

# Blue River Church of Christ

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

Statistics for November 4, 2018 Attendance	99 + 144 = 243
Contribution	\$9,553.97
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

<u>8:30</u>	<u>10:45</u>
#957 "This World Is Not My Home" #4 "To God Be the Glory"	#622 "Ring Out the Message" #636 "To Love Someone More Deeply"
<i>Prayer</i> Bruce Sewell	<i>Prayer</i> Matt Hoggatt
<i>Scripture</i> Tony Pollard 1 Timothy 6:11-16	<i>Scripture</i> Aaron Palmer 1 Timothy 6:11-16
#83 "God Is So Good"	"What the Lord Has Done in Me"
<i>Lord's Supper</i>  Steve Etter	<i>Lord's Supper</i>  Alan Olas
<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>	<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>
<i>Giving</i>	<i>Giving</i>
#867 "To Canaan's Land, I'm on My Way"	"Follow Me" "Days of Elijah"
<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "What Happened? Too Little, Too Late"	<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "What Happened? Too Little, Too Late"
#902 "Nothing But the Blood"	#410 "He Leadeth Me"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> David Keller	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Paul Walker
<i>Final Hope</i> Philippians 3:20-21	<i>Final Hope</i> Philippians 3:20-21
<i>Songs Led By</i> Paul Walker	<i>Songs Led By</i> Shane Hall

### **Prayer List**

**Susan Foster** is recovering from knee surgery. **Bob Schmitt** had heart valve replacement surgery on Tuesday. **Sharon Michael's** mom, Betty, is very ill. Continued prayers for Hurricane Michael victims, **Roman Martin, 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.**

### **Anniversary**

**Darin & Kimberly Kennedy (Daniel and Michael)** have been with us 15 years as of last week. What a blessing they have are to this congregation!



### **3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **Annual Ladies' Christmas Party**

**December 13 (5:30pm)** – held at the Guntert's home. Please bring an ornament to exchange and a dish to share. RSVP to **Hannah Guntert** or **Nancy Sullivan**.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Service – Samantha Pollard      2<sup>nd</sup> Service – Darlene Pollard & Allie Keller

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

Today being Veterans Day, I thought I would tell you about Rudy. My first regular preaching gig was in Big Lake, Texas. We would drive about 2 ½ hours from Abilene on Sunday morning, teach Bible class, preach the morning sermon, eat lunch, and drive back. The church only had about 12-15 people, and the big ministry was taking the preacher and his wife out to lunch. On one particular Sunday, it was Rudy's turn to take us to lunch.

Rudy was a quiet, single man of about 70 who was known for two things: he always wore a plain pair of coveralls, and he was the town drunk. Rudy would wander Main Street in the late afternoon and evening drunk. He might be loudly calling out to someone, or he might be sitting on the curb crying. Whatever his actions during the week, every Sunday morning he was at the church, in his coveralls, for worship.

As I said, it was Rudy's turn to take us to lunch. We went to the local Mexican restaurant, and at the end of lunch, I actually offered to get the lunch. We were dirt poor college students, but I couldn't ask this man who had few clothes to buy our lunch. Rudy was surprised that I offered, and he said, "Are you taxpayers?" I said that we were, and he said, "I am always very thankful to taxpayers for taking care of us veterans." Rudy then pulled out the biggest roll of cash that I had ever seen anyone carry. He also pulled out a picture that began a conversation concerning his military career.

Rudy served in the Pacific arena of World War II. He went to Hiroshima right after the dropping of the bomb, where their job was to break up the schools where kids and young adults were trained to follow the emperor. I cannot imagine the horror he witnessed. Things were so bad for him that he had to be hospitalized. The Allied forces had taken over several resorts to use as hospitals for their soldiers, and Rudy had been taken to a ski resort on Mount Fuji. The picture he showed us was of him at 90 pounds standing on skis. As he showed us, Rudy said, "They had to prop me up for that picture because I couldn't stand on my own."

When he came back to the states, Rudy used his veteran income to start a printing business and to buy rental properties (he owned more houses than he did coveralls—I had seen his closet). He had been successful financially, but he continued to suffer immensely.

Kimberly and I learned a great deal that day: greater thankfulness for our veterans and greater compassion toward what they have all experienced, whether physically injured or not. We also learned, as we continue to learn, not to judge a book by its coveralls, but to see the hearts of people, that can be both heroic and deeply scarred. I was also very proud of the church which showed compassion to Rudy and, in spite of his public behavior, treated him as one of their own, so much so that he was on the list to take the preacher out to eat.