

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 December 11, 2016 Attendance	114 + 141 = 255
Contribution	\$7,478.93
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 18, 2016

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Order of Worship

8:30

#144 "O Worship the King"
#678 "More About Jesus"

Prayer Ron McCleary

Scripture Roger Bradshaw
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

#705 "A Common Love"

Lord's Supper
Gene Clark

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

"He Is My Everything"
#1012 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Anticipation:
Small Town"

#410 "He Leadeth Me"

Shepherd's Prayer Jan Sullivan

Final Blessing Psalm 149:4

Songs Led By Shane Hall

10:45

#470 "Victory in Jesus"
#1002 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Prayer Aaron Palmer

Scripture Darren Herrmann
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

#387 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

Lord's Supper
Roger Cook

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#1001 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Anticipation:
Small Town"

#943 "Do You Know My Jesus?"

Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

Final Blessing Psalm 149:4

Songs Led By Gary Hasty

Prayer List

Liz Church has started a new chemo plan, Holly Hadley is home recovering from surgery, Evelyn Campbell is in assisted living at Villages of Jackson Creek, Doris Buys is at the Rehab Center of Independence, and Damian Triplett is a 4-month-old baby currently in the hospital. Continued prayers for the Roberts' family, Marie Nash, Grover Renick, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, and Donna Kerns.

New Winter Classes Have Started

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.”

Senior Saints Holiday Baskets

Now – We still need assistance in delivering some of the baskets. The ones needing delivery are in the kitchen on the counter. Please consider picking up one or two and delivering this week.

Rachel House Christmas Effort

TODAY is the deadline to accept donations for the Rachel House Pregnancy Resource Center for new moms and their babies. On the Christmas tree in the café area there are still some envelopes for donations.

Christmas Sunday Schedule

Service times will be normal on the 25th, but we will not have classes between.

Ladies Class

The ladies group that has been meeting on **Tuesday mornings (10:00am)** will not be meeting again until **January 3, 2017**. Please consider attending! **Donna Wealand** is facilitating a wonderful devotional time and prayer.

Bulletin Boards

Please be sure to check out all the bulletin boards weekly. If you need anything announced or listed, please contact **Samantha Pollard** by sending an email to office@bluerivercofc.org.

Leadership Training for Christ

Please prayerfully consider donating some time this new year to work with the youth in **3rd-12th** grades. There are many projects and activities to complete before the 2017 LTC Conference. Your contributions would really be appreciated!

A Minister’s Musings – Shane Hall

For many years, the story of Ebenezer Scrooge and how his course of life was changed by a series of spiritual visitors has captivated both old and young alike. After hundreds of adaptations for theater, movies and radio, Charles Dickens’ classic remains one of the most popular Christmas tales in existence. While entertaining, the story offers much more to the reader/viewer than just a way to pass the time.

My family has had the long tradition of watching Christmas movies when the holiday season rolls around. Sitting together and enjoying a warm evening at home while watching a holiday classic is a nice relaxing thought to me and mine. Most of the selections are pretty, shallow in the way of moral lessons. We watch, mainly, to get a hearty laugh or to get that fuzzy feeling that comes with this time of year. Honestly, how much spiritual enrichment can one really get from watching Rudolf overcome his self-consciousness? There are only so many lessons to learn when watching Frosty lead children into mischief. The traffic cop said “stop” not “pause” for a moment and then keep going. Seriously Frosty, you should be a lot more responsible. (In case he reads this...) Anyway, the point is, it’s nice to have a moral application when watching your favorite stories.

If you have never read *A Christmas Carol* I encourage you to do so for in it you get the best of both worlds. In the story, Ebenezer Scrooge realizes the eternal implications of his past, present and future actions. He is given the gifts of hindsight and future revelation and this ultimately brings him to his wretched, greedy knees. He begs for an opportunity to reconcile and repent. He longs for a 2nd chance at relationships and at the end of his momentous, revealing night when he realizes such an opportunity has been granted he says the following, “I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future!” He jumped out of bed and exclaimed, “The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me. O Jacob Marley! Heaven and the Christmas-time be praised for this! I say it on my knees old Jacob, on my knees!”

What a drastic change! He went from miserable old miser to penitent worshiper in the matter of a few hours! His heart was moved to compassion by an understanding of the temporal. By being able to take a step back and see what his actions were doing to others he was able to self-examine and make corrections. You know what? We don’t need a supernatural event in order to see what Ebenezer saw. (Well, we did need supernatural intervention but that happened at the cross). We can and should take a step back each day and assess how our actions may be affecting our fellow man. Look to past, present and future for a clear view of repercussions. “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people especially to those who belong to the family of believers” (Galatians 6:10).

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

December 18	1 st Service	Jennifer & Aubrey Hall
	2 nd Service	Kimberly Kennedy & Denise Fultz