

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 13, 2016 Attendance	84 + 136 = 220
Contribution	\$6,316.30
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 20, 2016

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Order of Worship

8:30

#452 "Standing on the Promises"
#648 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Scripture Steve Etter
Matthew 8:5-13

Prayer Gene Clark

#791 "On Bended Knee"
#113 "His Grace Reaches Me"

Lord's Supper
Ron McCleary, presiding

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#959 "Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

Power Kids Be a Helper

Lesson Shane Hall
"On Our Behalf"

#453 "Love Lifted Me"

Shepherd's Prayer Jan Sullivan

Final Commitment Romans 15:33

Songs Led By Gary Hasty

10:45

#959 "Just a Little Talk with Jesus"
#875 "Home of the Soul"

Scripture Ben Church
Matthew 8:5-13

Prayer Jerry John

#483 "Is It For Me?"
#509 "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

Lord's Supper
Alan Olas, presiding

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#452 "Standing on the Promises"

Power Kids Be a Helper

Lesson Shane Hall
"On Our Behalf"

#904 "Have You Been to Jesus?"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Commitment Romans 15:33

Songs Led By Paul Walker

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.**

Adult Classes

2nd Quarter –Classes for adults—

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

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

Members Directories

There are copies of Address & Phone and Email directories on a table in the reception area. Please review and check off if correct or make any edits that are necessary.

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 23 (NOTE Date Change) (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.

Wilshire Nursing Service

March 27 (Sunday, 3:00) – Our 4th Sunday service at Wilshire Nursing Home will be next week.

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 – March 20-26

Betty Trotter, Heath Church, Ron Ramage, & Mark Reis – March 20

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants		
March 20	1 st Service	Carrie & Abby Eaton
	2 nd Service	Jessica & Madi Herrington
March 27	1 st Service	Sherry & Cara Owen
	2 nd Service	Liddy Miller & Aubrey Hall

A Minister’s Musings – Shane Hall

“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

—Zechariah 9:9

In an election year, like we are in, we are aware of the competition for power. Power means money, strong rhetoric, and magnanimous promises. We hope to find someone who will work for the people, trying to avoid the one who will use the people purely for personal or political gain. How blessed we are in America where the people can have a choice in their leaders, especially compared to other nations where power is gained through bribery, deceit, armed aggression, or inheritance. But even here, sometimes we can feel rather helpless in the face of power.

In the Old Testament, the people felt the control of many types of power. When they were under oppression, as they were in Zechariah’s time, they knew the power of empire, the king of Persia being the head honcho. They knew the power of neighboring enemies who were like vultures feeding off the edges of the empire. They knew the power of corruption, as certain people looked for a weak spot, as well as a profitable position, in the transition of a return from exile. They knew the religious power of a restored temple, which should have spoken the word of God, but was vulnerable to being used politically. In contrast to all these powers, which left the people vulnerable, afraid, and hopeless, God promised a new kind of leader who would reveal himself in humility. Oh, he would still enact justice on his enemies, but his people would be able to draw near and find joy in his presence.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a donkey, he also entered an environment of empire, religion, and politics in which the people searched for salvation from the powers over them. Jesus came, not competing with money, rhetoric, and empty promises, but displaying a whole other, unworldly leadership of humility, gentleness, and sacrifice. And the people shouted for joy, sang in the streets, and drew near.

Today, the same people abused by “the powers of this dark world” (Ephesians 6:12) still long for a humble king, whom they feel welcome to approach, to serve, to love, and to praise. May we be disciples who display powerfully the humble king.