

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 September 11, 2016 Attendance	106 + 124 = 230
Contribution	\$6,402.27
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.

September 18, 2016

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Order of Worship

8:30

#742 "Count Your Blessings"
#749 "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

Prayer Bill Brotherton

Scripture Tony Pollard
I Corinthians 13

#745 "Humble Yourself"
#704 "Bind Us Together"

Lord's Supper Jerry Brown

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#709 "How Sweet, How Heavenly"
#759 "Shall We Gather at the River?"

Power Kids

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Selfish Christianity:
Competition"

#704 "Bind Us Together"

Shepherd's Prayer John Owen

Final Statement of Faith
Ephesians 4:4-6

Songs Led By Shane Hall

10:45

#47 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Prayer John Wubbenhorst

Scripture Greg Fitzsimmons
I Corinthians 13

#66 "Doxology"
#226 "Come, Thou Fount of Every
Blessing"

Lord's Supper Paul Walker

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#66 "Doxology"
#754 "Faith of Our Fathers"

Power Kids

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Selfish Christianity:
Competition"

#470 "Victory in Jesus"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Statement of Faith
Ephesians 4:4-6

Songs Led By Ryan Smith

Prayer List

Phil Roberts, Betty Williams, Grover Renick, Gary Campbell, Keith and Jurhee Bench, Donna Kerns, Phyllis MacMillan, Holly Hadley and Liz Church. If you would like something added or removed, please let the office know by leaving a note on the desk or send an email to office@bluerivercofc.org.

Fall Classes

Auditorium – **Darin Kennedy** is teaching on **“Faith and Culture.”** We will look at how a disciple should live in our culture today, looking at specific issues that challenge faith in America.

Adult Classroom – **Russ Simmons** is teaching on **“The Humanity of Jesus.”** In becoming man, Jesus not only took our place making payment for our sin, but also demonstrated to us how we can and should live our lives.

Wednesdays – **Earl Fultz** is teaching the men’s class on **“An Overview of Revelation.”** **Denise Fultz** is teaching the women’s class on **“The Names of God.”** Both times are also wonderful for getting to know and praying with brothers and sisters in Christ. For the kids we have **Trek 812** as well as a **toddler class** available for those too young for Trek 812.

Small Groups

New groups have just started. See **Shane Hall** for information on how you can plug in and get involved. You’ll be glad you did!

Work Day

September 24 – Volunteers are needed to work both outside and inside the building.

Beginner Watercolor Class

Fridays through December 2 (10:00am) – The class is free, but you will need to purchase supplies. This would be a great time to invite a friend who might be searching for a relationship with God and with others. If you are interested, please contact **Nancy Sullivan** at (816) 679-9092 or nancysullivanart@gmail.com.

Men’s Retreat

October 21-22 – Heartland Center, 16965 NW Highway, KC, MO 64152. All men are invited to “Get in the Game”!

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.

The Preacher’s Post – *Darin Kennedy*

I feel like an idiot. I am supposed to make decisions, and I have no idea how to do that. Someone gave me an article this week on taking care of the environment, and I realized that my first inner response was my Fox News soundbites that connect environmentalism with liberalism, which causes me to either disregard articles or to read them to find all the mistakes I can. I immediately checked that first response and decided, especially since I trust completely the person who gave it to me, to read it with open eyes. I found it a very interesting read, and it made me think about my responsibility to take care of the environment, which is what God called Adam to do in the first place. At the same time, I was frustrated in that I have to trust what more knowledgeable people have to say because I do not know anything about the environment that could help me judge the conclusions at which they arrived.

I don’t know anything about cars, so I have to trust the mechanic. I don’t know anything about economics, so I have to trust people like the Fed. I don’t know much about cell phones, so I feel the urge to spend \$600 more for the iPhone 7 than for other phones. I don’t know much about the brain, so I don’t know what to think about jumping up in excitement when a massive hit takes place in the Chiefs game. I don’t know, and so I feel vulnerable to so-called “experts” because I can’t even judge if they are an expert or not. I know the Bible. I have been trained in it and feel comfortable hearing what experts say about it and making an informed decision about their conclusions. But voting on a presidential election surrounded by issues like immigration, economics, the military, etc., is much more difficult for me, so I have to trust some “experts.”

One way I might deal with my ignorance is to pick and choose from what I would rather hear. You can always find someone on TV or the internet to affirm what you want (in the biblical world we call it “prooftexting”)—what saves you money, what excuses your behavior, what maintains your tradition, what confirms your prejudice, etc. It always begins with, “I like what this person said...” as if “I” actually had the ability to judge whether that person was right or not.

I have decided that I want to be more responsible. I want to hear both sides more clearly and to investigate things more thoroughly. I will not be motivated by fear tactics and labelling or by personal profit and self-approval, but I will search for truth and respond to it appropriately. How else can I respond as a disciple of the Author of truth?