

# 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  
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## Family Life Minister

Shane Hall  
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Statistics for November 29, 2015 Attendance	86 + 126 = 217
Contribution	\$4,059.89
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,250
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,365

## Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life

They have need for: Ramen noodles, pasta meals, peanut butter, kool-aid, canned or packaged tuna, canned chicken, jello, cornbread mix, snack bars, applesauce or fruit cups, green beans, corn, mixed vegetables, bar soap, women's body wash, and tooth paste. 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.

December 6, 2015

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## Church of Christ

## Order of Worship

### 8:30

#23 "Our God, He Is Alive"  
"Do Lord"  
#224 "Blessed Be the Name"

*Scripture* Mike Newbury  
Romans 15:1-13

*Prayer* Jim Bassford

#694 "Servant Song"  
#383 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

*Lord's Supper*  
Bill Brotherton, presiding

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#490 "It Is Well With My Soul"

*Power Kids* Jesus: The reason for  
the season

*Lesson* Shane Hall  
"The God of all Comfort"

#674 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Earl Fultz

*Final Blessing* 2 Thessalonians 3:16

*Songs Led By* Gary Hasty

### 10:45

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

### ***In Need of Prayers***

Ray Weatherbee is at Centerpoint following back surgery. Lena Bramlett's son, Harold, passed away Thanksgiving day. Services were held in Virginia. Liz Church is currently on oral meds with possible radiation to be added to her cancer treatment. Continue to pray for Vickie Sullivan, Donna Kerns, Gary Campbell, Keith Bench, Ralph Staley, Joe Harber, and Grover Renick.

### ***Ladies Holiday Party***

Hannah Guntert is having a ladies' holiday party on December 10 at 5:30 at her home. Please bring a dish to share and an ornament for an exchange. RSVP to Hannah.

### ***Teen Holiday Party***

December 18 – (Friday at 7:00 p.m.) The Kennedy's will be hosting the teen holiday party at their home. See Darin or Kimberly with any questions.

### ***Leadership Training for Christ***

LTC is getting closer and preparations are under way. Registration is \$40 again this year. Please give registration money to Angelia or Jennifer by January 15. We are still in need of coaches and judges for the events at the conference.

### ***It's a Boy***

Kelly Sullivan Johnson and husband Kyle welcomed son Dawson a month early. Kelly is home but Dawson will remain at St. Luke's East a little longer.

### ***New Adult Classes Begin Today!***

Brian Wahlen will be teaching a class on the "Theology of the Cross" in the auditorium.

Ron McCleary's topic is "Jesus on Praying" in the Fellowship Classroom.

### **Birthdays – December 6-12**

*Gary Hasty & Russ Simmons – December 7*

*Conner Brotherton – December 8*

*Marie Nash & Renee Wubbenhorst – December 9*

*Christian Gurski – December 11*

*Jan McCleary, Jim Trotter, & Stacey Wubbenhorst – December 12*

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

December 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Lisa & Emma Bassford
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Tricia Porter & Brenda Herrmann
December 13	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Laurie & Sydney Kerley
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Julie & Bella Graham

"That's not the man I married."

The hair has thinned and lightened. The area around the middle is more prominent. He used to have big goals, but now he has just settled in. He used to talk to me so much more easily, and he used to connect more emotionally with me. We used to stay out late and have fun, but now he is just tired.

"That's not the woman I married."

She used to look at me like she really loved me. She used to be more interested in physical intimacy. Before the kids came, we really stuck together. We used to be active together, and she always seemed to have energy. We used to enjoy having two incomes, but now we struggle to get by each month. We used to have big plans, but now we just sit at home.

Change is inevitable within married life. When young adults get married, they have a concept of the future that is based on how things look at that moment. They look around at older marriages, like their parents', and they say, "We'll never be like that." Very shortly, jobs have taken their toll. The body changes physically as metabolism slows, age leaves its marks, pregnancy effects its changes. Socially, the world seems to narrow, and a quiet night at home becomes the norm. Both spouses wake up one morning, often called "the seven-year itch," although it can also happen after two, twenty-five, or forty years, and say, "It wasn't supposed to be this way."

We are challenged to "Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 9:9). We are challenged to maintain some youthfulness about our marriage—trying to stay in shape, continuing to find fun ways to date, and keeping some ambition and dreams alive. At the same time, we are challenged to adapt and mature in our love so that changes do not surprise us, but that we enjoy the adventure of discovering and re-discovering this new person to whom we are now married—not that the name has changed, but "That is not the person I married." The statement can be a complaint, or it can be a call to exploration, treasure-hunting if you will, into new, unmapped territory.

Those who understand love and compassion, as Christians should be acutely aware, take great pride in the joy and fulfillment they have found in the other one through the years no matter how conditions have changed. They have found great joy in understanding, in forgiving and being forgiven, and in welcoming someone unfamiliar, strange, and new. They have found something more beautiful to behold—"Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised" (Proverbs 31:30).

May God bless our marriages with the fulfillment He intended for us.