

# 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.

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| <b>Elders</b>               | Earl Fultz<br>John Owen  | Russ Simmons                               |
| <b>Deacons</b>              | David Blankenship<br>David Foster<br>Darren Herrmann<br>Jack Hudkins | Aaron Palmer<br>Sean Turner<br>Paul Walker |
| <b>Pulpit Minister</b>      | Darin Kennedy<br>dkennedy@bluerivercofc.org                          |  |
| <b>Family Life Minister</b> | Shane Hall<br>shall@bluerivercofc.org                                |  |

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| Statistics for December 25, 2017 Attendance       | 77 + 131 = 208 |
| Contribution                                      | \$4,808.10     |
| Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget | \$5,989        |
| Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving         | \$6,016        |

## 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 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.

December 31, 2017

# BLUE RIVER

## Church of Christ

### Order of Worship

#### 8:30

#264 "O Come, Let Us Adore Him"  
#162 "All Hail the Power of Jesus'  
Name"  
#202 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

*Prayer* David Rechenhain

"All Things Are Ready"

*Lord's Supper*

Bill Brotherton

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#705 "A Common Love"

*Scripture* Stephen Couture  
1 Corinthians 13

#122 "The Love of God"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Keep It Simple:  
GOAT"

#943 "Do You Know My Jesus?"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Earl Fultz

*Final Praise* Psalm 18:1

*Songs Led By* Drew Battistelli

#### 10:45

#538 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing  
Less"

*Scripture* Roger Wealand  
1 Corinthians 13

#578 "We Will Glorify"  
#533 "I Am a Sheep"

*Prayer* Aaron Palmer

#387 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

*Lord's Supper*

Larry Sullivan

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#679 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Keep It Simple:  
GOAT"

#943 "Do You Know My Jesus?"

*Shepherd's Prayer* John Owen

*Final Praise* Psalm 18:1

*Songs Led By* Gary Hasty

### **Prayer List**

**Jerry Brown** is in the hospital in Edmond, OK, with a very toxic case of pancreatitis. Surgery will be required to remove his gallbladder once they have the toxicity under control. **Beulah Vaughn** passed away Saturday morning. Continued prayers for **Tracy & Amelia Simmons, Howard Petersen, Ron McCleary's mom, Susan Foster, Denise Fultz, Liz Church's sister, Carol,** and her stepson **Russell, Hannah Guntert, Sherril Sego, Barbara John, Betty Williams, Stephen Couture's brother (Jonathan), Frank Stewart's son (Bill), Vickie Sullivan, Faye Sullivan, Tony Pollard, Liddy Miller, Donna Kerns, Roman Martin, Buddy Self, Lena Bramlett, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Evelyn Campbell, Bruce Keeton, Jane Weatherbee, and Liz Church.**

### **Letter of Gratitude**

“Dear Blue River Family, thank you for your generosity to my brother Jonathan and his family. It was and is greatly appreciated. We have been deeply touched to see the church's giving in a practical way. Thank you for spreading God's love! **Stephen & Caitlin Couture** and family.”

### **Winter Bible Classes**

**Auditorium** – **Earl Fultz** is teaching “**Godly Living in a Hostile Culture: The Letters of Peter.**”

**Adult Classroom** – **Darin Kennedy** is teaching through **The Gospel of Matthew.**

### **NO Sunday Evening Small Group at the Building**

**December 31** – Will not meet due to the holiday.

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

**Tonight, Sunday, December 31 (7:00 pm - ???)** – Location: the Simmons' house. This is for adults only. Please bring a snack to share, and come join in the festivities. Any questions please see **Russ** or **Shirley Simmons.**

### **Secret Sister Luncheon**

**Sunday, January 7 (12:00-2:00)** – Save the date to join in the “big reveal.” If you would like to participate in 2018, please see **Dawn Cook.**

### **Project Outreach Committee**

**Sean Turner** is starting an Outreach Committee. “The expectation of the group is pretty open, but the idea is to get out into the community and create an environment where people feel connected and can see the light we shine.” There is a sign-up sheet and list of planned activities for 2018 on the main bulletin board.

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

“Instead of writing you a new-year letter, as I have so often done, I write you, as follows, a few of my life rules, as they occur to me in the light of the last day of 1895—rules which I hope to strictly observe, both in letter and spirit, till God shall call me home:

“(1) Be kind; (2) be meek; (3) be true; (4) be humble; (5) be gentle; (6) be polite; (7) be patient; (8) be earnest; (9) be careful; (10) be hopeful; (11) be faithful; (12) be cheerful; (13) be grateful; (14) be generous; (15) be prayerful; (16) be courteous; (17) be unselfish; (18) be thoughtful; (19) be industrious; (20) be consecrated; (21) be conscientious; (22) always ‘do the right;’ (23) do as much good as possible; (24) do as little evil as possible; (25) eat to live, not live to eat; (26) if possible, be perfectly pure; (27) if not, be pure as possible; (28) always make the best of the situation; (29) be clean—body, soul, and spirit—clean in thought, in word, in deed—always clean; (30) conscientiously consecrate all to Christ—head, hand, heart—body, soul, spirit—time, tongue, talent—mind, muscle, money—consecrate all to Him who gave his very life to ransom a recreant, lost, and ruined race.”

—**Theophilus Brown Larimore (1843-1929)**

The above quotation from a man who dedicated his life to the service of God is a good example for what we could say today, although it was written 122 years ago. What I appreciate most is Larimore's resolution to not only *do* something different or better in the new year, but also to *be* someone better in the new year. Larimore accomplished a great deal in his life and ministry, some estimating that he baptized over 20,000 people, but results came from an inner resolve. He had a firm conviction that if he stayed faithful and obedient to the Lord, God would bless him and his work.

Predicting the events of 2018 is difficult. Having certainty is impossible. Circumstances are likely to change and change quickly. Expected results will be re-calculated all along the way. In the midst of all that can change, make a decision now concerning those principles, those “life rules,” that will not change. Make a new commitment here at the beginning of 2018 to the life of character that need not change no matter what events occur.

Somebody may say, “How can I know that I will keep my commitment to character in 2018?” My response would be to add to your rules, “Rely on the forgiveness of God.” However, do not allow your trust in God's grace to weaken your resolve to be a better person than you have ever been before. God's forgiveness and Holy Spirit are meant to lead you toward complete transformation of character and will.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Service – Arline Bradshaw & Denise Fultz

2<sup>nd</sup> Service – Tonya & Riley Parker