

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.

Order of Worship

8:30

10:45

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

Statistics for August 19, 2018 Attendance	89 + 126 = 215
Contribution	\$7,209.85
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$6,867
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$6,745

Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life

They have need for: bar soap, disinfectant wipes, gallon and quart size zip-lock bags, tall kitchen bags for people to put clothing in, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, jelly, instant potatoes, rice, beans (any kind), variety pack oatmeal, canned fruit, fruit cups, canned chicken, mac and cheese, Jiffy cornbread mix, toilet paper. 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.

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"I Will Fight This Fight"

Scripture David Rechenthin
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Lord's Supper Brian Wahlen

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The Cup

Giving

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Prayer List

Cora Mai Hall and **Jurhee Bench** both had recent falls and are need of prayers. **Tenaya Williams** is recovering from thyroid surgery. **Donna Wealand** will have thyroid surgery on September 6 at St. Luke's South in Overland Park. **Andy Hester's** pacemaker procedure has been postponed for more tests. **Sharon Michael's** mother, Betty Spidle, is in need of prayers. Continued prayers for **Buddy Self, Rita Fitzsimmons, Earl Weddle, Faye Sullivan, Evelyn Campbell, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith Bench, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.**

Nursing Home Service

TODAY (3:00) – Our 4th-Sunday service at Wilshire at Lakewood Nursing Home is today. Come be an encouragement to the residents there!

BRCC Ladies Fall Retreat

September 7-8 – The theme will be **“Precious and Dearly Loved.”** Please join us for our first ladies' retreat as we learn and grow in our understanding of the Savior and His love for us. You are precious to your heavenly Father, so precious that he sacrificed his very own Son so you could belong to his forever family! Reserve your spot with **Samantha Pollard** at sapdisciple@gmail.com.

Watercolor Class

Tuesday, September 18 (9:00-12:00) – **Nancy Sullivan** is starting a new watercolor class here at the church building. If you are interested in attending, please contact her at nancysullivanart@gmail.com or (816) 769-9092.

Area Wide Youth Rally

Saturday, September 15 (5:00-9:00 pm) – The theme is “Something About That Name—Jesus!” RSVP via email to **Aaron Palmer** by September 9 as dinner will be provided for all. Location is the Blue River Church. There is a flyer with additional information in the foyer.

Church of Christ Weekend @ Silver Dollar City

October 12-14 – if you are interested in attending and need hotel accommodations please see **Aaron Palmer**. The special 2-day park tickets should be purchased by calling (800) 417-7770 and asking for offer #4548.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Brenda & Carrie Brotherton
2nd Service – Kimberly Kennedy & Aubrey Hall

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

Re-stating what we believe is extremely important not only for guests who visit Blue River, but also for those who have been members for a long time. We may need to learn more about faith, or we may need to learn how to better describe our faith to others. I want to summarize God's plan of salvation from the Bible.

God wants everyone to be saved, and by His grace He provides a way for all people to come to Him through His Son Jesus Christ. Below, I list several verses from the Bible, many of which have the word “saved” or “salvation” in them. I encourage you to look these up and, as with any Bible study, ask yourself if you need to do something to better obey God's instructions.

How does someone become a Christian? How is a person saved? First, the person must believe that Jesus is the Son of God, that He is Lord (Acts 4:12; 16:31). Second, the person must repent, admitting that one is sinful and now choosing to live a holy life (2 Corinthians 7:10). Third, confessing before witnesses that Jesus is Lord (Romans 10:9) is a way of taking on a life that openly glorifies God. Fourth, baptism in water (1 Peter 3:21) is that act of being buried with Christ (Romans 6:3-4), of dying to oneself and being born as a new person. In the book of Acts, baptism is the common way of entering into new life in Christ (Acts 2:38; 8:36, 38; 9:18; 10:47-48; 16:15, 33). When one is baptized, one is “added” to the church and “saved” (Acts 2:41, 47). In baptism, we are promised the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives (Acts 2:38), and the Spirit equips us to live a righteous life before God. Finally, we continue to grow in our salvation, everyday doing more of the will of God (Philippians 2:12-13). The saved are all a part of the Lord's church, and we help each other to grow into spiritually mature disciples (Ephesians 4:14-16).

To summarize it all in one paragraph is helpful in showing the simplicity of God's plan. Obeying God does not require great intelligence. Obeying God does not require extraordinary ability. Obeying God, instead, requires a humble and trusting heart.

At the same time, each step in God's plan could be studied at length, digging deeper into what faith, repentance, confession, baptism, life in the church, and spiritual growth really means. The spiritual life is a life-long process of growth. He continues to teach and equip you until you reach maturity in Christ. You will become not only a participant in God's salvation, but also a teacher and example for others.

As you are studying the Bible passages listed above, please ask any of us if you have any questions. We look forward to witnessing your salvation in Jesus and to being your brothers and sisters in Christ.