

# 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  
Jan Sullivan

**Deacons** Jim Bassford Jack Hudkins  
David Blankenship John Owen  
David Foster  
Darren Herrmann

**Pulpit Minister** Darin Kennedy  
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**Family Life Minister** Shane Hall  
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Statistics for April 24, 2016 Attendance	88 + 137 = 225
Contribution	
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. 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.

May 1, 2016

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## Church of Christ

### Order of Worship

#### 8:30

#535 "The Glory Land Way"  
#570 "A Beautiful Life"

*Scripture* Steve Etter  
Deuteronomy 4:9-20

*Prayer* Sean Turner

#898 "Paradise Valley"  
#332 "Lead Me to Calvary"

*Lord's Supper*  
Earl Fultz, presiding

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#957 "This World Is Not My Home"

*Power Kids* Fruit of the Spirit

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Hebrews: Consuming Fire"

#909 "There's a Fountain Free"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Jan Sullivan

*Final charge* Deuteronomy 4:39

*Songs Led By* Paul Walker

#### 10:45

#535 "The Glory Land Way"  
#570 "A Beautiful Life"

*Scripture* Greg Fitzsimmons  
Deuteronomy 4:9-20

*Prayer* Jerry John

#898 "Paradise Valley"  
#332 "Lead Me to Calvary"

*Lord's Supper*  
David Keller, presiding

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

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### **Prayer List**

**Russ Simmons's** mother, Marilyn Simmons, passed away last week. Services will be Monday, May 2, at Langsford Funeral Home. Visitation at 10:00, followed by services at 11:00. **Jerry John** had a procedure to relieve his back pain. **Susan Foster** was in Research Hospital last week for hip surgery and is home now. **Joe Harber's** mother is scheduled for heart surgery at KU on May 11. **Betty Williams** remains in rehab at John Knox following a fall. Continue to pray for **Phil Roberts, Jacque Landers, Grover Renick, Liz Church, Holly Hadley, Bruce Keeton, Donna Kerns, Gary Campbell, Keith Bench, Ralph Staley, Linda Brizendine.**

### **Photo Board Update**

**Roger Wealand** will be taking family photos for the picture board for those with last names starting with A through G **TODAY**. He will set up in the upstairs classroom before 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

### **VBS**

Put VBS on your calendar for **July 17-20**. If you are ready and willing to help, please see **Shane or Jennifer Hall**.

### **Members Directories**

There are copies of Address & Phone and Email directories in the reception area. Please review and check off if correct or make any edits that are necessary. If your name has been highlighted, your information has been confirmed or updated. **If not highlighted, you still need to review.**

### **Upcoming Youth Activities**

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

### **Birthdays – May 1-7**

*Denise Fultz – May 1*

*Kaitlin Loman – May 2*

*Connor Snowden – May 7*

### **Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants**

May 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Brenda & Connor Brotherton
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Heidi & Hadyn Hoggatt
May 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Denise Fultz & Aubrey Hall
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Jessica & Madi Herrington

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

The quality of being perceptive is critical to the Christian life. I used to read Agatha Christie mysteries with the elderly Miss Marple. In the story, everyone is trying to solve the murder, and the professional detectives are following every lead. Miss Marple simply stands behind the scenes, watching and listening for every scrap of information. At the end, when everyone else is stymied, she is able to describe the entire scenario and to lay a trap for the criminals. She made me think about the power of perception.

Most of us are too opinionated to be very perceptive. We have an idea, and we want to see it proved rather than being open to new information. Pride can filter everything so that we see it like we want to see it, rather than how things really are. Pride prevents us from looking at something from another perspective. We are quick to judge. Pride causes us to find fault with others. We are busy and rushed. Pride in our own schedules and business keeps us from stopping and noticing the little things. Perception is first of all a stance of humility, taking in all the information before reacting or judging conclusions. How quick are you in drawing conclusions and making judgments? Can you see the real needs of people?

To perceive others with care and interest produces the appropriate action and words. Not everyone is able to smile. Not everyone likes a big hug. Many do not know what they want. Many do not recognize what they need. Some wrestle with the past. Others worry over the future. No two people are alike.

I am amazed at how perceptive Jesus was. I know he had the all-knowing-God thing going for him, but it was more than that. Jesus was genuinely concerned about the world and people around Him, and he could see their hearts. Even though crowds surrounded him, Jesus felt the power go out from him to heal the woman with a bleeding problem. He noticed Zacchaeus in the tree. Jesus gave a lame man exactly what he needed—the forgiveness of sins. Jesus knew the hearts of the Jewish leaders who argued with him and eventually plotted to kill him. Jesus had an amazing perception of people, their actions and their motivations and their needs.

Each person is a deep mystery. Are you perceptive enough to look beyond the superficial, beyond dress and facial expressions and simple conversations, to see the value and needs of a real, emotional, social, and multi-faceted human being?