

# Blue River Church of Christ

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<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	

Statistics for December 16, 2018 Attendance	91 + 155 = 246
Contribution	\$7,306.32
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>
"I'm Happy Today!" #1018 "Joy to the World"	"I'm Happy Today!" #1018 "Joy to the World"
<i>Prayer</i> Gene Clark	<i>Prayer</i> Matt Hoggatt
<i>Scripture</i> Bill Endicott Luke 2:1-21	<i>Scripture</i> Jack Hudkins Luke 2:1-21
#382 "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?"	#382 "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?"
<i>Lord's Supper</i> Ron McCleary	<i>Lord's Supper</i> Darren Herrmann
<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>	<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>
<i>Giving</i>	<i>Giving</i>
"I'm Happy Today!" #1028 "O Holy Night" #1005 "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"	"I'm Happy Today!" #1028 "O Holy Night" #1005 "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"
<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "The Pleasure of God"	<i>Lesson</i> Darin Kennedy "The Pleasure of God"
#1002 "Angels We Have Heard on High"	#1002 "Angels We Have Heard on High"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> Russ Simmons	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i> David Keller
<i>Final Blessing</i> Luke 12:32	<i>Final Blessing</i> Luke 12:32
<i>Songs Led By</i> Shane Hall	<i>Songs Led By</i> Shane Hall

### **Prayer List**

**Kimberly Kennedy's** cousin, Tony Watts, is back in ICU. **Roger Wealand** had a heart catheterization. **Larry Sullivan** had shoulder surgery. **Ruth Elmer** was hospitalized this week. **Sue Brown** is undergoing treatments for breast cancer. **Freda Renick** has been having difficulty with breathing. Continued prayers for **Bonnie Hamby, Roman Martin, Sharon Michael's** mom, Betty, **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.**

### **New Address**

**Sue Brown's** new address is 13850 Metcalf, Apt 14424 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 email the office at [office@bluerivercofc.org](mailto:office@bluerivercofc.org).

### **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**

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

### **New Year's Eve Party**

**Monday, December 31 (7:00-???)** – It is that time again when all the adults of Blue River and their friends are invited to the home of **Russ & Shirley Simmons** to close out the old year and bring in the New Year together. So, grab a nap, bring your favorite snack, and join in the fun. Please contact the Simmons with questions or to let them know if you plan to attend.

### **Secret Sister Luncheon**

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

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Arline Bradshaw
2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Samantha Pollard

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

“Comfort, comfort my people,  
says your God.”

—Isaiah 40:1

Take a moment right now to rest, really rest. That kind of rest is not in sleep; instead, a soulful rest is in contentment and trust. It comes from knowing you are loved, forgiven, and protected. It comes from realizing that your value is not based on what you produce, build, or accomplish, but on who you are as a child of God, made in the image of God, belonging to God. Your identity is not determined by what you have done or what situation you find yourself in. You cannot be labeled by anyone truthfully except God, and He takes great pleasure in you and finds you extraordinarily valuable.

So rest. You may have a full schedule this week, traveling from house to house, preparing all sorts of dishes. Some of you today will say in a rush, “Glad we could come to early service today,” or, “I hope Darin doesn't preach too long.” Some of you have been busy this past week, and you have the sneaking suspicion that you forgot to do something, or you regularly feel that way. None of that matters in this moment of being in God's presence. Rest.

One of the most chaotic moments in the Bible must have been when the angels came to visit the shepherds. Quiet night, routine work, and then explosion of light, visit with a supernatural stranger, and then the hosts of heaven. The shepherds must have thought the world was ending, that God had finally decided to bring His final judgment, but the message was that things were just beginning. While terror ran through the shepherds' veins, the angels brought words of rest: do not be afraid, good news, joy, and peace. Everyone can listen, marvel, and enjoy.

Many times, it is not good to be a spectator. We have too much work to do. We are often made to feel guilty for being “pew-packers.” But right now, it is good to watch God work. Let Him carry the burden of slavery. Let Him comfort the inner regions of the heart. Let Him do things we simply have no power to do ourselves. Spectate. Watch the Master do His greatest work.

Rest. Do not be afraid. Rest. I bring you good news. Rest. It will cause great joy. Rest. On earth, peace.

### **Wednesday Classes**

**December 26 & January 2** – We will have both Trek and adult classes.