

Blue River Church of Christ

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Elders	Earl Fultz John Owen Paul Walker	David Keller Russ Simmons
Deacons	David Blankenship Darren Herrmann Aaron Palmer	David Foster Jack Hudkins Sean Turner
Pulpit Minister	Darin Kennedy dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org	
Family Life Minister	Shane Hall shall@bluerivercofc.org	

Statistics for October 28, 2018 Attendance	73 + 126 = 199
Contribution	\$5,746.59
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$6,867
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$6,745

Downtown Church of Christ Food for Life

They have need for: bar soap, disinfectant wipes, gallon and quart size zip-lock bags, tall kitchen bags for people to put clothing in, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, jelly, instant potatoes, rice, beans (any kind), variety pack oatmeal, canned fruit, fruit cups, canned chicken, mac and cheese, Jiffy cornbread mix, toilet paper. 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.

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Order of Worship

8:30

#202 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" "Wonderful Words of Life"	
<i>Scripture</i>	Brian Wahlen Isaiah 61
	"And Can it Be"
<i>Prayer</i>	Jeff Petersen
#344 "Low in the Grave He Lay"	
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Bill Brotherton
<i>The Bread</i>	
<i>The Cup</i>	
<i>Giving</i>	
#918 "Out of My Bondage"	
<i>Lesson</i>	Darin Kennedy "What Happened? Another Chance"
#948 "I Am Resolved"	
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Earl Fultz
<i>Final Praise</i>	Lamentations 3:22-23
<i>Songs Led By</i>	Roger Cook

10:45

#718 "We Shall Assemble" #20 "We Worship and Adore You"	
<i>Prayer</i>	Ben Church
<i>Scripture</i>	Roger Wealand Isaiah 61
#38 "Awesome God" #3 "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah" #337 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"	
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Randy Smith
<i>The Bread</i>	
<i>The Cup</i>	
<i>Giving</i>	
#613 "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"	
<i>Lesson</i>	Darin Kennedy "What Happened? Another Chance"
#15 "Step by Step"	
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	John Owen
<i>Final Praise</i>	Lamentations 3:22-23
<i>Songs Led By</i>	Ron McCleary

Prayer List

Roman Martin is showing signs of possible additional cancer. **Sharon Michael's** mom, Betty, is very ill. Continued prayers for Hurricane Michael victims, **Earl Weddle, Betty Williams, Vicki Kelley, Donna Kerns, Andy Hester, Buddy Self, Rita Fitzsimmons, Evelyn Campbell, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.**

Blessing

Mark & Flora Swartz have returned to us safely.

LTC Registration Deadline TODAY!

November 4 – If you plan on participating in LTC, please turn in your registration form today. Forms are available on the bulletin board.

3^d Annual Lock-In

November 16-17 – Save the date. More information coming soon!

Thanksgiving

November 22 – No classes on Wednesday, November 21.

Snack Pack Needs

The Lee's Summit School District has given us a complete breakdown of their snack needs & dates (also see the email sent October 21 with additional needs). Please place needed supplies in the boxes in the coat room.

November 26-30 – Cheez-its

Annual Men's Retreat

November 30-December 1 – The sign-up sheet is on the main bulletin board.

L.S. School District Need

One of the families we serve in the L.S. school district needs a dryer. Our liaison with the schools affirms the seriousness and urgency of this need. If anyone has a dryer available or plans to replace a dryer soon, please let **David Keller** know.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Sean & Maya Turner

2nd Service – Laurie & Hayley Kerley

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

I want to commend you, Blue River, for another outstanding event of Trunk or Treat. It was a very positive experience for us and for our community. Thanks to Sean and Maya Turner for all their work, as well as to those who set up, cook, take down, decorate trunks, and greet our guests. We had many people come from around the neighborhood, and they all seem very pleased with everything. For them, it was safe and relaxed and fun. I like to call it evangelistic play.

Play does not seem like evangelism, but I think it is at the heart of representing Christ to the community. Remember Jesus' own ministry, especially to those who were most in need of forgiveness and reclamation: he ate with tax collectors and "sinners." These festive occasions in the presence of the Bridegroom were central to Jesus' mission and character. If you want to win someone, you must be able to celebrate with them. Play as evangelism communicates several important things—

1) Play is joyful. The gospel is "good news," and the consequence of gospel transformation is eternal joy. Certainly, there is a need for mourning and repentance, but that is only a stage toward the ultimate goal. The ultimate goal is life and joy in the living, intimate presence of God. To taste joy is to anticipate complete redemption.

2) Play is dignifying. Nothing raises a person up like play, saying, "You are worth laughing with." You know the feeling one has when one is left out of the fun, a feeling of shame and inferiority. I believe that Jesus feasted with tax collectors and "sinners" because they needed to be shown that, although they had been outcast by society, they were indeed fellow children of Israel: "Today salvation has come to this house [Zacchaeus's], because this man, too, is a son of Abraham" (Luke 19:9).

3) Play is unifying. I know we as Blue River participants felt unified in our efforts to serve. We worked together and laughed together. We were able to show our unity of peace and love to others who are hungry for that same kind of experience. The unity created by celebration is the unity that will be strong in time of sadness and need as well.

Evangelism is not only play, but without play, people become charity, and the church becomes cold benefactors, which inevitably communicates a false gospel separate from God's genuine love.