

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 Russ Simmons
John Owen

Deacons

David Blankenship Aaron Palmer
David Foster Sean Turner
Darren Herrmann Paul Walker
Jack Hudkins

Pulpit Minister

Darin Kennedy
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Family Life Minister

Shane Hall
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Statistics for February 4, 2018 Attendance	67 + 127 = 194
Contribution	\$8,769.25
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$6,877
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.

February 11, 2018

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Order of Worship

8:30

#144 "O Worship the King"
#590 "Jesus Is All the World to Me"

Scripture Roger Bradshaw
Psalm 84

#71 "As the Deer"

Prayer Andy Hester

#701 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"
#62 "I Exalt Thee"

Lord's Supper David Blankenship

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#226 "Come, Thou Fount of Every
Blessing"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
The Dark Night:
"Highest Value"

#915 "Trust and Obey"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Prayer Psalm 73:25-26

Songs Led By Drew Battistelli

10:45

#470 "Victory in Jesus"
#480 "Blessed Assurance"

Prayer Larry Sullivan

Scripture Jack Hudkins
Psalm 84

#96 "I Stand in Awe"
#589 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Lord's Supper Randy Smith

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

"All to Us"
"Psalm 19:7-10"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
The Dark Night:
"Highest Value"

#924 "Just as I Am"

Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

Final Prayer Psalm 73:25-26

Songs Led By Shane Hall

Prayer List

Fleta Duncan passed away, and her services will be held here at the church on February 17 at 4:00pm. **Gary Campbell** has the flu. **Howard Petersen** has been in Lee's Summit Hospital. **Roman Martin** continues to struggle with treatments. **Liz Church** needs continued to prayers for strength and comfort. Continued prayers for **Carrie Brotherton, Ron McCleary & family, Betty Williams, Sue Brown, Eloise Staley, Tammy Walker, Tracy & Amelia Simmons, Denise Fultz, Hannah Guntert, Sherril Segoe, Vickie Sullivan, Faye Sullivan, Tony Pollard, Donna Kerns, Buddy Self, Lena Bramlett, Doris Buys, Dave & Marie Nash, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Evelyn Campbell, Bruce Keeton, and Jane Weatherbee.**

Celebration Lunch

TODAY, February 11 – Immediately following 2nd service in honor of **Chris and Hannah Guntert** and their recent adoption of **Gideon**, please join us in rejoicing with this family at this special time in their lives.

Youth Activity

Saturday, February 17 (6:00-9:00) – The teens should be dropped off and picked up at Paradise Park. Cost is \$15.00 per teen.

Church Homecoming

Sunday, March 18 – Please invite any and all current and former members to join us for a great day of celebration! Any questions, please see **Sean Turner**.

College Student Outreach

Paul Walker is continuing to work on ways to encourage our students. If a mailing address needs to be updated, please forward to him. We are also collecting donations for our 13 students. If you leave them in the office, please clearly mark them so they don't accidentally go somewhere else. Also, if your student would appreciate receiving a verse or inspirational saying on Mondays please make sure **Paul** has your students cell phone number on file. Let's be a blessing to our college students.

Project Outreach Committee

Sean Turner has started an Outreach Committee. If you are interested in participating, there is a sign-up sheet and list of planned activities for 2018 on the main bulletin board.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Brenda & Conner Brotherton

2nd Service – Darlene Pollard & Kimberly Kennedy

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

“All night long on my bed
I looked for the one my heart loves;
I looked for him but did not find him.”

—Song of Songs 3:1

The Song of Songs, or Song of Solomon, is a beautiful picture of romance and physical intimacy between a man and woman. However, since its writing, it has been used allegorically to describe the relationship between God and His people, or Christ and His church. The use of allegory has, for many, solved the scandal of why something so worldly (the book does not even include a mention of God) could have been included in the canon of Scripture. But the use of allegory has created another scandal: how the relationship of God with His people can be described with such sexual language. It begs the question of what a relationship with God really means.

Can a relationship with God grow into personal intimacy? The basic relationship with God begins with fear. He is bigger, stronger, and smarter than us. He created us, so we need His provision. We have sinned, so we need His forgiveness.

The next step is thanksgiving. God blesses us and saves us, and the proper response is joyful worship because of how good He is. Here is the level of being a child of the Father.

The next step is one of service. God commands, and we obey. God calls, and we go. God blesses us, and we share those blessings. He has equipped us to serve in His kingdom. Service grows into partnership. We not only do what He tells us to do, but we also share in His vision for what the world should become. We love people as He loves them. We see the world as He sees it. Our goals and plans are His. We share in the work of creation and restoration.

At a deeper level, that partnership becomes friendship. Abraham and Moses become not only heroes of the past, but also examples for the rest of us. We can talk openly with God about our concerns, “face to face as with a friend” (Exodus 33:11). We trust in God without the need for reward.

The final level is one of lover, or wife. It is not a relationship of production or reward or even talking, but of yearning, one-ness, and pure presence. The hardest part is that moving from one level to the next requires dissatisfaction, craving, and discipline—the dark night.