

Blue River Church of Christ

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Order of Worship

8:30

10:45

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 November 11, 2018 Attendance	99 + 118 = 217
Contribution	\$5,866.22
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.

	#71 "As the Deer"	#538 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"
	#193 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"	#162 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
<i>Scripture</i>	Mike Newbury Matthew 7:1-14	Jack Hudkins Matthew 7:1-14
<i>Prayer</i>	Bill Brotherton	Vint Hall
	"Be Thou My Vision"	#361 "Nailed to the Cross"
		#350 "When My Love to Christ Grows Weak"
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Brian Wahlen	Roger Cook
<i>The Bread</i>		<i>The Bread</i>
<i>The Cup</i>		<i>The Cup</i>
<i>Giving</i>		<i>Giving</i>
	#991 "This Is My Father's World"	#287 "There Is a Redeemer"
		#508 "A Wonderful Savior"
<i>Lesson</i>	Shane Hall "Your Rule, My Rule, Our Rule"	Shane Hall "Your Rule, My Rule, Our Rule"
	#950 "Come, Ye Disconsolate"	#429 "Oh, To Be Like Thee"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Russ Simmons	Earl Fultz
<i>Final Reading</i>	Matthew 7:12	Matthew 7:12
<i>Songs Led By</i>	Ryan Smith	Ron McCleary

Prayer List

Flora Swartz is requesting prayers for her niece's daughter, Jessica. She had emergency surgery on her lungs due to complications of pneumonia. **Kimberly Kennedy** is asking for prayers for her cousin, Tony. He is in ICU with internal bleeding. **Brenda Brotherton's** stepdad, Elden, passed away last weekend. **Laura Phillips'** daughter, Cindy, will be returning to St. Luke's on the Plaza on Monday to remove 3 cysts from her lungs. **Samantha Pollard's** cousin, Alison, is in Shawnee Mission Medical Center fighting stage 4 breast cancer. **Susan Foster** is recovering from knee surgery and her cousin, Ester, will be having ankle surgery on Wednesday, November 14. **Bob Schmitt** is recovering from heart valve replacement surgery. **Sharon Michael's** mom, Betty, is very ill. Continued prayers for Hurricane Michael victims, **Roman Martin, Earl Weddle, Betty Williams, 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

Phyllis MacMillian received an "all clear" at her lung cancer recheck appointment. They will continue rechecking every three months for a year.

Thanksgiving

November 21 – No classes this Wednesday evening, November 21.

Snack Pack Needs

Place items in the boxes in the coat room area – **Nov 26-30** – Cheez-its

Annual Men's Retreat

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

A New Small Group

Sunday, December 2 (5:00) – The Haleys will be hosting a married, adults only small group at their home. See **Bill** or **Marlene** or the church email with additional information.

Annual Ladies' Christmas Party

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

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Dawn & Matthew Cook

2nd Service – Jessica & Madi Herrington

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

—Colossians 3:17

In the book of Colossians, as we have been talking about in our Sunday morning class, Paul wants his readers to have a strong identity in Christ. That foundational identity enables them to overcome the *stoicheia*, or "elemental powers" or "basic principles," of the world. For Paul, this change of identity that has happened in coming to Christ is more than another set of rules to follow, but it is a whole new way of seeing things, of behaving, of hoping, of relating, of everything. It is taking off an old identity and putting "on the new self" (3:9-10). It is dying and having a life hidden with Christ (3:3-4).

Since the whole self is being transformed, then Paul emphasizes the qualities of this new life that are central to being in Christ: "And over all these virtues put on love," "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts," and "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks." First, be in Christ, and, second, live according to the most central characteristics of Christ. Interestingly, thanksgiving is one of those central virtues.

Thanksgiving is not so central to our society, perhaps why we need a holiday once a year to remember it. Thanksgiving is more of an indulgence, waiting for something very positive to happen. Complaining and negativity have become more foundational emotions than thanksgiving and joy. For the disciple of Christ, there is substantial reason, along with motivation, for not only moments of thanksgiving, but also an overall environment of thanksgiving, based not on what happens to us, but on whose we are.

How can thanksgiving be more central to our identity? 1) Pray thankfully. Say more about what you are thankful for than what you need. 2) Add more things to your thankful list, especially those things that are current difficulties. To thank God for problems is to open oneself to growth and maturity. 3) Be thankful to and for others, saying it aloud. 4) Start thankfully at the first of the day or first of the work task. Allow it to be the foundation, not the result that might possibly happen. 5) Stop complaining about everything. Complaining is addictive and will consume your energy for thanksgiving.