

Blue River Church of Christ

December 20, 2015

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Order of Worship

Contact Information 221 NE Woods Chapel Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64064 816-373-7448 office@bluerivercofc.org www.bluerivercofc.org	Worship Times Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 8:30, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
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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 shall@bluerivercofc.org

Statistics for December 13, 2015 Attendance	79 + 165 = 244
Contribution	\$6,083.02
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

10:45

#995 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"		#995 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"	
<i>Prayer</i>	Ron McCleary	<i>Prayer</i>	John Wubbenhorst
#1002 "Angels We Have Heard on High"		#1002 "Angels We Have Heard on High"	
<i>Scripture</i>	Steve Etter Psalm 35	<i>Scripture</i>	Shane Hall Psalm 35
"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"		"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"	
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Gene Clark, presiding	<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Alan Olas, presiding
<i>The Bread</i>		<i>The Bread</i>	
<i>The Cup</i>		<i>The Cup</i>	
<i>Giving</i>		<i>Giving</i>	
#1001 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"		#1001 "Hark! The Herald Angles Sing"	
#156 "Beautiful"		#156 "Beautiful"	
<i>Power Kids</i>	Jesus: The Reason for the Season	<i>Power Kids</i>	Jesus: The Reason for the Season
<i>Lesson</i>	Darin Kennedy "Gospel: Joy"	<i>Lesson</i>	Darin Kennedy "Gospel: Joy"
#997 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"		#997 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"	
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Russ Simmons	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Earl Fultz
<i>Final Blessing</i>	Isaiah 55:12	<i>Final Blessing</i>	Isaiah 55:12
<i>Songs Led By</i>	Roger Cook	<i>Songs Led By</i>	Roger Cook

In Need of Prayers

Linda Brizendine has been diagnosed with breast cancer. **Ray Weatherbee** is at the Groves recovering from back surgery. **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.**

Teens Holiday Party

December 20 (TODAY, 6:00) – Middle and High School students are invited to the **Kennedys'** (4408 NE Skyview, 64064) for fun and fellowship. Guys bring sweet. Girls bring salty. Everyone bring \$3 for pizza and a "white elephant gift" for exchange.

Wilshire Nursing Service

December 27 (Sunday, 3:00) Our fourth Sunday service at Wilshire Nursing Home will be next week.

New Addressses

The Roger Cook family – 9608 E. 66th St., Raytown, MO 64133
Fleta Duncan – 7420 Maple Dr., Bldg. 2, Apt. 206, Raytown, MO 64133
Jim & Betty Trotter – 7420 Maple Dr., Bldg. 2, Apt. 208, Raytown, MO 64133

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.

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 20-26

Samantha Pollard & Jilyan Seufferling – December 21

Alana Peerson – December 23

Sunny Puls, Larry Sullivan, & Nick Waldron – December 25

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

December 20	1 st Service	Dawn Cook & Aubrey Hall
	2 nd Service	Heidi & Hadyn Hoggatt
December 27	1 st Service	Susan Foster & Sharon Self
	2 nd Service	Denise & Shannon Fultz

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

**"Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth."**

—"O Holy Night," John S. Dwight (1855)

Several of us like to collect things. One of my favorite collections, as a child in Denver, was Orange Crush cans with the pictures of Broncos on them. I was in 2nd grade when they went to Super Bowl XXII, and the entire town was painted orange. I kept those cans, minus the Orange Crush drink, in mint condition. As a child they were fun, but I later realized that this sport collectible "could be worth something someday." A dozen or so years later, I had a wife who did not find Orange Crush cans as attractive as I did. I do not exactly know where she got her lack of taste, but I gave in, and we searched for someone to buy them. We went into memorabilia stores, asking, "What are they worth?" When the reply kept coming back, "Nothing," I was dismayed. Eventually, those cans made their way to the trash dumpster when room on the moving truck required some tough decisions. They were special to me, but nobody else found value in them. When I discovered nobody else valued them, they lost value to me as well.

Honestly, I have never shed tears over those Orange Crush cans. They would have been stored away from the light of day, and even my kids would not find them interesting. I guess you had to be there. While I do not have the physical cans anymore, I have something far more important—memories. I remember walking back to my Grandmommy's apartment from the convenience store down the street with an Orange Crush can in my hand, which she had bought me. I remember my parents helping me go through grocery store shelves looking for the Broncos' faces I did not have yet in order to complete my collection. We would look at can after can after can...oh, the silly things we do for the people we love! These are the mental pictures I have of someone finding great value, not in Orange Crush cans, but in me.

The lines from the song at the top of this article remind me of the value that I have to God. My collections of pitiful things, my baggage of sin, my overwhelming pile of bad decisions, these are the things that could easily define me in a culture that too often asks the questions, "What is it worth," "What value does he have to the company," "How much do you want for it?" The baby in the humble manger says, "I do not find value in your things, and the burden you carry is not what I came for. *You* are valuable to me. I came to be with *you*."

**"A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees..."**