

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

Statistics for August 7, 2016 Attendance	84 + 144 = 228
Contribution	\$8,835.74
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,554
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,901

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 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.

August 14, 2016

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Order of Worship

8:30

10:45

	#4 "To God Be the Glory" #539 "Higher Ground"		#67 "For the Beauty of the Earth"
<i>Prayer</i>	Dave Blankenship	<i>Prayer</i>	Nick Williams
<i>Scripture</i>	Tony Pollard Psalm 15	<i>Scripture</i>	Aaron Palmer Psalm 15
	#47 "Holy, Holy, Holy"		#490 "It Is Well with My Soul"
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Andy Hester	<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Randy Smith
<i>The Bread</i>		<i>The Bread</i>	
<i>The Cup</i>		<i>The Cup</i>	
<i>Giving</i>		<i>Giving</i>	
	#822 "Sweet Will of God" #555 "Seek Ye First"		#555 "Seek Ye First" #406 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
<i>Power Kids</i>		<i>Power Kids</i>	
<i>Lesson</i>	Darin Kennedy "Selfish Christianity: Big Plans"	<i>Lesson</i>	Darin Kennedy "Selfish Christianity: Big Plans"
	#553 "I'll Live for Him"		#60 "He Is Exalted"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Russ Simmons	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	John Owen
<i>Final Praise</i>	Habakkuk 2:20	<i>Final Praise</i>	Habakkuk 2:20
<i>Songs Led By</i>	Shane Hall	<i>Songs Led By</i>	Ryan Smith

Prayer List

Ruth Nutter recently had knee surgery. Jim Trotter has bladder cancer. Betty Trotter has shingles. Continue to pray for the Snowden family, the Waldron family, Dawson Johnson, Virginia Fuhr, Grover Renick, Bruce Keeton, Gary Campbell, Keith and Jurhee Bench, Betty Williams, Donna Kerns, Phyllis MacMillan, Holly Hadley and Liz Church.

New Small Groups

We can help you find a great group!!! This session will run through August 21. It's not too late to plug in!!

Trek 812

Trek 812 would like to have names and addresses of your current military friends and family. We will send care packages in August, see **Angelia Hudkins**.

Youth Activities

August 26-28 – Jumpstart Youth Rally in Neosho, MO. This youth event is designed to help 7th-12th grade students kick off the school year. Join us as we seek how God makes us “Limitless in Jesus” to live like Him. The cost is \$35/person with food and lodging provided. Please see **Shane and Jennifer Hall** if you are interested in going or have any questions.

Men's Retreat

October 21-22 – Heartland Center, 16965 NW Highway, KC, MO 64152. All men are invited to “Get in the Game”!

Transportation Ministry

If you need transportation to church, doctor appointments, grocery shopping, etc., please contact **Roger and Donna Wealand** (816-289-6694 or 816-289-7553). Immediate needs are welcome.

Picture Board

If you need your picture taken for the member picture board, please meet **Roger Wealand** after services by the picture board.

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

August 14	1 st Service	Brenda and Connor Brotherton
	2 nd Service	Shannon Fultz

Birthdays for August 14 - 20

Kent Desselle – August 15

Carrie Eaton, Todd Hadley, Buddy Self, and Vickie Sullivan – August 17

Troy Cook and Tony Pollard – August 20

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

We are the greatest danger to Christianity. Many dangers exist from the outside—a morally bankrupt culture, persecution in many areas of the world, intellectual arguments against faith, etc.—but the greatest danger has always come from within the church. Much of the New Testament is written concerning problems that are happening among those who claim to adhere to the teachings of Christ. Those problems include false teaching that perverts the doctrine of the nature of Christ and threatens the unity of the church, moral hypocrisy that lives according to worldly values rather than those of the kingdom of God, and a lack of courage that refuses to live defiantly against the powers of worldly authority or death. It is easier to point a finger in critical judgment at the world around us, but “there are four more pointing back at you.”

Jesus taught his disciples to be self-critical before being others-critical, which would probably remove the others-critical altogether: “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?” (Matthew 7:3-4). Even after Paul recites a well-rehearsed version of how bad the world is in Romans 1:18-32, he turns quickly to the main issue: “You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things” (Romans 2:1). Paul’s argument comes to the final judgment that should bring humility to every single person, including the most faithful: “...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). The most important battleground is within the heart and actions and relationships of the believer, not the outsider.

As we discuss “Selfish Christianity” in our sermon time, I hope you wrestle with your own idolatry, where you have formed your faith to fit what you want to do, with whom you want to interact, the goals you have defined, and the emotions you want to feel. It is not all self-condemnation, but it is an opening of the self to receive the salvation that Jesus graciously offers and, having been inspired by that grace, a recommitment to the way of Christ, not following our own ways any longer. When the disciples are faithful, then the larger world receives the witness it so desperately needs to see.