

Blue River Church of Christ

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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 December 9, 2018 Attendance	94 + 121 = 215
Contribution	\$6,738.64
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.

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Order of Worship

<u>8:30</u>	<u>10:45</u>
"In the Bleak Midwinter" #193 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"	#3 "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"
<i>Scripture</i> Stephen Couture Luke 4:16-21	<i>Prayer</i> Vint Hall
<i>Prayer</i> Tony Pollard	#844 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
"Down in the River to Pray"	<i>Scripture</i> Ben Church Luke 4:16-21
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	#324 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?" #386 "He Loves Me"
<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>	<i>Lord's Supper</i>
<i>Giving</i>	Nick Williams
#827 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" #4 "To God Be the Glory"	<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>
<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "Set Free"	<i>Giving</i>
#202 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"	#570 "A Beautiful Life"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> David Keller	<i>Lesson</i> Bill Crossman and Randy George "Set Free"
<i>Final Blessing</i> Isaiah 9:2	#867 "To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way"
<i>Songs Led By</i> Ryan Smith	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> John Owen
	<i>Final Blessing</i> Isaiah 9:2
	<i>Songs Led By</i> Paul Walker

Prayer List

Bonnie Hamby was released from the hospital with the diagnosis of a stroke which has affected her vision. **Sue Brown** is undergoing treatments for breast cancer. **Freda Renick** has been having difficulty with breathing. **Marie Nash** had surgery on her elbow. **Roman Martin** had successful shoulder replacement surgery. Continued prayers for **Sharon Michael's** mom, Betty, **Earl Weddle**, **Betty Williams**, **Donna Kerns**, **Andy Hester**, **Buddy Self**, **Rita Fitzsimmons**, **Evelyn Campbell**, **Doris Buys**, **Dave Nash**, **Gary & Beverly Campbell**, **Keith & Jurhee Bench**, **Bruce Keeton**, and **Jane Weatherbee**.

New Address

Sue Brown's new address is 13850 Metcalf, #HS424 Overland Park, KS 66223.

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 (ex., any color pants sizes 5T-teen for both boys and girls and earbuds). If you need a copy of the list, please see **Samantha Pollard**.

Rachel House

In remembrance of **Liz Church**, we will again be supporting Rachel House. Donation envelopes are on the Christmas tree in the foyer café. 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.

Wilshire Nursing Home

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

Secret Sister Luncheon

Sunday, January 6 (12:00) – All ladies are invited to attend this luncheon right after 2nd service. Look for a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1 st Service	Jon & Cheryl Sutton
2 nd Service	Kimberly Kennedy & Aubrey Hall

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

Back in the summer of 1993, Kimberly was making her own jewelry, and we decided to travel to craft shows in order to sell her creations. It was a miserable failure. Kimberly had great stuff, but it was not the life for us. It is only by the grace of God that we are still married. We were traveling through Tennessee, and we were tired, and we were lonely, and we were hungry. After an immense amount of work, we only had about 40 dollars in our pocket. We saw a Cracker Barrel by the freeway, and we decided to stop. We could not say much to each other, and our eyes had a glazed covering over them. We were desperate for something good to eat, and we began to order.

Now with only \$40 left to live on (for the rest of our days on this earth, we felt at that moment), we should have been thinking conservatively—you know, share an entree, only drink water, fill up on the free biscuits. But the menu offered more than we could bear, and our hearts were as hungry as our stomachs. I had the Pot Roast, and she had the Chicken and Dumplings. Ooooh, that good home-style cooking hit the spot, and we slathered that butter and honey all over those biscuits, but we were not done. The little advertisement on the table showed a Chocolate Cobbler and an Apple Dumpling, both with a huge scoop of Vanilla Bean ice cream on top. We just had to get those. It was stupid, I know, but by the end of those desserts WE WERE FULL! And...we were broke. But we had smiles on our faces and determination to go on.

It is still one of the best meals I have ever had. Later, when things were going better for us, I ordered that same meal at Cracker Barrel thinking it would give me the same thrilling experience. While I enjoyed the meal, it just was not the same. I have a feeling the desperation added more flavor than the butter, cream, shortening, salt, sugar, and slow cooking all added together. Perhaps, how we come *to* the table is just as important as what we set *on* the table.

The Lord's table is set with rich food, the bread and the cup that represent Jesus' death. The table anticipates heavenly feasts and reminds us of innumerable blessings. And do not forget the company with whom we share the meal; more than friends, we are family. The Lord has provided a bountiful meal, but how do we approach the table? The lonely, the poor, the tired, and the sinful approach the table in desperation, starving for attention, for blessing, for rest, and for forgiveness. They push away from the table full.

I am starting to get hungry.