

# 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 July 3, 2016 Attendance	93 + 122 = 215
Contribution	\$6,632.83
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,554
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,931

### 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.

July 10, 2016

# BLUE RIVER

## Church of Christ

### Order of Worship

8:30

10:45

#538 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"	#538 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"
#542 "Tell it to Jesus"	#542 "Tell it to Jesus"
<i>Prayer</i> Jim Bassford	<i>Prayer</i> Shane Hall
<i>Scripture</i> Andy Hester Revelation 22:1-5	<i>Scripture</i> Ben Church Revelation 22:1-5
#742 "Count Your Blessings" #387 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"	#742 "Count Your Blessings" #387 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"
<i>Lord's Supper</i> Michael May	<i>Lord's Supper</i> Darren Herrmann
<i>The Bread</i>	<i>The Bread</i>
<i>The Cup</i>	<i>The Cup</i>
<i>Giving</i> #886 "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"	<i>Giving</i> #886 "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"
<i>Power Kids</i>	<i>Power Kids</i>
<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "Catching a Wave: Riverside"	<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "Catching a Wave: Riverside"
#909 "There's a Fountain Free"	#909 "There's a Fountain Free"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Jan Sullivan	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> John Owen
<i>Final Praise</i> Psalm 36:7-8	<i>Final Praise</i> Psalm 36:7-8
<i>Songs Led By</i> Paul Walker	<i>Songs Led By</i> Paul Walker

## The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

VBS starts next Sunday, and it is a wonderful time for our entire church family. I look back over my own personal three decades now of helping with VBS, and I have seen its benefit. I have dressed up as a clown, high priest, Stingy Pete, Cletus, Plungerman, and several Bible figures (you can use the same costume for most Bible figures). I have donned puppets of a dog, monkey, and boy. I have sung “Pharaoh, Pharaoh,” “The Frog Song,” and “Wrapped Up, Tied Up, Tangled Up” more times than I can count. VBS has become a defining part of my spiritual journey, and it has been rewarding. I think we always look forward to VBS for several reasons:

1) We get to work together. It is amazing how much work is required from so many volunteers. From cookies to stories to skits to registration to crafts to crazy activities to organizing the whole thing to clean-up, many opportunities are available for involvement. When our fellowship includes partnership, our unity is strengthened exponentially. I know friendships that have developed and grown because of sharing work at VBS.

2) We have fun. The routine of faith can be comforting and foundational, but we do need times of exhilaration and rejuvenation, even exhaustion, to spur faith on. That is why we send kids to camp. That is why we go on retreats. That is why we have VBS. We do not teach anything different, but we claim a special occasion for faith, and it helps our everyday faith to be stronger. At the end of VBS, one says that faith is exciting and joyful, and the joy of the Lord is strength.

3) We fulfill one of our core functions as the people of God—serving children. We claim to do much for children. We feed them, clothe them, educate them, get them on sports teams, and love them. At VBS, we welcome children in the name of Jesus and provide a rich environment for building faith. One of my favorite sights is when a guest comes for VBS and that young boy or girl greets his or her parent at the end of the evening with exuberance, ready to show off a craft that was made or to describe something experienced. Almost always the parent of a guest acts incredibly surprised, as if they really did not expect the child to enjoy “church” that much. If the child can enjoy it, then perhaps adults can as well. We all long to be children again, especially children of God.

### *Birthdays for July 10 – July 16*

Gene Clark and Jurhee Bench – July 10

Fleta Duncan – July 16

Lisa Bassford – July 11

Karen Banks – July 15

### **Prayer List**

**Donna Kerns** is home. **Phyllis MacMillan** is now home, recovering from lung surgery. **Holly Hadley** had foot surgery. Continue to pray for **Joe Harber's** mother, **Dawson Johnson**, **Virginia Fuhr**, **Grover Renick**, **Bruce Keeton**, **Gary Campbell**, **Keith and Jurhee Bench**, **Betty Williams**, **Tammy Walker's** family, **David Snowden**, **Shane Hall's** mother.

### **New Small Groups**

We can help you find a great group!!! This session will run through August 21. It's not too late to plug in!!

### **VBS Promotional Day**

**July 13** (Wednesday, 7:00-8:00) – We will be canvassing the neighborhood with door hangers to get the word out about VBS. Please make plans to help.

### **VBS**

**July 17-20** (6:30-8:45) – See the Blue River website to register your children. Please see **Darlene Pollard** if you would like to bring cookies or snacks for VBS. There will be a brief volunteer meeting immediately after each service in the library **TODAY**.

### **Fellowship Brunch**

**July 17** (9:30-10:30) – We will have our quarterly brunch between services.

### **Trek 812**

Trek 812 would like to have names and addresses of your current military friends and family. We will send care packages in August, see **Angelia Hudkins**.

### **Birth Announcement**

**Alan and Rosemary Olas** announce their great-granddaughter, Autumn Hadley Nichols. Autumn was born on July 2 to parents, Kamwren and Kylie Nichols.

### **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.

### **Picture Board**

If you need your picture taken for the member picture board, please meet **Roger Wealand** after services by the picture board.

#### **Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants**

July 10

1<sup>st</sup> Service

Sherry and Cara Owen

2<sup>nd</sup> Service

Kimberly Sterne