

September 2, 2018

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

#574 "Oh, How I Love Jesus"
#763 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

#570 "A Beautiful Life"
#410 "He Leadeth Me"

Prayer Gary Campbell

Prayer Vint Hall

Scripture David Blankenship
Luke 8:42b-48

Scripture John Wubbenhorst
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#228 "Oh, How He Loves You and Me"

#354 "I Gave My Life for Thee"

Lord's Supper
Jim Bassford

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Randy Smith

The Bread
The Cup

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Giving

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#144 "O Worship the King"
#429 "Oh, to Be Like Thee"

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Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Ministry: Poor, Unfortunate
Souls"

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#494 "O Happy Day"

#907 "Hark the Gentle Voice"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

Final Invitation Matthew 11:28

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Songs Led By Shane Hall

Songs Led By Gary Hasty

Elders Earl Fultz David Keller
John Owen Russ Simmons
Paul Walker

Deacons David Blankenship David Foster
Darren Herrmann Jack Hudkins
Aaron Palmer Sean Turner

Pulpit Minister Darin Kennedy
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Family Life Minister Shane Hall
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Statistics for August 26, 2018 Attendance	77 + 169 = 246
Contribution	\$6,258.75
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.

Prayer List

Roman Martin recently had a CT scan and it shows that the spots in his lungs have increased. He sees his surgeon at St. Luke's on the 4th. **Buddy Self** will be having more tests on the 5th. **Donna Wealand** will have thyroid surgery on September 6 at St. Luke's South in Overland Park. **Tenaya Williams** is recovering from thyroid surgery. **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 **Cora Mai Hall, Rita Fitzsimmons, Earl Weddle, Faye Sullivan, Evelyn Campbell, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith and Jurhee Bench, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.**

This is Promotion Sunday

TODAY (9:45) – Please move your children to their current school grade or appropriate aged class. Also, **Larry Sullivan** will be teaching a quarterly class titled, “I Believe, Help My Unbelief” in the fellowship hall, and **Darin Kennedy** will be teaching a 6-week class entitled “Creation Care” in the auditorium.

BRCC Ladies Fall Retreat

September 7-8 – Please pray for our ladies and their families this weekend.

BRCC Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, September 11 (7:00 pm) – We'll meet in the adult classroom, and if you are unable to attend but have a prayer request, please submit it to **Paul Walker.**

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.**

Watercolor Class

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

College Student Ministry

If you would like your college student to receive some encouragement, please email their address to paulwalker2@sbcglobal.net. Also, if you are looking to get involved in a ministry, see **Paul Walker** about taking over and making this your own ministry by blessing our young adults.

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

I know that all of us want to be an encouragement to guests. More than that, we want to provide a meaningful testimony to the gospel of Christ. For those guests who are already Christians, we want them to feel like they are at home in our family. For those who have not yet put on Christ, we want them to experience firsthand the love and grace of God. God welcomed us, and we want to welcome others.

I appreciate how the family here works together. We have a wonderful ministry of greeters at the front door. We are all vibrant and heartfelt in our singing. We all have a part to play in ministering to others. When we use the gifts God has given to us individually, we work as one body giving praise and glory to God, who has brought us together into Christ to serve Him. That one collective voice is far more persuasive than a few talented voices that stand out in a crowd.

When I have confidence in the church's reception of guests, I am more confident in sharing my faith with others. Evangelism requires three things:

1) Evangelism needs growth in the knowledge of the gospel. This happens through Bible studies and other avenues of teaching.

2) Evangelism needs a strong, personal example of Christian character. At work, home, school, or wherever, we must show by our actions and words that we belong to Christ. We must practice what we preach.

3) Evangelism requires a faithful community of believers. Life in Christ is life in the church, and God's plan uses the body of Christ to show His fullness.

When one of those three points of the evangelism triangle is missing, evangelism is next to impossible. If knowledge is missing, evangelism is just recruiting membership for a club. If a personal example is missing, no one is impressed by hypocrisy. If the faithful community is weak, the soil is too shallow to nourish a spiritual embryo. Both the individual witness and the community testimony are crucial to persuading people to come to Christ and to give Him their lives.

I have much confidence that the faithful community here at Blue River is capable of teaching Christ, demonstrating Christ, and maturing new believers. I go back to the evangelism I grew up with as a child: “Invite your friends to church.” When you bring guests to the church gathering, they will see the gospel of Christ in action, and I am convinced they will be more fully persuaded.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Arline Bradshaw

2nd Service – Stormy Cook & Liddy Miller