

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 14, 2018 Attendance	66 + 121 = 187
Contribution	\$4,827.60
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 21, 2018

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Order of Worship

8:30

#226 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
#193 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Scripture Bill Endicott
Colossians 3:1-14

Prayer Bill Brotherton

"Be Thou My Vision"

Lord's Supper Bruce Sewell

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#10 "A Mighty Fortress"
#71 "As the Deer"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Keep It Simple:
Gym Membership"

#75 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Charge 2 Peter 3:13-14

Songs Led By Ryan Smith

10:45

#555 "Seek Ye First"
#676 "Living for Jesus"
#701 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Prayer Gary Hasty

Scripture Aaron Palmer
Colossians 3:1-14

#553 "I'll Live for Him"

Lord's Supper Corbin Hall

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#406 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
#692 "Change My Heart, O God"
#693 "Heart of a Servant"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Keep It Simple:
Gym Membership"

#539 "Higher Ground"

Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

Final Charge 2 Peter 3:13-14

Songs Led By Shane Hall

Prayer List

Betty Williams had a heart procedure this week. Roman Martin was hospitalized due to dehydration. Continued prayers for Sue Brown, Eloise Staley, Tammy Walker, Tracy & Amelia Simmons, Howard Petersen, Denise Fultz, Hannah Guntert, Sherril Segoe, Vickie Sullivan, Faye Sullivan, Tony Pollard, Donna Kerns, Buddy Self, Lena Bramlett, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Evelyn Campbell, Bruce Keeton, Jane Weatherbee, and Liz Church.

Youth Activity

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

Celebration Lunch

Sunday, February 11 – There will be a celebration lunch immediately following 2nd service, in honor of **Chris and Hannah Guntert** and their recent adoption of **Gideon**. Please join us in rejoicing with this family at this special time in their lives. For the lunch, please bring a dish to share; drinks and dessert will be provided. See **Sherry Owen** or **Tammy Walker** for questions or further details.

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.

LTC Reminders

Sunday afternoons – Remember to bring a sack lunch. The 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.

Wednesday evenings – the 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.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Kelly & Alex Newbury

2nd Service – Liddy Miller & Lindsey Hall

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

“Finally, I want to teach you the way of peace and true liberty. There are four things you must do. First, strive to do another's will rather than your own. Second, choose always to have less than more. Third, seek the lower places in life, dying to the need to be recognized and important. Fourth, always and in everything desire that the will of God may be completely fulfilled in you. The person who tries this will be treading the frontiers of peace and rest.”

—*Thomas à Kempis, The Imitation of Christ*

The above words from Mr. Thomas could easily form a list of goals for the Christian life. Indeed, one would summarize the list into one major resolution—I want to be more like Christ. It may be a rather vague goal; I mean, you cannot put a number on it, like, I want to lose 20 pounds this year, or, I want to save \$2,000. No, goals like these are more of a process, something to re-examine and commit to not only the first day of the process, but also the first waking moment of every day.

The thing I do not like about starting new habits or ending old ones is that it consumes you at the start. You have to think about it all the time. Who wants to think about eating less and exercising more all the time? Who wants to think about not chewing one's fingernails all the time? Who wants to think about saving money all the time? Nobody does. Nobody can. Either it bores us, if the goal is un-spectacular, or it wears us out, if the goal is difficult. But it *must* consume us, even enslave us, if we are ever to make it a natural part of our lives.

We do eventually turn the corner where the goal becomes a natural way of acting, speaking, and thinking. We no longer are consumed by thinking about the process; instead, we begin to enjoy the rewards of a new way of life. To go back to Mr. Thomas above, he describes rewards like, “peace,” “liberty,” and “rest.”

Discipline, courage, and a fight are needed to change the course of a person's habits, desires, and priorities. May God bless us as we fight for change in our lives, being consumed by the higher goal of becoming more like Christ. Let us pursue it with all our energies and all our thoughts so that the way of peace will become our natural way of life.