

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 27, 2016 Attendance	110 + 136 = 246
Contribution	\$4,379.65
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.

December 4, 2016

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Order of Worship

8:30

#386 "He Loves Me"
#176 "Lamb of God"

Prayer Dave Blankenship

Scripture Jim Bassford
Isaiah 53

#356 "I Believe in Jesus"

Lord's Supper Brian Wahlen

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#328 "Wounded for Me"
#353 "One Day!"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Anticipation:
Servant"

#68 "Give Thanks"

Shepherd's Prayer Jan Sullivan

Final Blessing 1 Peter 2:24

Songs Led By Shane Hall

10:45

#300 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"
#324 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?"

Prayer David Keller

#353 "One Day!"

Scripture John Wubbenhorst
Isaiah 53

#276 "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

Lord's Supper Alan Olas

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#509 "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Anticipation:
Servant"

#374 "There Is a Fountain"

Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

Final Praise 1 Peter 2:24

Songs Led By Roger Cook

Prayer List

Phil Roberts is at John Knox, **Evelyn Campbell** is at Villages of Jackson Creek, **Marie Nash** is recovering, **Lena Bramlett's** brother is in rehab and is improving, and **Doris Buys** is at the Rehab Center of Independence. Continued prayers for **Holly Hadley, Grover Renick, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Donna Kerns, and Liz Church.**

New Winter Classes Start Today

Auditorium – **Brian Whalen** is teaching on “**The Lord’s Prayer: History, Theology and Practice.**”

Adult Classroom – **Larry Sullivan** will be teaching on “**King and Kingdom.**”

Ladies Class

Tuesday mornings (10:00am) – **Donna Wealand** is facilitating a time of devotional and prayer. On **December 6**, we will have our monthly luncheon. All ladies are invited. We are having Mexican, so please bring an appropriate dish and a wrapped 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 will be held at her home. Bring an ornament and dish to share.

Senior Saints Holiday Basket Assembly

Wednesday, December 14 (10:00am) – **Kimberly Sterne** has requested assistance in providing the goodies and with putting together the baskets. Her sign-up sheets are on Facebook. If unable to sign up online, please see her.

Parents Night Out

Friday, December 16 (6:00-9:00pm) – Kids up through 6th grade are invited. **Paul & Tammy Walker** have requested 4 more volunteers. You can RSVP on Facebook or the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the main lobby.

Youth Event

Saturday, December 17 – Save the date. More details to come soon!

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

December 4	1 st Service	Brenda and Connor Brotherton
	2 nd Service	Angelia and Aubrey Hudkins

The Preacher’s Post – *Darin Kennedy*

If you do not mind, I would like to do a little meddlin’. I find an important time is approaching where we can plan to put first things first. Christmas is on Sunday this year, as happens every five or six years. Whether or not you see Christmas as celebrating Christ’s birth, it will still be Sunday.

I am deeply concerned with the gaudiness and, honestly, selfishness of something associated in any way with Christ. On whatever the day of the week it falls, it seems shameful how our culture approaches such an opportunity to at least consider him. Stores are ransacked, fights break out, stampedes occur, and competition between individuals and stores is at an all-time high of the year. I do not dislike Christmas, but I think we do it wrong...I think we do anything wrong...when our primary attention is on stuff—stuff to give and stuff to get.

Alongside the temptation toward stuff, another more subtle temptation is the idolatry of family and tradition. Many Christians will, for scheduling purposes in order to fit in what we want to do, have a short devotional at home. Family devotionals are very meaningful times, but they can also be deceiving when it is apparent, especially to our children, that we are just getting something out of the way so that we can move on to opening gifts and getting food on the table. This danger is especially important while travelling for Christmas, where one accommodates a larger family, especially family members who do not worship regularly. Would it be so hard to say that the worship of Christ with the body of Christ will come first? What kind of witness would that be to your family, especially the children and those weak in faith? What kind of encouragement could you be to another congregation in the area to which you have travelled if your family filled up a pew or two?

It will take some advance discussion. You might let opening presents wait until a later time of the day. You might even simplify the gifts you buy. You might simplify your Christmas dinner so that the burden is less on the cooks and dishwashers on a day of worship. You might plan to hang around after worship service even longer than normal to better bless the family of God and to pause as a spiritual discipline before pursuing your own way. These are good principles for the Sundays when we are not talking about holidays, but soccer games and home improvement projects and going to the lake and the roast in the oven, etc.

I am not one who promotes perfect worship attendance as the primary goal for a disciple, but in a culture gone mad with selfishness about stuff and time, it is a testimony to others concerning the priority of the One whom we worship.

Rachel House Christmas Effort

Sunday, December 18 – We have an opportunity to support Rachel House Pregnancy Resource Center by accepting donations for needed items for new moms and their babies. There will be a Christmas tree in the café area with envelopes on it for donations, or you may purchase the items from the list in the insert and place them under the tree.