

Blue River Church of Christ

May 22, 2016

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Order of Worship

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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 May 15, 2016 Attendance	121 + 124 = 245
Contribution	\$4,752.44
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.

8:30

#452 "Standing on the Promises"
#129 "Amazing Grace"

Scripture Jerry Brown
John 10:7-18

Prayer Bill Brotherton

#552 "Have Thine Own Way"
#666 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

Lord's Supper David Blankenship

The Bread
The Cup

Giving #538 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Power Kids Fruit of the Spirit

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Elders"

#915 "Trust and Obey"

Shepherd's Prayer Jan Sullivan

Final Charge 2 John 4-5

Songs Led By Gary Hasty

10:45

#779 "I Love You, Lord"
#23 "Our God, He is Alive"
#806 "Sun of My Soul"
#807 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"
#808 "Abide With Me"

Medley

Prayer Aaron Palmer

Scripture Jack Hudkins
John 10:7-18

#779 "I Love You, Lord"

Lord's Supper Roger Cook, presiding

The Bread
The Cup

Giving #391 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
#392 "Faith is the Victory"

Power Kids Fruit of the Spirit

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Elders"

#779 "I Love You, Lord"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Charge 2 John 4-5

Songs Led By Shane Hall

Prayer List

Donna Kerns suffered a head injury while in St. Louis. **Dawson Johnson** is back in the hospital for additional tests. **Joe Harber's** mother is recovering from surgery. Continue to pray for **Virginia Fuhr, Howard Petersen, Phil Roberts, Grover Renick, Holly Hadley, Bruce Keeton, Donna Kerns, Gary Campbell, Keith Bench, Ralph Staley, Linda Brizendine, Betty Williams.**

Graduation Open House

May 22 (TODAY, 1:00-3:00) – The **Bassfords** will be hosting a graduation open house for **Jackson** in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursing Home Service

May 22 (TODAY, 3:00) – Our 4th Sunday service is this afternoon at Wilshire at Lakewood Nursing Home. We are going to have a great time of singing.

Anniversary Open House

May 29 (Sunday, 2:00-4:00) – Please join the **Trotter** family for a celebration of **Jim and Betty's 70th anniversary.** Festivities will be in the Fellowship Hall. Come and go as your schedule permits. No gifts, please.

Area Wide Worship

May 29 (Sunday, 5:00) – An area-wide worship service will be at Liberty Church of Christ. Artrell Harris of Roswell and Christian Family Services is the speaker.

Congregational Vote

June 5 (Sunday, in both services) – In our annual corporate meeting, we will vote on a new Constitution and By-Laws, the confirmation of **John Owen** as a new elder, the confirmation of **Aaron Palmer, Sean Turner, and Paul Walker** as new deacons, the re-affirmation of **Darin Kennedy** as minister, the re-affirmation of **Earl Fultz** and **Russ Simmons** as elders, and the re-affirmation of **Jim Bassford, David Foster, and Jack Hudkins** as deacons. Absentee ballots will be available next week. A hard copy of the Constitution and By-Laws is available this morning if you did not receive one this week by email.

Upcoming Youth Activities

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

Birthdays – May 22-28

Bryan Hastings – May 23

Jim Bassford & Andy Hester – May 27

Ruth Elmer – May 28

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

May 22

1st Service

Carrie & Abby Eaton

2nd Service

Liddy Miller

A Minister's Musings – Shane Hall

Have you ever done a thing knowing that when you finished it you'd be changed forever? Very few events in life are charged with enough energy and positivity to leave a lasting impression. Jennifer and I, privileged to be accompanied by Darin, Kimberly, and Ron, were mightily impressed by a recent event at Pepperdine University in Malibu California. *The Ascending Voice IV*, described as *an international symposium of sacred a cappella music* was a truly uplifting event that connected us with the music that Churches of Christ have enjoyed for many years. I, for one, have a deep love and respect for our heritage as *a cappella* worshipers and the symposium honored this heritage by highlighting its importance in multiple cultures and in all generations.

It was so exciting to see and experience all the virtuoso performances! These were moments when we just got the privilege to just sit, listen, and enjoy praises being sung to our God. There were great performances by: **Lubbock Christian University Choir, Centenary College Choir, Cerulean** (Pepperdine's choir in-residence), **Rochester College A Cappella Chorus, Pepperdine University Chamber Choir** (Our very own Leah Owen is part of this choir. What a talent!), **Harding University Choir, and Take 6.**

All of this great music uplifted and entertained us, but when we had the opportunity to lift our own voices to God, our hearts really swelled. Being led by Keith Lancaster and Ken Nafziger in the same week will really fill your cup quickly. We learned new contemporary music, sacred pieces from other cultures, and even brushed up on the classics. We sang the Psalms, belted spirituals, and reflected on the eternal messages of many sacred hymns. It was marvelous!

There is nothing like the unaccompanied human voice. It is amazing how we can inspire one another when we join together in song to express the great themes of Scripture! Blue River is blessed to have some talented singers sitting in the pews, but we are at our best when ALL OF US join in the throng! You may be reading this thinking, "Well that event was probably cool for a singer," or, "I'm not a music person; my voice isn't worth hearing." Well I say, nothing could be further from the truth! Singing is above all something God calls us to do (Eph. 5:18-21). He wants to hear your beautiful voice lifted up in praise to Him. Imagine the wonderful sound that raises to heaven when we all sing out loud. There were many polished, professional singers at Pepperdine last week. In many of our gatherings, it would have been easy for us to shut down and just let the "good singers" take over. But those who led strongly encouraged ALL to sing. As a leader myself (and I'm sure all of our leaders would agree), I love to hear the entire congregation shout to the Lord.

Worship has always been about what we offer to an Awesome God. We love to give him our best. We love to give Him our all. Let's sing with our whole heart and praise him with all our energy. We return from Pepperdine with a renewed energy and inspiration to praise our God. Please join us! "**Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come**" (Song of Solomon 2:12).