

# 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 August 13, 2017 Attendance	? + ? = ???
Contribution	\$6,194.50
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.

August 20, 2017

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## Church of Christ

### Order of Worship

**8:30**

#578 "We Will Glorify"

*Prayer* Bill Brotherton

#417 "Where He Leads I'll Follow"  
#222 "There's Something About That Name"

*Scripture* David Rechenhth  
Psalm 2

#313 "The Old Rugged Cross"

*Lord's Supper* Jim Bassford

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving* #794 "Unto Thee, O Lord"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Summer Reading:  
Who's in Charge?"

#454 "Rock of Ages"

*Shepherd's Prayer* John Owen

*Final Praise* Isaiah 14:26-27

*Songs Led By* Gary Hasty

**10:45**

#74 "Praise the Lord"  
#873 "The Spacious Firmament on High"

*Prayer* John Wubbenhorst

#464 "Because He Lives"

*Scripture* Aaron Palmer  
Psalm 2

"Come to the Table"

*Lord's Supper* Randy Smith

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving* "Be Thou My Vision"  
#979 "I Am a Poor, Wayfaring Stranger"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Summer Reading:  
Who's in Charge?"

#801 "Where No One Stands Alone"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Earl Fultz

*Final Praise* Isaiah 14:26-27

*Songs Led By* Roger Cook

## **Prayer List**

**Bob Schmitt** is back home. **Jan Sullivan** was taken to St. Luke's East on Wednesday. **Howard Petersen** is back home. Continued prayers for **Rita Fitzsimmons, Bob McMillan, Cheryl Sutton, Liz Church, Freda Renick, Donna Kerns, Stacey Wubbenhorst, Holly Hadley, Buddy Self, Drew Battistelli, 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.**

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

Check out the entire book of Luke read by some of our own church family on Facebook Live ([facebook.com/bluerivercofc](https://www.facebook.com/bluerivercofc)). The reading of the book of Acts is coming soon! If you would like to participate, see **Drew Battistelli**.

## **Jump Start 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**

**August 27** – Youth rally planning meeting will be held between 1<sup>st</sup> service and class for all volunteers. We need volunteers for this huge undertaking.

**September 15-16** – Hosted by Blue River – *Elevate: Empowering Youth to Live Above the World!* If you are interested, please see **Shane Hall** or **Aaron Palmer**.

## **Leadership Training for Christ**

**September 10** – A table is in the foyer for all kids 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade to sign up for LTC 2018: *Chosen! The Book of 1 Samuel*. Extra sign-up sheets will be available on the LTC bulletin board in the hallway; feel free to take one.

## **Silver Dollar City**

**October 14-15** – See **Aaron Palmer** about attending the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Church of Christ Weekend at Silver Dollar City.

## **Need for LS School District**

The choir at Lee's Summit West High School needs help altering the dresses the girls wear. Please send me your name and number at [michaelmay060@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelmay060@yahoo.com) if you can help. The choir director will contact you.

### **Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants**

August 20	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Brenda & Conner Brotherton
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Jessica & Madi Herrington

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

*“Everybody needs a place to call their home  
Everybody's skin is different, not their bones  
Even when you're lonely, know you're not alone  
You're one of us, one of us, one of us  
One of us.”*

—“One of Us,” *New Politics* (2017)

Many barriers exist between people, and many of them have been in the news in the past few years: national borders, racial differences, rich and poor, Republican and Democrat. With the technological advances in world-wide communication and transportation, one would think that people could become more and more unified, but we still struggle with a basic recognition of humanity and human value in one another. We can live sheltered lives where we only encounter people of the same language, nationality, skin color, and socio-economic level. Over time, our suspicion of other peoples grows simply because we are not used to them.

One of the values of traveling is to be exposed to different people where what we have in common becomes more and more obvious. My travel to Guatemala, along with Jack Hudkins and Michael Kennedy, has helped me once again to value a larger swath of humanity. The food is different, but we all eat. The language is different, but we all speak. The bodies are shaped differently, but we all work and play and hurt and bleed (it was a medical-missions trip). One can find much that we share.

In addition to the superficial unity of humanity, finding a common connection of the heart is most valuable. We view others not simply with pity that puts one over another, but more importantly we respect in others what we ourselves need. I found last week tremendous witnesses of faith and praise. I remember Angel, who was 91 years old and worked with a machete. He had hernias on both left and right sides and could barely walk. But he had youthful, exuberant faith. We asked if he would like to pray before his surgery, and he adamantly and confidently said yes and that he wanted to be covered with the full armor of God because that was the only way to do anything. After the surgery, he woke up faster than any other patient, and we gave thanks to God for His goodness. There were many others who exhibited courageous faith although life had been hard, many who inspired me to live more trustingly and courageously in my own life.

I am glad to be a part of this big, blue ball of humanity in all its glorious variety and unity of heart.

For the week of August 20-26—Acts 21-24

Community reading aloud—

Mondays, 7:00 pm – Waterfall Park in Independence

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