

# Blue River Church of Christ

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## Church of Christ

### Order of Worship

#### 8:30

#### 10:45

<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	

#### #144 "O Worship the King"

#### #480 "Blessed Assurance" "In Christ Alone"

*Scripture* David Blankenship  
Psalm 103

*Prayer* Shane Hall

#### #38 "Awesome God" #8 "Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing"

#### #457 "How Firm a Foundation"

*Prayer* Andy Hester

*Scripture* Jack Hudkins  
Psalm 103

#### #912 "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary"

#### "Night with Ebon Pinion"

*Lord's Supper* Bill Brotherton

*Lord's Supper* Randy Smith

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

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*Giving*

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#### #860 "There Is a Habitation"

#### #410 "He Leadeth Me"

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"What Happened? Not the End"

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#### #778 "Be with Me, Lord"

#### #701 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Paul Walker

*Shepherd's Prayer* Earl Fultz

#### #140 "Love Divine"

*Final Promise* Hebrews 8:12

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*Songs Led By* Ron McCleary

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Statistics for November 18, 2018 Attendance	94 + 154 = 248
Contribution	\$6,894.60
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.

### **Prayer List**

Continued prayers for **Susan Foster, Bob Schmitt, Sharon Michael's** mom, **Betty 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.**

### **Thanksgiving**

"Thank you for the prayers, cards, and phone calls before and during my recuperation from surgery. I'm very thankful to be part of the Blue River family."

**Bob Schmitt**

### **Baby Shower**

**TODAY, December 2** – Join us right after second service as we celebrate the upcoming baby of **Chris & Hannah Guntert.**

### **A New Small Group**

**Sunday, December 9 (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.**

### **Wilshire Nursing Home**

**Sunday, December 23 (3:00)** – Plan to come and be blessed and be a blessing.

### **Snack Pack Needs**

**December** – No snacks are needed until after the Christmas break, but feel free to purchase the urgent needed items from the list the schools provided (any color pants sizes 5T-teen for both boys and girls and earbuds). Additional items requested were emailed on October 19. If you need a copy of the list, please see Samantha Pollard.

### **Rachel House**

In remembrance of **Liz Church**, we will again be taking donations for Rachel House. Donation envelopes are on the Christmas tree in the foyer cafe. Cash, checks, and purchased items can be given to **Sandy Sewell, Sharon Snowden** or **Nancy Sullivan.** If you prefer to purchase items, a list is provided by the tree.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Service – Carrie & Abby Eaton    2<sup>nd</sup> Service – Liddy Miller & Lindsey Hall

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

November 22 was a great celebration of food and joy as it was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the release of *The Beatles*, otherwise known as *The White Album*. Oh yeah, it was also Thanksgiving.

The year 1968 was a troubled year. MLK, Jr., was killed in April, and Robert Kennedy in June. The Olympics in Mexico City were characterized by massive student riots and remembered for the Black Power salute of two competitors. Some of the greatest violence took place in Vietnam, and some of the most violent Vietnam War protests took place in America and England. The Soviet Union continued to expand, and the Cold War intensified. Certainly, it was not all gloomy with events like the first heart transplant and the passage of the Civil Rights Act, but it was troubled.

In 1968, it was interesting to hear from a song entitled "Revolution 1": "Don't you know it's gonna be/All right, all right, all right." People on the right thought The Beatles were advocating revolution. People on the left listened to the lyrics and felt betrayed, that The Beatles were belittling their work for change. I guess great art is often known as much by how many people it offends as by how much praise it garners. The point from The Beatles seemed to be that it is not "the constitution" or "the institution" that needs change, but "You better free your mind instead."

The Beatles did not have a Christian foundation. Their songs from that year were mainly written during a meditation retreat in India under the tutelage of a yogi. But it is true that the only way "to change the world" is "to change your head." We Christians know that the only way for significant inner change, and outer change in turn, is by the Holy Spirit of God, an intrusion of God into our fallen lives, so that the heart might be rescued from selfish desires and raised to think on "things above."

Oh, that much of our resources and energy might be turned from the worldly pursuits and temporary fixes, by which we seek improvement, to the cultivation of the inner person, of the eternal soul! That change of focus will happen when we trust that God will provide for the outer person: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33). When we stop scrapping and arguing because of anxiety and defensive posturing, we are free to give ourselves to peace, love, and joy.