

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 Russ Simmons
John Owen Jan Sullivan

Deacons

David Blankenship Aaron Palmer
David Foster Sean Turner
Darren Herrmann Paul Walker
Jack Hudkins

Pulpit Minister

Darin Kennedy
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Family Life Minister

Shane Hall
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Statistics for September 10, 2017 Attendance	95 + 160 = 255
Contribution	\$7,281.77
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 17, 2017

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Order of Worship

8:30

#2 "We Praise Thee, O God"
#417 "Where He Leads I'll Follow"

Prayer David Rehenthin

Scripture Tony Pollard
Psalm 97

#704 "Bind Us Together"

Lord's Supper Bill Brotherton

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"
#693 "Heart of a Servant"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
Jack Hudkins

#539 "Higher Ground"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Praise Psalm 47:1-2

Songs Led By Shane Hall

10:45

#15 "Step by Step"
#171 "Above All Else"

Scripture Aaron Palmer
Psalm 97

Prayer Ryan Smith

#76 "How Great Thou Art"

Lord's Supper Roger Cook

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#524 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
Jack Hudkins

#453 "Love Lifted Me"

Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

Final Praise Psalm 47:1-2

Songs Led By Gary Hasty

Prayer List

Tony Pollard is undergoing some medical tests. Continued prayers for **Jan Sullivan, 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 Bible Classes

Auditorium – Russ Simmons is 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 is teaching, “**The Character of God and His Rewards and Punishments.**”

Tuesday Mornings

Weekly (9:30-11:00) – Nancy Sullivan will teach an Intermediate Watercolor Class.

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

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.

Keith Lancaster’s Praise & Harmony Workshop

September 23 (9:30-noon) – At South Side Church of Christ, 1105 W 25th St, Lawrence, KS. This is for all ages! We will carpool from our building at 8:00 am. The event is free, & we’ll eat lunch after the workshop. Let **Drew Battistelli** know if you are interested or have any questions.

Texas Relief Efforts

September 30 – East Independence Church of Christ will be sending a team down to help with the relief efforts in Texas. If anyone would like to go, please contact **Bill Haley** at 573-259-0704.

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 **Life Change Camp, 351 NE 831 Road, Clinton, MO 64735.**

Silver Dollar City

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

Today’s Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Brenda & Conner Brotherton

2nd Service – Laurie & Hayley Kerley

Bible reading for the weeks of September 17-30—Isaiah 13-24

The Preacher’s Post – *Darin Kennedy*

“What can I do?”

The last month has been disastrous. Whether the bad news has come from the national news concerning hurricanes or North Korea or the bad news has come from close friends and family that are suffering in ways hidden from the media, it has been one bad report after another. Whether public or private, we feel powerless to change anything, but we do want to help.

“What can I do?”

Enormous need, whether caused by current events or continuous condition in the fallen world, has also produced tremendous opportunities for service to our fellow human beings. While we mourn what is lost and empathize with who is hurting, we understand at moments like this that we can serve one another and build stronger relationships like never before. Our divine purpose wrapped up into our shared desire for justice shines forth like a light and burns within like a fire. We may seem overpowered by gigantic forces, but we feel within that we can and must participate in recovery, in bringing about God’s new creation.

“What can I do?”

1) Pray. Prayer is a powerful work that is not dependent on physical resources or physical proximity; instead, it is a direct connection with the Power that has all resources and is in all places. Pray to the Great Provider about the need to provide for the homeless. Pray to the Great Physician to heal and soothe. Pray to the God who sees the heart to embolden and encourage. Pray to the Father of humankind that no one will be left out of rescue efforts. Pray to the Father of the church that the church may serve well the people the Father loves.

2) Give. The basic requirement of discipleship is to share what God has given. If you have eaten and drunk and bathed and dressed today, then you have something to share with those who haven’t. If you have been sheltered, then you have something to share with those who have no shelter. If you have been forgiven, then you have something to share with the hopeless and lost.

3) Send. Advocate that more be done by the church and others. Urge one another on toward love and good works. Challenge the able. Hold one another accountable. Encourage the fainthearted.

4) Go. Get locally involved in the work of restoration. Go to where people hurt, and get your hands dirty. Seek and save.

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.**