

# 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 7:00 p.m.

**Elders** Earl Fultz Russ Simmons  
John Owen Jan Sullivan

**Deacons** Jim Bassford Jack Hudkins  
David Blankenship Aaron Palmer  
David Foster Sean Turner  
Darren Herrmann Paul Walker

**Pulpit Minister** Darin Kennedy  
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**Family Life Minister** Shane Hall  
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Statistics for December 25, 2016 Attendance	145 + 156 = 301
Contribution	\$9,964.36
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,554
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,904

## Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life

They have need for: Ramen noodles, pasta and rice meals, peanut butter, jelly, Kool-Aid, canned or packaged tuna, canned chicken, Vienna sausages, Jell-O, cornbread mix, snack bars, diet drink packets, pork & beans, oatmeal, taco seasoning, gravy mix, spaghetti mix, tomato sauce, canned fruit, small packs of instant potatoes. 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. 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.

January 1, 2017

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### Order of Worship

**8:30**

#470 "Victory in Jesus"  
#453 "Love Lifted Me"

*Prayer* Roger Bradshaw

*Scripture* Jerry Brown  
2 Corinthians 5:11-21

#387 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

*Lord's Supper* Joe Harber

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#578 "We Will Glorify"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Great Change: A New Start"

#943 "Do You Know My Jesus?"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Jan Sullivan

*Final Charge* 2 Corinthians 7:1

*Songs Led By* Gary Hasty

**10:45**

*Scripture* Jack Hudkins  
2 Corinthians 5:11-21

#619 "A New Creature"  
#346 "He Lives"

*Prayer* Nick Williams

"Come to the Table"

*Lord's Supper* David Keller

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#538 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Great Change: A New Start"

#140 "Love Divine"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Earl Fultz

#490 "It Is Well with My Soul"

*Final Charge* 2 Corinthians 7:1

*Songs Led By* Roger Cook

### **Prayer List**

Dave Nash fell and broke his hip, Karen Etter has an infection and is on medication to cure it, and Evelyn Campbell is in assisted living at Villages of Jackson Creek. Continued prayers for the Liz Church, Holly Hadley, Doris Buys, Marie Nash, Grover Renick, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, and Donna Kerns.

### **Winter Classes**

**Auditorium** – Brian Whalen is teaching on “The Lord’s Prayer: History, Theology and Practice.”

**Adult Classroom** – Larry Sullivan is teaching on “King and Kingdom.”

### **Ladies Class**

The ladies that had been meeting on **Tuesday mornings (10:00am)** will resume again on **January 10**. Please consider attending! Donna Wealand is facilitating a wonderful devotional time and prayer.

### **Bulletin Boards**

Please be sure to check out all the bulletin boards weekly. If you need anything announced or listed, please contact **Samantha Pollard** by sending an email to [office@bluerivercofc.org](mailto:office@bluerivercofc.org).

### **Leadership Training for Christ**

Please prayerfully consider donating some of your time this coming year to work with the youth in **3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>** grades. There are many projects and activities to complete before the 2017 LTC Conference. Your contributions would really be appreciated!

### **Rachel House Christmas Donations**

Thank you for your loving actions and generosity in raising over \$1,200 of supplies! Because of you, many new moms and babies will be blessed.

### **BackSnack Ministry**

With the start of 2017, please keep in mind that we are responsible for a monthly goal of 940 snacks for the kiddos in the Lee’s Summit School District. Thank you so much for your contributions!

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

January 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Sharon Self & Susan Foster
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Kimberly Sterne & Liddy Miller

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

At the beginning of the year, many at least consider what kind of person they want to become, whether that is lighter on the scales, a traveler, a non-smoker, or just a little better than last year. As a Christian, you should have confidence that God is enabling you to become more of what He wants you to be, and I encourage you to have an active, disciplined spirit of growth in many different areas.

1) How can I grow in my intimacy with God? One of the unbelievable ways that a Christian can mature is in one’s closeness to the heart of God. God does not stand at a distance, but has come so close in the incarnation of His Son and the indwelling of His Spirit that we can know Him and relate closely to Him. More is always available to be found if we seek the Lord.

2) How can I be holier in thought, speech, and deed? You are not enslaved to bad habits or even to the innermost regions of emotion and personality. If something about you is not fit for the Kingdom of God, then you are equipped to make dramatic changes both within and without.

3) What can I experience by the power of the Spirit? In the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit moved the church to invade a dark world and to establish and expand the Kingdom. The Spirit can still move us today to radically challenge the way the world works and how we live our lives in it with courage to do what seemed impossible before.

4) To whom can I show God’s love and grace? People all around us are enslaved to the powers of this world and to the power of sin. We as children of God have the means of rescuing others through kindness, forgiveness, justice, and evangelism. To have a greater vision of meeting people’s needs is to see with the eyes of Jesus.

5) What can I learn? Being in the Word and learning more from others bring incredible strength to the Christian life. One is more protected from temptation’s falsehood, and one is more creative about how God’s Kingdom can make a difference, when one is deepening one’s knowledge of spiritual things.

6) What greater part can I play in the church? The church is the body of Christ with many diverse members, and our working together and worshipping together and forgiving one another demonstrate the power and love of God. We will not live selfishly or independently as if the power comes from us and not from God.

Claim more of what God wants you to have in 2017.