

# 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 October 29, 2017 Attendance	107 + 142 = 249
Contribution	\$9,020.60
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.

November 12, 2017

# BLUE RIVER

## Church of Christ

## Order of Worship

**8:30**

#869 "We're Marching to Zion"  
#121 "Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"  
#226 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"  
#683 "I Am Mine No More"

*Prayer* Phil Reynolds

#48 "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

*Lord's Supper*

Joe Harber

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

"This Is the Day"

*Scripture* David Rechenthin  
Revelation 21:1-8

#431 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"New"

#683 "I Am Mine No More"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Russ Simmons

*Final Blessing* 2 Peter 3:13

*Songs Led By* Drew Battistelli

**10:45**

"Light the Fire"  
#898 "Paradise Valley"

*Prayer* Randy Smith

*Scripture* Roger Wealand  
Revelation 21:1-8

#991 "This Is My Father's World"  
#227 "On Zion's Glorious Summit"

*Lord's Supper*

Darren Herrmann

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

"Days of Elijah"  
#691 "Make Me New"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"New"

#691 "Make Me New"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Earl Fultz

*Final Blessing* 2 Peter 3:13

*Songs Led By* Shane Hall

### **Prayer List**

Vickie Sullivan and Faye Sullivan were both hospitalized this week. Liddy Miller had sinus surgery this week. Tony Pollard starts chemo on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Continued prayers for Donna Kerns, Roman Martin, Sullivan Family, Howard Petersen, Ann Boles, Steve Etter, Holly Hadley, Pat Reynolds, Freda Renick, Buddy Self, Drew Battistelli, Lena Bramlett, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Evelyn Campbell, Bruce Keeton, Jane Weatherbee, Ralph & Eloise Staley, Liz Church and Sherril Sego.

### **A Note of Thanksgiving**

“Hello! I hope everyone at Blue River is doing well! I miss everyone there so much. I will graduate and come home soon, and I will be able to worship our Lord with my family congregation once again. You all sent me a care package a couple of weeks ago and I just wanted to say thank you. It was very encouraging, and it was a nice surprise. I enjoy the love and support I get from Blue River, and I am very blessed to be able to be a part of such a caring and loving church. I can't wait to be back to continue growing close relationships with all of you! In Christian love – Ben Wubbenhorst”

### **Wednesday Evenings at the Building**

**Weekly (7:00pm)** – Join us: Trek 812 is for preschool age and up, nursery care, ladies group, men's group or the couple's group. These classes are open to all!

### **Youth Group Lock-In**

**November 17-18 (6:30pm Fri-11:00am Sat)** – Activities will include Bible study, team building, games, food provided (bring your favorite snack), and fellowship. See Aaron & Aylee Palmer with questions.

### **Wednesday Evening – November 22**

**November 22** – No evening classes due to the holiday.

### **LTC Deadline**

**November 26** – To organize our coaches, mentors and judges we ask all children 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade that want to participate to sign up by this date.

### **Parent's Night Out**

**December 15 (6:00-9:00)** – Please save the date, and on the main bulletin board there is a signup sheet to reserve a spot for your kiddos and to volunteer to help that evening if you can.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Service – Kelly & Alex Newbury

2<sup>nd</sup> Service – Darlene Pollard

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

What a spectacular display of death! Hasn't it been glorious—all those beautiful colors of dying leaves? The trees are no longer feeding the leaves with nutrients because the water supply has shrunk back into the trunk of the tree to protect against freezing. Without water, there are no longer the ingredients necessary to combine with sunlight to make chlorophyll, which makes the leaves green. The leaves are being starved because the temperature has changed. New leaves will take their place in the spring as water returns to the outermost branches and the tree needs to eat. It looks to us as the leaves literally shine with life in the autumn; instead, they shine with death.

The display reminds us of how disciples of Jesus see death. Rather than seeing the harsh reality of death's pain, Christians see death's opportunity to enter into a higher level of reality. It is not that death itself is inherently good; instead, it is a testimony to the power of God: as horrible as death is, God can transform its consequences of pain, isolation, and finality. It is no longer useless pain, but it produces character traits that lead to eternal life. It is no longer isolating, but it connects us to the community of humankind through compassion. It is no longer final, but a beginning to something greater. Death is not beautiful, but the disciple is beautiful who approaches death with confidence in the death-defying power of God.

The greatest scene of beautiful death was at the cross of Jesus, where he hung upon a tree. How horrible the wounds upon his back, the nails through his hands and feet, the crown of thorns on his head, the starving for breath, the darkness of the sky, and the mockery of the crowd! How very beautiful the love of the one upon that cross, the forgiveness that comes in his name, the humility of submission to the Father, the quiet lack of revengeful threats and insults, and the heroic sacrifice of self. Never have we seen such beauty.

How beautiful as well is the sacrifice of those who follow Jesus, even to the point of death! When they imitate their Lord in humility and forgiveness and peace, even though they face the threat of pain and isolation, they shine with life and beauty. “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants” (Psalm 116:15).

Congregational reading for November 12-18—Isaiah 62-66