

# 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 21, 2018 Attendance	78 + 144 = 222
Contribution	\$8,851.00
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 28, 2018

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## Church of Christ

## Order of Worship

**8:30**

#121 "Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"

*Prayer* Sean Turner

*Scripture* Steve Etter  
Psalm 36

#386 "He Loves Me"

*Lord's Supper* Brian Wahlen

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#601 "My God and I"  
#76 "How Great Thou Art"  
"They'll Know We Are Christians"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

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

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

*Shepherd's Prayer* John Owen

*Final Praise* 1 John 3:1

*Songs Led By* Shane Hall

**10:45**

#121 "Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"  
#123 "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"  
"How Great is Our God"  
#76 "How Great Thou Art"

*Prayer* Jack Hudkins

#490 "It Is Well with My Soul"  
#111 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

*Lord's Supper*

Nick Williams

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

#337 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"

*Giving*

#828 "Instruments of Your Peace"

*Scripture* Shane Hall  
Psalm 36

*Power Kids Dismissed*

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

#790 "Lord, Take Control"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Earl Fultz

*Final Praise* 1 John 3:1

*Songs Led By* Drew Battistelli

### **Prayer List**

**Ron McCleary's** mom passed away this week. **Lauren Battistelli's** mom has breast cancer and had surgery this week. **Roman Martin** is struggling with dehydration. **Liz Church** continues to struggle with pain and discomfort. Continued prayers for **Betty Williams, 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, and Jane Weatherbee.**

### **Prayer Warriors Needed**

If you want to be part of our wonderful BRCC Prayer Warriors Ministry, please email **Susan Foster** at [www.blueriverprayers.com](http://www.blueriverprayers.com) and she will add you to the list of those that are current Prayer Warriors for our congregation and beyond.

### **Wilshire Nursing Home Ministry**

**TODAY, January 28 (3:00pm)** – Make plans to participate and be a blessing.

### **Celebration Lunch**

**Sunday, February 11** – There will be a celebration lunch immediately following 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Rescheduled**

**Sunday, March 18th** – 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** has started 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.

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

I had an interesting experience this week that I wanted to share with you. A woman called the church to ask for prayers. She was having marital difficulties and simply wanted prayer. I asked where she was from, and she said she was from a town in Georgia. She had put something in her internet search engine that made Blue River in Lee's Summit, MO, come up at the top of her list, so she called. I was honored to pray for her, but I wanted to make sure that she had a better connection than one 800 miles away. I got her contact information and her permission to share it, and I called a church in Atlanta that was only 5 miles away from her. I have known this church to be serving people in need for decades (incidentally this church has been very involved in Ukraine, serving with some of the same people that we do). Within 5 minutes of my contacting the minister there by email, he responded back saying that he had contacted her. I knew she was in good hands. The woman sent me a very nice email back saying how encouraged she had been and how hopeful she now was.

This whole experience showed me some really important things. First, the website proved useful to connecting with someone spiritually. One of the things we highlight on the front page is our Prayer Warrior ministry, and we often have people request prayers for very serious matters. I was the one handling the phone call, but the work was done because we have had so many people involved in the ministry of prayer. Everything pulls together to help others.

Second, it is a joy to work with others, even 800 miles away. We are not in this alone, but some plant seeds, others water, and God gives growth. I want to do my part, and I need others to do theirs. That need is within Blue River as well, each member doing his or her part. Lives are changed, and God is glorified.

Finally, if a person is humbled to repent or ask for prayers, then God can work powerfully in that open space. It also requires an openness of the church to help and work together. I cannot tell you how incredible it was to have the church in Atlanta respond in **5 minutes!!** They love people, they have a large counseling center, and they have a long history of and wide reputation for helping those in need. I was inspired and excited.

God is at work in people's lives ahead of His church, and the church with all her members has the joy of joining Him in ministry.

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Service – Jessica & Madi Herrington