

Blue River Church of Christ

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Elders	Earl Fultz John Owen Paul Walker	David Keller Russ Simmons
Deacons	David Blankenship Darren Herrmann Aaron Palmer	David Foster Jack Hudkins Sean Turner
Pulpit Minister	Darin Kennedy dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org	
Family Life Minister	Shane Hall shall@bluerivercofc.org	

Statistics for December 16, 2018 Attendance	97 + 144 = 241
Contribution	\$9,974.25
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$6,867
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$6,745

Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life

They have need for: bar soap, disinfectant wipes, gallon and quart size zip-lock bags, tall kitchen bags for people to put clothing in, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, jelly, instant potatoes, rice, beans (any kind), variety pack oatmeal, canned fruit, fruit cups, canned chicken, mac and cheese, Jiffy cornbread mix, toilet paper. Please leave all labeled donations in the office.

Prayer Warriors are waiting to hear from you. This group of caring people will pray for you and your request. 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.

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Order of Worship

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>10:45</u>
	#144 "O Worship the King" #47 "Holy, Holy, Holy"	<i>Prayer</i> Ben Church
<i>Prayer</i>	Steve Etter	#509 "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" #912 "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary" #318 "O Sacred Head"
	#349 "Ten Thousand Angels"	<i>Scripture</i> Roger Wealand Luke 23:26-43
<i>Scripture</i>	Bill Endicott Luke 23:26-43	#337 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"
	#258 "The New Song"	<i>Lord's Supper</i> Randy Smith
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Gene Clark	<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>
	<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>	<i>Giving</i>
<i>Giving</i>	#538 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"	<i>Lesson</i> David Keller "Faith and Grace: The Penitent Thief"
	#924 "Just As I Am"	#924 "Just As I Am"
<i>Lesson</i>	David Keller "Faith and Grace: The Penitent Thief"	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> John Owen
	#924 "Just As I Am"	<i>Final Scripture</i> Ephesians 2:8
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Paul Walker	<i>Songs Led By</i> Ron McCleary
<i>Final Scripture</i>	Ephesians 2:8	
<i>Songs Led By</i>	Roger Cook	

Prayer List

Bob MacMillan was admitted to the hospital this week with pneumonia. **Vicki Kelley's** husband, Jim, is home on hospice care. **Everly Guntert** remains in NICU for unstable blood sugar. **Earl and Denise Fultz's** daughter, Bethany, continues to be hospitalized with blood pressure issues. Continued prayers for **Pat and Will Kreisel, Kimberly Kennedy's** cousin, Tony Watts, **Roger Wealand, Larry Sullivan, Ruth Elmer, Sue Brown, Freda Renick, Bonnie Hamby, Roman Martin, Sharon Michael's** mom, Betty, **Earl Weddle, Betty Williams, Donna Kerns, Andy Hester, Buddy Self, Rita Fitzsimmons, Evelyn Campbell, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.**

Birth Announcements

Judah Harvey Spillman – Grandson to Earl and Denise Fultz. Born to Bethany and Jacob Spillman on December 27th, 2018.

Everly Paige Guntert – Born to Hannah and Chris Guntert on December 29th, 2018.

Secret Sister Luncheon

TODAY, January 6 (12:00) – All ladies are invited to attend this luncheon right after 2nd service. Look for a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board.

Elder Availability

An elder is available after each service in Darin's office for prayer, encouragement, or counsel.

Elder Presentation

Sunday, January 13 – The elders will be presenting Blue River's vision for 2019

Small Group Break

The small group that meets at the building at 4:00 (Darin's group) will enjoy a holiday break for a few weeks. We will meet next on January 13.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service
2nd Service

Sherry & Cara Owen
Liddy Miller & Lindsey Hall

A Minister's Musing – Shane Hall

It has been my pleasure (most of the time) to be able to play and coach many different sports over the years. As many good men have taken the time to impart the fundamentals of a particular game to me, I now take on that same opportunity to teach others. The more I volunteer and dedicate time to these teams, the more I understand that it's not about me. Yes, it's taken me time to learn this. I didn't pick it up right away. It is not naturally a part of my character. I'm still learning it.

I'm still learning that there is always a bigger picture. I'm learning that their young minds see things much differently than my old one does. I'm accepting, that certain aspects may not be as important to them as they are to me. I mean, do you seriously need to use the restroom in the last inning when the score is tied? I am learning...

I try to instill a sense of selflessness in my players. I want them to develop a team mentality because if there is one thing that we all understand, a team is only as good as those who are willing to be team players. John Wooden said, "The main ingredient of stardom is the rest of the team." All of us have a bit of a selfish streak in us and replacing that with a team mentality is often not very easy.

Ultimately, I don't believe I'm overstating it when I say that, in coaching, I am raising men. I want them to know that character matters. I want my teams to be identified not only by our snazzy uniforms but by how we treat one another, the umpires and our opponents. The banner that we hang on the back of our dugout says "SHOCKERS" but the banner that hangs above our heads, displayed in how we decide to carry ourselves, is the most important one of all.

Revelation is a letter from John the apostle that speaks to the aspect of TEAM. It does have some tough things to interpret and understand but at its core, the overall message is clear. Most commentaries or Bible encyclopedias will provide you with at least 4 different ways you can interpret what is found within the pages. However, over the years as I have had the opportunity to teach from this wonderful bible book, I've always tried to convey this simple message: CHRISTIANS WIN. We win, as a team.

As Jesus addresses his church, He wants to remind them of who they are, what they should be about, AND who their master is. He reminds His team that it's not about them. He emphasizes that character matters and the banner that they choose to wave has real, lasting consequences.

"To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen" (Rev. 1:5,6). We are free TOGETHER. We are ONE KINGDOM. We make a great team!