

# 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 September 3, 2017 Attendance	87 + 162 = 249
Contribution	\$6,695.00
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.

September 10, 2017

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## Church of Christ

### Order of Worship

**8:30**

#452 "Standing on the Promises"

*Prayer* Bruce Sewell

#867 "To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way"  
#570 "A Beautiful Life"

*Scripture* Jeff Petersen  
Psalm 10

#381 "Years I Spent in Vanity"

*Lord's Supper* Jerry Brown

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#884 "Earth Holds No Treasures"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Game of Thrones"

#674 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*Shepherd's Prayer* John Owen

*Final Praise* Psalm 149:2

*Songs Led By* Gary Hasty

**10:45**

#23 "Our God, He Is Alive"  
#19 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

*Prayer* Randy Smith

"Firm Foundation"

*Scripture* Roger Wealand  
Psalm 10

#166 "He's My King"  
#77 "Glorify Thy Name"

*Lord's Supper* Nick Williams

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#559 "The Joy of the Lord"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Game of Thrones"

#555 "Seek Ye First"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Russ Simmons

*Final Praise* Psalm 149:2

*Songs Led By* Shane Hall

## **Prayer List**

Jan Sullivan is in rehab at John Knox. Continued prayers for **Bob Schmitt, Howard Petersen, Rita Fitzsimmons, Bob MacMillan, Liz Church, Freda Renick, Donna Kerns, Buddy Self, Drew Battistelli, Lena Bramlett, Doris Buys, Dave and Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Evelyn Campbell, Bruce Keeton, Jane Weatherbee, and Ralph & Eloise Staley.**

## **Fall Classes – Start Today**

**Auditorium** – Russ Simmons will be teaching from “**The Sermon on the Mount**” where Jesus provides a practical guide to the wise person’s life.

**Adult Classroom** – Larry Sullivan & David Blankenship will be teaching, “**The Character of God and His Rewards and Punishments.**”

## **Leadership Training for Christ**

**TODAY - September 10** – A table is in the foyer for all kids 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades to sign up for LTC 2018: *Chosen! The Book of 1 Samuel.*

## **Tuesday Mornings**

**Tuesday, September 12 (9:30)** – Nancy Sullivan will begin an Intermediate Watercolor Class. A Beginning Class will be started if there is enough interest. Contact Nancy if you are interested or have questions.

**Weekly (10:00-11:00)** – Donna Wealand holds a Ladies Study & Prayer Group.

## **Youth Rally Event**

**September 15-16** – Hosted by Blue River – *Elevate: Empowering Youth to Live Above the World!* We need desserts for Friday night and side dishes on Saturday for a BBQ. If you can help, please see **Jennifer Hall.**

## **S.O.F.T. Group Potluck & Special Speaker**

**September 20 (11:30 am)** – Guest presenter on “Cognitive Decline, Dementia & Hearing Loss” – All ages are welcome to attend.

## **Annual Men’s Retreat**

**October 6-7** – This year the men will “aim for higher heights as they pine for a closer walk with God and deeper relationships with one another.” At the Heartland Retreat Center.

## **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.

## **Care Packages for College Students**

We would like to send our students a care package and are asking for donations to go in them. Items such as snacks, pencils/pens, gum, or any other item for a student away at college would be appreciated. See **Paul and Tammy Walker.**

## **A Minister’s Musings – Shane Hall**

Over the years, opportunities to serve the “unchurched” have always been available. Typically speaking, those who may not always attend church or claim a church home call on their local church and minister for certain services. For example, I’ve had the privilege of doing several weddings and funerals for non-church members. These folks seek the services of a “pastor” during the big moments of life, and I’ve always been more than happy to oblige. Writing and presenting a lesson, saying some prayers and perhaps singing a song or two aren’t too terribly difficult, and I get to represent my Savior in the process.

My favorite part about this area of service, however, is when the church is able to deliver some shock and awe to people who may not ever encounter her. Long time church members become used to many services like hospital visits and meal deliveries but those who are not of our number are not used to them. It is beautiful to watch a family’s surprise when the church silently provides grace after a loved one passes. There is a satisfaction in hearing someone lavish praise on our fellowship after we have gathered to serve them without any strings attached. It makes the heart soar to know that in all that we do, our God is glorified.

We are the body of Christ. We each get the wonderful privilege of representing Him every day—in the street and in the home and in the crowds all alone, in the highways and byways. I don’t do this as well or as often as I should. Whether it’s because of fear, laziness or business, getting myself to take the initiative to serve can be difficult. But, like anyone else, my initiative to serve gets better when I am part of a like-minded group. Being able to partner with others seems to give us the energy and courage we need to reach out beyond our comfort zones. Jesus didn’t send the 12 out on individual missions but called them and gathered them together (Matt. 10). Paul, the apostle, knew the importance gathering with like minds and hearts (1 Cor. 12).

If you have not made attempt to fellowship with one of our small groups we sincerely hope you will do so soon. We currently have 9 different groups that meet, study and fellowship together. Each of them carry a distinct identity, but all of them have a mind to work in the kingdom together. All of them desire to bring glory to God by serving one another and the community around them.

For the week of September 10-16—Isaiah 6-12

### **Today’s Morning Nursery Attendants**

1<sup>st</sup> Service – Kelly Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> Service – Heidi and Hadyn Hoggatt