

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

Statistics for November 13, 2016 Attendance	109 + 128 = 237
Contribution	\$6,338.52
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,554
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,904

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 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 20, 2016

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Order of Worship

8:30

#23 "Our God, He Is Alive"

Prayer Joe Harber

#396 "No Not One"
#83 "God Is So Good"

Scripture Sean Turner
Psalm 117

#4 "To God Be the Glory"

Lord's Supper
Bill Brotherton

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#542 "Tell It to Jesus Alone"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darrin Kennedy
"Thanksgiving"

#907 "Hark the Gentle Voice"

Shepherd's Prayer Jan Sullivan

Final Praise James 1:17

Songs Led By Paul Walker

10:45

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Prayer List

Phil Roberts was taken by ambulance to St Luke's on the Plaza, **Evelyn Campbell** is at Villages of Jackson Creek, **Holly Hadley** had foot surgery, **Marie Nash** is recovering from surgery, **Lena Bramlett's** brother is critically ill, **Kimberly Kennedy's** uncle has blood cancer and is back in the hospital, and **Doris Buys** is at the Rehabilitation Center of Independence. Continued prayers for **Grover Renick, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Donna Kerns, Liz Church,** and **Karen Green.**

Celebration

The church is invited to help celebrate **Grover & Freda Renick's** 70th wedding anniversary, **2:00-4:00** today, here at the building.

LTC Meeting

There will be a short, informational meeting right after both services **today** in the Fellowship Hall for **parents** of **3rd-12th** grade students and anyone willing to help.

Sweet Adeline 2016 Holiday Harmony Spectacular

Saturday, December 3 (3:00pm) – Held at Unity Village. Everyone is invited to come hear the beautiful voices of our own **Rosemary Olas** and **Liddy Miller.**

Ladies

Tuesday mornings (10:00am) – **Donna Wealand** is facilitating a time of devotional and prayer. On **December 6,** we will be having our monthly luncheon. Please bring a finger food and an ornament for exchange.

SOFT Group Christmas Party

Sunday, December 11 (3-5:00pm) – Here at the building. Please bring a finger food, appetizer or cookies to share. For those participating in the gift exchange, the gift should not exceed \$10.00.

Ladies Event

Monday, December 12 – **Hannah Guntert's** annual ornament exchange and holiday party. Please bring an ornament and dish to share.

Bulletin Boards

We want you to be informed so be sure to check out all the bulletin boards weekly. If you need something announced or listed, please forward to **Samantha Pollard.**

Budget Requests

Please get all 2017 requests to **Darren Herrmann** ASAP. You can do so in person, by phone 816-229-1709, or e-mail at darren.herrmann@umb.com.

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

Giving thanks is a very important act of praise and worship in the Bible. In fact, it seems to be the foundation of our relationship with God—He blesses, provides, helps, and saves, and we say, “Thank you.” We live in the joy of God's grace, responding to His goodness. Without that foundation of joyful thanksgiving, the relationship can grow askew, as we can become more self-centered and self-reliant. In Scripture, there are several things that go hand-in-hand with thanksgiving that you might include in your own thanksgiving this week and in all your worship.

1) Thanksgiving does include eating. I know we are going to load up this week on some great food, but eating is a regular part of our enjoyment of God's provision. In Leviticus 7, the thanksgiving offering demonstrates joy and abundance even in the ingredients. The bread is not the thin, brittle slave bread of Passover, but olive oil is mixed in and also brushed on top of the unleavened bread. In addition, an offering is made of thick bread made with yeast. Yeast is also used in the wave offering of firstfruits (Leviticus 23), a type of thanksgiving sacrifice. The people are to eat right there in the presence of the Lord, and they are not to worry about any leftovers. I always regret that part of the Thanksgiving meal when we get out the plastic containers and bags and aluminum foil to put away all the leftovers. I'm full, and I don't want to work at that moment, but we do not want to waste anything. When making a thanksgiving sacrifice, you do not worry. God has been so generous, one does not have to be concerned about tomorrow's provision. Between your granola bars and yogurt cups and salad, do not forget times of thanksgiving and richness and extravagance.

2) Make sure everyone has enough. When Solomon dedicated the temple, he provided for the entire nation with the sacrifice of tens of thousands of animals (1 Kings 8). These were not for the Lord, but for the people to enjoy in the presence of the Lord because the Lord had kept His promises, provided a temple, and glorified His people Israel. No one could be left out. When the people returned from exile and rebuilt the city of Jerusalem, Nehemiah told them to have joy, eat, and share (Nehemiah 8). Sharing with those in need is critical to thanking the Lord.

3) Fulfill your vows. Because God has worked on your behalf, keeping His promises to you, now you can respond with faithfulness. Whether God has forgiven sin, delivered from enemies, or saved from peril, a proper response is to make vows and keep them: “I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people...” (Psalm 116:17-18). As you enjoy what God has done in the past, think about and make commitments concerning what your future will be like with Him. Your faithfulness will be energized by a more constant state of gratitude.