

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	89 + 121 = 210
Contribution	\$4,639.35
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 24, 2017

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Order of Worship

8:30

#991 "This Is My Father's World"
#508 "A Wonderful Savior"

Scripture Steve Etter
Psalm 7

Prayer Gene Clark

#300 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"
#383 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Lord's Supper
Brian Wahlen

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#679 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

#943 "Do You Know My Jesus?"

Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

Final Praise Psalm 46:10

Songs Led By Gary Hasty

10:45

#853 "When We All Get to Heaven"
"Let Us Adore"

Prayer David Keller

Scripture Shane Hall
Psalm 7

#749 "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"
#662 "All to Jesus I Surrender"

Lord's Supper
Alan Olas

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

"Blessed Be Your Name"
"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

#924 "Just As I Am"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Praise Psalm 46:10

Songs Led By Shane Hall

Prayer List

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

Wilshire Nursing Home Ministry

TODAY @ 3:00pm – Make plans to participate and be a blessing.

Small Group Information

There is now a list hanging on the main bulletin board with information about the current small groups. For those of you seeking a fit please reach out to a group that fits your needs or see **Shane Hall** if you are interested in hosting or leading a new group.

Tuesday Mornings

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

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

TREK 812 Kick-Off Party

September 27 (7:00pm) – Attention kiddos, please join us for the fall kick-off party!

There is a great session planned for you and your friends so be sure to bring them along!

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.** There is a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board in the lobby.

2017 Extraordinary Women's Conference

October 6-7 – This year Odessa Church of Christ is holding a free simulcast at their building. Please see the Ladies' bulletin board for more details, and if you would like to attend, please sign up on the main bulletin board.

Silver Dollar City

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

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

On Wednesday, the SOFT Group had a very interesting presentation by a local audiologist. Not only does he check one's level of hearing, but he also uses hearing tests to help diagnose other problems that may be going on with a person's general health. From what he finds on hearing tests, he can lead people to look for other difficulties, such as diabetes or stroke. He also described several situations where other diagnoses are given and medication is prescribed while the symptoms may be attributed to hearing loss, but few doctors ever ask their patients to simply have their hearing tested. While I found the information about the physical body fascinating, the presentation was full of spiritual implications as well.

Because we have a God who reveals Himself, who speaks, one of the most important organs of discipleship is the ear: “Whoever has ears, let them hear” (Matthew 13:9). The story of creation being spoken into existence in Genesis 1 is told not only to describe God's power, but also to demonstrate the importance of listening to Him, to see the power available when one obeys His word. Jesus is described as the Word become flesh in John 1. Even when Jesus is transfigured according to physical sight into all his divine glory, the instruction is given from the voice of God, “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” (Mark 9:7). If hearing is the most basic part of our relationship with God, then it behooves us to have our hearing checked on a regular basis. Spiritual problems are caused by many things, but why look at lots of other causes without first questioning how well we are listening.

Listening requires both the physical act of hearing and the inward act of hearing. One must be actually listening through the reading of the Word, through the teaching of others, and through conversation around the Word. If one is not actually ingesting the Word, there is no way for digestion to begin. Once the Word is taken in, then the inward process of hearing begins. The mind contemplates the Word and all its possibilities. The heart is humbled to receive the Word as a personal address. The body is activated to respond to the Word. Listening seems passive, but it is an active pursuit of the mind, heart, and will of God.

How's your hearing? Have you had it tested lately?

For the week of September 24-30—Isaiah 13-25

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Sherry & Cara Owen

2nd Service – Kimberly Kennedy