

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 July 31, 2016 Attendance	116 + 123 = 239
Contribution	\$4,308.35
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 7, 2016

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Order of Worship

8:30

#416 "Footsteps of Jesus"
#693 "Heart of a Servant"
#694 "Servant Song"

Prayer Michael May

Scripture Bruce Sewell
Psalm 115

#693 "Heart of a Servant"
#694 "Servant Song"
#701 "My Jesus I Love Thee"

Lord's Supper
Gary Hasty

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#555 "Seek Ye First"
#429 "Oh to Be Like Thee"

Power Kids

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Selfish Christianity:
Sacred Cows"

#693 "Heart of a Servant"
#694 "Servant Song"

Shepherd's Prayer Jan Sullivan

Final Praise Isaiah 37:16

Songs Led By Shane Hall

10:45

#144 "O Worship the King"
"Still"

Prayer Shane Hall

#75 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Scripture Dallas Herrmann
Psalm 115

#129 "Amazing Grace"

Lord's Supper
Paul Walker

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#695 "None of Self and All of Thee"

Power Kids

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Selfish Christianity:
Sacred Cows"

#662 "All to Jesus I Surrender"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Praise Isaiah 37:16

Songs Led By Roger Cook

Prayer List

Ruth Nutter recently had knee surgery. **Jim Trotter** has bladder cancer. **Betty Trotter** has shingles. Continue to pray for the **Snowden family** with the passing of **David**, the **Waldron family**, **Dawson Johnson**, **Virginia Fuhr**, **Grover Renick**, **Bruce Keeton**, **Gary Campbell**, **Keith and Jurhee Bench**, **Betty Williams**, **Tammy Walker's** family, **Shane Hall's** mother, **Donna Kerns**, **Phyllis MacMillan**, **Holly Hadley**.

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.

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 7	1 st Service	John and Cara Owen
	2 nd Service	Jennifer and Aubrey Hall

Birthdays for August 7 - 13

Lynn Elsbury – August 8
Dawn Cook – August 11

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

I have a saying that should be put next to the best of Benjamin Franklin: “Love covers a multitude of sins, and so does a lawnmower.”

My yard has more than its fair share of crab grass and dandelions, and I am jealous of the other yards on my street. However, there is one day when I take my place among them—mowing day. Once a week, my yard is green and smooth like theirs. Even weeds can give the perception of grass when they are cut down. After I mow, I enjoy taking a walk and finding a little dandelion or a tuft of crab grass in someone else's yard. It is my one day of victory.

Anger can be like the lawnmower. We are tempted to use anger to get rid of our problem areas. If we yell loud enough or fight hard enough, we can mow down the things that plague us. If we are aggressive enough, we can eliminate the distance between our lives and our neighbors' lives. A strong sense of judgment and indignation gives the appearance of control, demanding some respect and honor. One can end the argument, enjoying the honored position of having “the last word.”

However, the dandelion shows the futility of my lawnmower. Sure, for a moment I have victory, but they continue in their deception. They lie down, limp and lifeless, pretending to be dead. But we know what happens. The very next day, the dandelions stand right back up. They may even have their heads chopped off, but they stand tall as if to say, “I have no concerns. I'll grow a new head—a nice, fluffy, white one with lots of pretty seeds [Please insert evil, maniacal laugh]!” Crab grass is so pretty when cut, but within hours, it grows out its ugly tendrils right onto my pretty sidewalk. Anger also proves itself to be temporary, only disguising and even propagating the problems.

No, the only solution is to combat evil with what goes to the root of the problem. Love is the only thing that can reach way down deep and kill off what is troubling. I am amazed to watch God handle His weeds. God does have to burn the field at times, to start over with a new planting; however, His primary weed-killer is an incredibly patient love. His choice is to win us over with love, to replace our desire for sin with desire for Him. The lawns of our lives are filled with the deception of sin, and God nurtures and nourishes the healthy grass until it chokes out the unwelcome guests.