

Blue River Church of Christ

December 13, 2015

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Order of Worship

Contact Information

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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 December 6, 2015 Attendance	104 + 144 = 248
Contribution	\$9,008.81
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.

8:30

#886 "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"
#851 "I'll Fly Away"

Prayer Tony Pollard

Scripture Brian Wahlen
Psalm 33

#867 "To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way"
#121 "Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"

Lord's Supper
Jerry Brown, presiding

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#156 "Beautiful"

Power Kids Jesus: The reason for the season

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Gospel: Rescue"

#924 "Have You Been to Jesus"

Shepherd's Prayer Jan Sullivan

Final Blessing Psalm 3:8

Songs Led By Paul Walker

10:45

#886 "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"
#85 "I'll Fly Away"

Prayer Jack Hudkins

Scripture Matt Hoggatt
Psalm 33

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Randy Smith, presiding

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In Need of Prayers

Linda Brizendine has been diagnosed with breast cancer. **Kyle & Kelly Johnson** welcomed son **Dawson** a month early. **Ray Weatherbee** is at Centerpoint following back surgery. **Lena Bramlett's** son, Harold, passed away Thanksgiving day. Services were held in Virginia. **Liz Church** will have a follow up PET scan at the end of the month to determine the success of the medications she's currently taking. Continue to pray for **Vickie Sullivan, Donna Kerns, Gary Campbell, Keith Bench, Ralph Staley, Joe Harber, and Grover Renick.**

New Baptism

Seth Thomas was baptized on Monday. We welcome Seth and his daughter **Haley.**

Parents Night Out

December 18 (Friday, 6-9 p.m.) – Kids 6th Grade and under will be watched at the building while parents fellowship together. RSVP to **Jessica Herrington** (816-589-9793).

Teen Holiday Party

December 19 (CHANGE OF DAY – Saturday, 7:00 p.m.) – The **Kennedys** will be hosting the teen holiday party at their home. Boys should plan to bring a sweet snack, and girls bring a salty snack. All should bring a wrapped white- elephant gift.

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 need coaches for Christian Photography, Painting, Drawing, Video Drama, Christian Fiction & Scrapbooking.

New Adult Classes

Brian Wahlen is teaching “Theology of the Cross” in the auditorium. **Ron McCleary's** topic is “Jesus on Praying” in the Fellowship Classroom.

Birthdays – December 13-19

Andrey Simmons – December 13 Virginia Page – December 14
Stefanie Wahlen – December 15

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

December 13	1 st Service	Laurie & Sydney Kerley
	2 nd Service	Julie & Bella Graham
December 20	1 st Service	Dawn Cook & Aubrey Hall
	2 nd Service	Heidi & Hadyn Hoggatt

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

It has been exciting to witness some baptisms lately, and I think it is important to confirm what the Bible says about baptism. Personally, we remember our own baptisms and how in that baptism we have been fully equipped to serve well in God's kingdom. We are also equipped to share with others the importance and purpose of baptism so that they may also live as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

In the New Testament, when people came to believe that Jesus is Messiah and Lord, the natural consequence of that faith was to be baptized (Acts 2:22-39; 8:30-38; 10:34-48). They saw not only that Jesus had died for them, but also that they were called to die themselves. In baptism, disciples are directly connected with the death and resurrection of Jesus (Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:11-12). The form of baptism by immersion in water mirrors the burial of Jesus in the tomb and his rising. We are intimately connected with Christ in baptism, and our personal story is caught up into the central event of creation's history—the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God.

Being connected to Christ, we receive blessings that come by belonging to Him. First, we are forgiven of our sins (Acts 2:38; 10:43; Romans 6:6-7). We are not only cleansed of past sins, but Jesus continues to bring forgiveness into our lives as we continue to live in faith (1 John 2:1-2), and we are equipped to live in righteousness, no longer enslaved by sin's control (Romans 6:11-13).

We are emptied of sin, and at the same time we are filled with the Holy Spirit, God Himself coming to live intimately in our lives (Acts 2:38; Titus 3:5-6). The Holy Spirit works in many ways in our lives, giving us comfort and guidance, stimulating and equipping us to broaden the kingdom of God within our lives and in the community where we live, and making us ready for eternal life with the Father. When Paul writes to Titus, he describes the dramatic transformation that has happened through “the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,” and he ends by charging the church “to devote themselves to doing what is good” (Titus 3:3-8). When we are baptized, we are equipped to serve.

Finally, we are added to the one church (Acts 2:40-47; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:26-28). No one becomes an individual Christian; rather, we are part of a community that proclaims by word and deed the gospel of Christ. The church is one of the greatest gifts of God to encourage us all to be faithful as we serve one another, sharing one another's burdens.

How wonderful is the grace of God working through baptism, that we should be so generously blessed by His forgiveness and that we should be called and equipped to share in His saving work!