

# 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.

<b>Elders</b>	Earl Fultz John Owen	Russ Simmons Jan Sullivan
<b>Deacons</b>	Jim Bassford David Blankenship David Foster Darren Herrmann	Jack Hudkins Aaron Palmer Sean Turner Paul Walker
<b>Pulpit Minister</b>	Darin Kennedy dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org	
<b>Family Life Minister</b>	Shane Hall shall@bluerivercofc.org	

Statistics for January 8, 2017 Attendance	115 + 138 = 253
Contribution	\$6,555.55
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 22, 2017

# BLUE RIVER

## Church of Christ

### Order of Worship

**8:30**

**10:45**

#2 "We Praise Thee, O God"  
#134 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

#19 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

*Prayer* Gene Clark  
*Scripture* Steve Etter  
Luke 11:1-13

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*Scripture* Ben Church  
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#130 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

#77 "Glorify Thy Name"

*Lord's Supper*  
Dave Blankenship

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Larry Sullivan

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

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*Giving*

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#111 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

#429 "Oh, to Be Like Thee"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

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*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
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#123 "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

#470 "Victory in Jesus"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Jan Sullivan

*Shepherd's Prayer* John Owen

*Final Praise* Colossians 2:9-10

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*Songs Led By* Shane Hall

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### **Prayer List**

Jerry John, Eloise Staley and Lena Bramlett have all had recent hospital stays, and Dave Nash fell and broke his hip. Continued prayers for Liz Church, Holly Hadley, Doris Buys, Marie Nash, Grover Renick, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Donna Kerns and Evelyn Campbell.

### **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**

Some ladies have been meeting on **Tuesday mornings (10:00am)** for a wonderful devotional time and prayer. Please consider attending! Donna Wealand is facilitating.

### **Secret Sisters**

**Sunday, January 22 (12:15pm) \*RESCHEDULED\*** – Ladies, join us right after 2<sup>nd</sup> service for lunch and the big reveal of who your secret sister was for 2016. All ladies are invited to attend. If you would like to participate this year, please fill out a form and get it to Dawn Cook as soon as possible.

### **Watercolor Classes**

**Beginners** – If you are interested in starting a new class, please contact Nancy Sullivan at (816) 679-9092 or at nancysullivanart@gmail.com.

**Current students** – Classes resume on Fridays from 10:00 to 1:00.

### **Youth Activity**

**Saturday, January 28 (TBD)** – Our youth group will be doing a service project first and then on to Main Event for bowling. Stay tuned for more details!

### **Church Homecoming**

**Sunday, February 19** – Please invite all former members and recurring attenders to our homecoming celebration. Please forward any email addresses that you have to Sean Turner at turnertitans27@yahoo.com, and copy the office at office@bluerivercofc.org so they may receive a formal invitation. Food will be catered for all.

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

January 15	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Tonya & Reece Parker
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Angelia & Aubrey Hudkins

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

“O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O’er the land of the free and the **home** of the brave?”

—Francis Scott Key, 1814

Nothing says warmth and strength than the word “home.” It works its way down into the fiber of our being, and there are many times we yearn to be there. While we understand that our spiritual home is not here and now, but something that we eagerly anticipate when Christ comes again and gathers us to himself, still we have been blessed with special, even sacred, places on this earth that give us real connection to the eternal home we await.

“O **home** on the range,  
Where the deer and the antelope play,  
Where seldom is heard  
A discouraging word...”

—Brewster Higley, 1870s

That is why we are going to have a **Blue River Homecoming on February 19**, a celebration of how Blue River has been many people’s “home away from home.” Here is where many have been born and born again. Here is where many have experienced very personal moments of comfort and celebration. Here is where we have had intimate moments with God and with others.

“But I don’t remember,  
Take, take me **home**,  
‘Cause I don’t remember,  
Take, take me **home**.”

—Phil Collins, 1985

We are putting the word out now in order to give everyone a month to invite former members and close friends to celebrate together how God has used this congregation in His Kingdom. I believe this will be one of the most important events we have had, and I appreciate **Sean Turner’s** leadership of this occasion.

“I’m on my way,  
Just set me free,  
**Home**, sweet **home**.”

—Motley Crüe, 1985