 has asked that all interested parties to contact him with the number of rooms that you will need by **August 3** for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Church of Christ Weekend at Silver Dollar City.

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

July 30	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Denise Fultz & Allie Mace
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Arline Bradshaw

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

I want to give my personal thanks to all those involved in VBS this week, especially to Jennifer Hall for her overall leadership. We had a fantastic time with a record number of children. Events as successful as this build confidence in what we can accomplish together and in inviting our friends and family to come.

VBS is a time to re-consider the foundational things of faith that are central to who we are: God made you; God is on your side; God is with you; God loves you; God has a purpose for you. The ideas are simple enough to communicate to children, but they are deep enough to spend a lifetime and beyond digesting them.

One begins by hearing these simple ideas with innocence and joy. Then as life becomes more complicated, we add onto our vocabulary and reasoning skills in order to tackle more difficult problems and questions. At this point, it is important to continue one's growth. If one stops here, then one is half-baked. I can always tell someone who is half-baked, but thinks they are completely done. They use big words and take on complicated issues and consider themselves mature for doing so. However, the next step is to take all that experience and knowledge and to boil it down to its essence.

When John says, in 1 John 4:16, that “God is love,” he is not making some simple, inane comment that has the potential of cheapening God because we have such cheap versions of love. He has experienced love incarnate in the man Jesus Christ. He has seen the ultimate display of love in the death of the Savior. He knows that love cannot be defined in trivial ways of emotion and good feelings, but it can only be seen in active, sacrificial ways. John packs all that rich experience into the simplest of vocabulary so that in unpacking it we might get to the very heart of God.

It is good to communicate simple truths to the children. And it is also good for we adults with complicated lives to come back to the simplest of truths and to say, “After all that I have seen, I have found that to be true. God is still good.”

For the week of July 30-August 5—Acts 9-12

Community reading aloud—

Mondays, 7:00 pm – Waterfall Park in Independence

Thursdays, 7:00 pm – Lea McKeighan Park in Lee's Summit

Google Group Forum—[bluerivercofc.org/summerreading](https://www.facebook.com/bluerivercofc)