

# 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

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

**Pulpit Minister** Darin Kennedy  
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**Family Life Minister** Shane Hall  
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Statistics for January 7, 2017 Attendance	89 + 138 = 227
Contribution	\$7,946.38
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,989
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$6,016

## 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 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.

January 14, 2018

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## Church of Christ

## Order of Worship

**8:30**

#111 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

*Prayer* David Blankenship

#924 "Just As I Am"  
#922 "Jesus Paid It All"

*Lord's Supper*

Bill Brotherton

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

#147 "I Stand Amazed"

*Giving*

*Scripture* Stephen Couture  
Luke 15:3-7

#533 "I Am a Sheep"  
#1014 "Jesus Loves Me"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Keep It Simple:  
SOS"

#934 "Softly and Tenderly"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Russ Simmons

*Statement of Praise* Psalm 32:5

*Songs Led By* Drew Battistelli

**10:45**

#532 "All People That on Earth Do  
Dwell"

*Prayer* Randy Smith

*Scripture* Roger Wealand  
Luke 15:3-7

#882 "No Tears in Heaven"  
#176 "Lamb of God"

*Lord's Supper*

Darren Herrmann

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#524 "I Know Whom I have Believed"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Keep It Simple:  
SOS"

#694 "Servant Song"

*Shepherd's Prayer* John Owen

*Statement of Praise* Psalm 32:5

*Songs Led By* Gary Hasty

### **Prayer List**

Continued prayers for **Sue Brown** and the whole family in the loss of Jerry. **Eloise Staley** is in rehab at St. Mary's Manor. Also pray for **Tammy Walker, Tracy & Amelia Simmons, Howard Petersen, Susan Foster, Denise Fultz, Hannah Guntert, Sherril Segoe, Barbara John, Betty Williams, Vickie Sullivan, Faye Sullivan, Tony Pollard, Donna Kerns, Roman Martin, Buddy Self, Lena Bramlett, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Evelyn Campbell, Bruce Keeton, Jane Weatherbee, and Liz Church.**

### **Change of Address**

**Jerry & Barbara John** have now moved to their new home in Texas, but their cellphone numbers will remain the same: 4714 81<sup>st</sup> St, Lubbock, TX 79424.

### **Winter Bible Classes**

**Auditorium** – **Earl Fultz** is teaching “**Godly Living in a Hostile Culture: The Letters of Peter.**”

**Adult Classroom** – **Darin Kennedy** is teaching through **The Gospel of Matthew.**

### **LTC Reminders**

**Starting TODAY, Sunday, January 14** – For those participating in LTC the new practice schedule is: 12:00-12:30 lunch, 12:30-1:30 drama, 1:30-2:30 puppets and 2:30-3:30 chorus & song leading.

**Starting Wednesday, January 17** – the new practice schedule is: 6:30-7:00 Christian podcast, video Bible drama, art & scrapbook, 7:00-8:00 Bible bowl, Bible reading, scripture memory and teaching.

### **Youth Activity**

**Sunday, January 21** – The teens will leave after 2<sup>nd</sup> service and go out to lunch. Then they will attend the open skating at Landmark Skating rink from **2:30-4:30 pm**. Cost is \$5.00 per person, and parents should pick up their teens at Landmark at **4:30**.

### **Church Homecoming**

**Sunday, February 25** – Please invite any and all current and former members to join us for a great day of celebration! Any questions, please see **Sean Turner**.

### **Project Outreach Committee**

**Sean Turner** is starting an Outreach Committee. “The expectation of the group is pretty open, but the idea is to get out into the community and create an environment where people feel connected and can see the light we shine.” There is a sign-up sheet and list of planned activities for 2018 on the main bulletin board.

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

What a mess we make!

This week on trash day, the wind was blowing, and trashcans started to tumble, especially those recycling bins that do not have enough weight in them to keep them standing. I was doing a little morning jog, and a can was rolling around in the middle of the street. It only took a split second to stop and pick it up for them. That's the nice thing about running as slow as I do: stopping didn't really hurt my time any. Of course, we have more stuff in our neighborhood that need to be picked up on a regular basis, for which many dog walkers refuse to bend over. Kimberly watches two wonderful little girls whom we adore, and the last thing in the day is to pick up little messes left on placemats or on floors. We'll make a nice meal, sometimes for a special occasion, and as good as the food is and as full as we feel, those dishes won't clean themselves. There's always a mess to clean up.

As kids, we would take walks with Grandmother on “the trail,” which was an exercise trail that was on the college property next door to her house. She many times took a small plastic garbage bag with her to collect the trash thrown out by local college students, who probably needed a freshman course of Trashcans 101: Their History and Use, and Where to Find Them.

My son Michael worked at Burger King for a couple of summers, and the workers rotated in cleaning the bathrooms. He said it was amazing how quickly the bathroom, which had been cleaned within the past few hours, could turn into a disaster zone. I am always amazed how many signs have to be put in public restrooms informing patrons what not to put in the toilets. Most of the time, I think, “Did they really need a sign for that?”

People make messes, sometimes intentionally, sometimes out of neglect, and sometimes...well, life is just messy no matter what you do. Somebody has to clean it up. Those who follow Jesus, fulfilling his mission, carrying his cross, are often left to clean up messes. We might rant and rave about people's bad manners in leaving their mess for someone else, but it must be cleaned up. And so we forgive, we straighten things up, we make a new starting point, and we prepare to do it again. Underneath that pile is a heart trapped by the burden of waste and neglect and lack of care, needing to be set free. Get ready to get your hands dirty picking up a life.

### ***Today's Morning Nursery Attendants***

1<sup>st</sup> Service – Brenda & Carrie Brotherton

2<sup>nd</sup> Service – Darlene Pollard & Kimberly Kennedy