

# Blue River Church of Christ

December 27, 2015

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## Church of Christ

### Order of Worship

<b>Contact Information</b> 221 NE Woods Chapel Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64064 816-373-7448 office@bluerivercofc.org www.bluerivercofc.org	<b>Worship Times</b> <b>Sunday</b> Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 8:30, 10:45 a.m.  <b>Wednesday</b> Bible Study 7 p.m.
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<b>Elders</b>	Earl Fultz Russ Simmons Jan Sullivan
<b>Deacons</b>	Jim Bassford                      Jack Hudkins David Blankenship              John Owen David Foster                      Mike Peerson Darren Herrmann
<b>Pulpit Minister</b>	Darin Kennedy dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org
<b>Family Life Minister</b>	Shane Hall shall@bluerivercofc.org

Statistics for December 20, 2015 Attendance	95 + 153 = 248
Contribution	\$5,647.11
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.

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>10:45</u>
	#480 "Blessed Assurance" #113 "His Grace Reaches Me"	#480 "Blessed Assurance" #113 "His Grace Reaches Me"
<i>Prayer</i>	Buddy Self	Aaron Palmer
	#998 "What Child Is This?"	#998 "What Child Is This?"
<i>Scripture</i>	Ron Ramage Matthew 5:1-12	Gary Hasty Matthew 5:1-12
	"O Holy Night" #1028 "God Is So Good"	"O Holy Night" #1028 "God Is So Good"
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Sean Turner, presiding	Mike Peerson, presiding
<i>The Bread</i>		
<i>The Cup</i>		
<i>Giving</i>	#156 "Beautiful"	#156 "Beautiful"
<i>Power Kids</i>	Jesus: The Reason for the Season	Jesus: The Reason for the Season
<i>Lesson</i>	Darin Kennedy "Gospel: Kingdom"  #915 "Trust and Obey"	Darin Kennedy "Gospel: Kingdom"  #915 "Trust and Obey"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Jan Sullivan	Russ Simmons
<i>Final Blessing</i>	Mark 1:15	Mark 1:15
<i>Songs Led By</i>	Shane Hall	Shane Hall

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

**Virginia Page** passed away Monday. Services will be held at the building on Tuesday, 12/29. Visitation at 9:00 a.m. and service at 11:00 a.m.. **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 this week 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 Year's Eve Celebration***

**December 31** (7:00 p.m.) – All adults of Blue River are invited to gather at the **Simmons'** home for their annual New Year's Eve celebration – 4155 SE Paddock Circle, Lee's Summit. Please bring an appetizer or snack. Babysitting will be provided if reserved by today. RSVP at 816-637-6081.

### ***Wilshire Nursing Service***

**December 27** (Sunday, 3:00) – Our fourth Sunday service at Wilshire Nursing Home is today.

### ***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 27-January 2**

*Matthew Cook & Nathan Palmer – December 27*  
*Virginia Fuhr & Hunter Hoagland – December 30*  
*Alan Olas – January 1*

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

December 27	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Susan Foster & Sharon Self
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Denise & Shannon Fultz
January 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Brenda & Carrie Brotherton
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Laurie & Sydney Kerley

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

As we transition from past to future, from 2015 to 2016, we are also reminded of our transformation from death to life. In the worship today, we reflect on the past events of the death and resurrection of Christ and our eternal glory that will last forever. This is a reading from Robert Richardson's *Commuings in the Sanctuary* (1872) that reminds us of what we do here today.

How sweet are the memories which are here awakened! How consoling the remembrances of the divine love which are here so eloquent of hope and peace! With how much happiness may the Christian look back upon the past! With what feelings of adoration and love may he lift his eyes to that face so 'marred,' and gaze upon that divine form so wounded for his transgressions and bruised for his iniquities! How he may, in that contemplation, realize the mysterious enchantment which heals the dread malady of sin and transforms the soul anew! How stilled, by the potent charm of Jesus' love, are all the bitter reproaches of conscience! How soothed the trembling fears of retribution! How calmed the hopeless agonies of despair! How vainly may the soul seek for the record of its guilt upon the sands over which the rising tide of the divine philanthropy has flowed! How unsuccessfully may it strive to reanimate the sins that were crucified with Christ! It is Christ alone that rises from the tomb of Joseph! It is our Savior, and not our guilt that comes to meet us here! It is the gentle voice of our Redeemer that cries to us, amidst the memories of the past and from these memorials of his love, 'weep not'...

Oh! how often, while on earth, did Jesus pronounce those words of consolation and encouragement: 'Weep not!' 'Fear not!' But, ah! it was he himself who wept that we might rejoice; who feared that we might hope! It was he who suffered that we might enjoy, who died that we might live! And, oh! transporting thought, it is he who also revives and reigns, that we, too, may rise to behold and share his glory, and rest forever in the blissful mansions which he has prepared for our abode. So that, while in these memorials of the past we see him as he was, it is there, in the glories of the future, that we shall see him as he is; and, while the remembrance of his atoning love imparts sweet consolation, the hope of an eternal reunion inspires the soul with courage, and leads us forward to the fruition of an eternal blessedness.