

# 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>	Jim Bassford 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 11, 2016 Attendance	104 + 120 = 224
Contribution	\$5,086.51
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 25, 2016

# BLUE RIVER

## Church of Christ

### Order of Worship

**8:30**

#827 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

*Prayer* Ron McCleary

#2 "We Praise Thee, O God"

*Scripture* Bill Endicott  
Matthew 13:1-9

#288 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*Lord's Supper* Brian Wahlen

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#381 "Years I Spent in Vanity"  
#991 "This Is My Father's World"

*Power Kids*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Selfish Christianity:  
No Balance"

#934 "Softly and Tenderly"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Jan Sullivan

*Final Reading* Matthew 7:24

*Songs Led By* Tony Pollard

**10:45**

#827 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

*Prayer* Shane Hall

#2 "We Praise Thee, O God"

*Scripture* David Keller  
Matthew 13:1-9

#288 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*Lord's Supper* Darren Herrmann

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

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### **Prayer List**

**Frank Stewart** is now in rehab. Continued prayers for **Marie Nash, 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.

**Wednesday evenings** – **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!

### **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”!

### **Youth Group Lock-In**

**October 28-29 (6:00pm-11:00am)** – Youth 7-12 grades will enjoy a time of “costume” kick ball, games, movie and Bible studies. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby for both the youth to attend and adult volunteers. Please see **Aaron or Aylee Palmer** for additional details.

### **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***

*“Someone’s in the kitchen with Dinah,  
Someone’s in the kitchen I know,  
Someone’s in the kitchen with Dinah,  
Strummin’ on the old banjo!”*

—Included in the American Folk Song, *“I’ve Been Working on the Railroad”*

You know that moment on Thanksgiving Day when you plop back in your chair, stuffed with stuffing, and you practically fall asleep reaching for the remote. At the end of the day, you say, “This has been a good day to rest.” But someone else has been working hard, rising early to start all the things necessary to get that meal on the table and staying up late to get it all cleaned up. Somebody is always in the kitchen.

I think about my great-grandmother Ruth Kennedy on the Kennedy dairy farm in Tennessee. She would rise about 5:00 to get started on a big breakfast for the men who were going out to work. They would come in to a feast of biscuits, gravy, bacon, eggs, etc. only to go back out again. When the men left, she would begin the cleaning up process so she could get started on lunch for the hungry crew again. After lunch, they would cover the leftovers on the table by folding over the edges of the tablecloth, but it was not for the purpose of rest; they had other things to do, like canning, churning, cleaning, and quilting. It was a busy life from sun-up to sun-down.

We might be thankful not to have such a strenuous life today, but do not forget that others are still working continually on your behalf. You might relax by going to a restaurant, but someone is cooking for you and cleaning up after you. Your cable goes out, and in your frustration you forget the people that are not home with their families, but are waiting at all hours to get that phone call and to fix your problem. The shelves are stocked in the middle of the night. The power plant is manned all day and night. Someone is ringing up the cash register at QT and cleaning those stinky restrooms all the time. The nursing staff is available continually. We might be impressed that something is open for 24 hours, but that means someone is working hard.

As Christians, it is vitally important that we not forget people. We can become so fixated on our own enjoyment and how smooth life should be, that we forget the struggles, the dreams, and the humanity of those who work hard for us even though they do not even know us. Jesus would notice the forgotten people, and he would have shown them the honor of his presence and love. Who has gone unnoticed in your life, who deserves your respect, thanks, and prayers?