

# 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 p.m.

## Elders

Earl Fultz  
 Russ Simmons  
 Jan Sullivan

## Deacons

Jim Bassford Jack Hudkins  
 David Blankenship John Owen  
 David Foster Mike Peerson  
 Darren Herrmann

## Pulpit Minister

Darin Kennedy  
 dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org

## Family Life Minister

Shane Hall  
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Statistics for March 6, 2016 Attendance	98 + 140 = 238
Contribution	\$7,850.65
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, port& 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. Place a note in the "Prayer Warrior" box, or 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.

March 13, 2016

# BLUE RIVER

## Church of Christ

## Order of Worship

### 8:30

#153 "Come, Let us Worship and Bow Down"  
 #74 "Praise the Lord"

*Prayer* Jerry Brown

*Scripture* Tony Pollard  
 Mark 4:3-9

#291 "The Great Physician"  
 #365 "How Beautiful"

*Lord's Supper*  
 Andy Hester, presiding

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#162 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*Power Kids* Be a Helper

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
 "Hebrews: Are You Ready for This?"

"And Can It Be"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Earl Fultz

*Final Commitment* Ephesians 4:15

*Songs Led By* Roger Cook

### 10:45

"Blessed Be Your Name"  
 #979 "I Am a Poor, Wayfaring Stranger"

*Prayer* Aaron Palmer

#470 "Victory in Jesus"

*Scripture* Matt Hoggatt  
 Mark 4:3-9

#395 "Follow Me"

*Lord's Supper*  
 Paul Walker, presiding

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#376 "He Paid a Debt"

*Power Kids* Be a Helper

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
 "Hebrews: Are You Ready for This?"

#915 "Trust and Obey"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Russ Simmons

*Final Commitment* Ephesians 4:15

*Songs Led By* Shane Hall &  
 Ryan Smith

### **Prayer List**

**Grover Renick** had a heart procedure this week and is home. **Andy Hester** had eye surgery. **Jacque Landers** is home after complications. **Holly Hadley's** recovery from a broken foot is going more slowly than expected. Continue to pray for **Liz Church, Bruce Keeton, Vickie Sullivan, Donna Kerns, Gary Campbell, Keith Bench, Ralph Staley, Linda Brizendine.**

### **New Adult Classes**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter** – New classes for adults—

Auditorium – **Darin Kennedy** is teaching on “Faith and Works.”

Upstairs Classroom – **Shane Hall** is teaching on “Family Life.”

### **Welcome New Members**

**Luke and Amber Bellamy, Ruth Elmer, David and Allie Keller, & Beulah Vaughn**

### **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

**March 27** (Sunday) – Annual Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:45 service. All children age 13 (or so) and under are invited to participate. Have your child bring a basket to “hunt.” Any questions, please call **Sara Reis** or **Debbie Peerson.**

### **Upcoming Youth Activities**

**April 2** (Saturday, 10:30) – Father-Son paintball outing at Jaegers. See **Aaron Palmer** for details.

**June 23-26** (Thursday-Sunday) – Narrow Way Youth Retreat at Camp Imprint. See **Shane and Jennifer Hall** for details.

### **Who Likes to Mow?**

**Mike Newbury** will use last year’s volunteers. If you prefer to be taken off the schedule or want to be added to it, please contact Mike at 816-853-6900 soon.

### **Birthdays – February 28-March 5**

*Will Kreisel – March 13                      Anne Johnston – March 14*  
*Michelle Hasty – March 15                Bill Brotherton – March 17*  
*Richard Pearce – March 19*

### **Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants**

March 13	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Brenda & Conner Brotherton
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Jennifer & Aubrey Hall
March 20	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Carrie & Abby Eaton
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Jessica & Madi Herrington

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

Children are incredibly important to Jesus and are, therefore, incredibly important to his church. In the same way Jesus welcomed the children (Mark 9:36f.), blessed the children (Mark 10:13ff.), and honored the children (Matthew 18:2ff.). Jesus most explicitly showed the importance of children by becoming one himself. The church serves Jesus by serving “the least of these.”

I am proud that Blue River serves children well through Bible classes, Power Kids, and Trek 812. We want them to grow strong not only in body in mind, but also, and mostly, in spirit and righteousness. As we grow as a congregation, more and more young families will enjoy what their children can receive by participating in life at Blue River.

As we continue to grow, we also want Blue River to be a place where children are protected, where we do what we can to prevent situations in which those who are vulnerable can feel safe and secure. As more organizations in our society implement safety procedures for children, it is important that the church also work hard for their well-being. A few changes in how we handle the protection of children are being implemented in our educational program and congregational life.

1) We are designing a new Child Protection Policy. This will provide guidelines to protect both children and workers from vulnerable situations. More will come about that in the next few months.

2) We need more adult volunteers to be involved in serving children, avoiding all situations where children are alone or with a single adult. These include helpers for Bible classes and Power Kids and general roamers for the education hallway and playground.

3) We need clearer communication between parents and children’s ministry volunteers. One of the things we are starting this morning for classes and Power Kids is a sign-in/sign-out procedure for children ages birth-4<sup>th</sup> grade. Teachers can know exactly who picked up the children. Parents can know exactly where their children are.

4) Be very conscious of children getting snacks. Children should not get cookies or other food without their parents’ permission.

These are ways that we can not only provide protection for our present children, but also initiate procedures for the growth to come.