

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 25, 2016

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Order of Worship

8:30

10:45

<i>Prayer</i>	Steve Etter	<i>Prayer</i>	Matt Hoggatt
	#997 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #1028 "O Holy Night!" #998 "What Child Is This?"		#997 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #1028 "O Holy Night!" #998 "What Child Is This?"
<i>Scripture</i>	Bruce Sewell Luke 2:1-20	<i>Scripture</i>	Ben Church Luke 2:1-20
	#1001 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #382 "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?"		#1001 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #382 "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?"
<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Jerry Brown	<i>Lord's Supper</i>	Jerry John
	<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>		<i>The Bread</i> <i>The Cup</i>
<i>Giving</i>		<i>Giving</i>	
<i>Devotion "Light of the World"</i>		<i>Devotion "Light of the World"</i>	
	#996 O Little Town of Bethlehem"		#996 O Little Town of Bethlehem"
<i>Power Kids: stay in the auditorium today</i>		<i>Power Kids: stay in the auditorium today</i>	
<i>Lesson</i>	Darin Kennedy "Anticipation: Small Town"	<i>Lesson</i>	Darin Kennedy "Anticipation: Small Town"
	#1018 "Joy to the World"		#1018 "Joy to the World"
<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	John Owen	<i>Shepherd's Prayer</i>	Earl Fultz
<i>Final Praise</i>	Isaiah 9:6	<i>Final Praise</i>	Isaiah 9:6
<i>Songs Led By</i>	Shane Hall	<i>Songs Led By</i>	Shane Hall

A Minister's Musings – *Shane Hall*

Prayer List

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

Praise

Ripley Miller had surgery this last week and all went very well! This should be her last.

Christmas Sunday Schedule

Service times are normal today, but we will not have classes.

New Winter Classes Have Started

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

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

Ladies Class

The ladies that have been meeting on **Tuesday mornings (10:00am)** will not meet 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 of your time this coming 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!

Rachel House Christmas Donations

Thank you for your loving actions and generosity! Because of you, many new moms and babies will be blessed.

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 Rudolph 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 jumps out of bed and exclaims, “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 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 25	1 st Service	Carrie & Abby Eaton
	2 nd Service	Laurie & Sydney Kerley