

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 February 5, 2017 Attendance	102 + 160 = 262
Contribution	\$7,885.32
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.

February 12, 2017

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Order of Worship

8:30

10:45

#121 "Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"
#742 "When Upon Life's Billows"

"Blessed Be Your Name"
"I Love You, Lord"
"Down in the River to Pray"
"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Prayer Jeff Petersen

Scripture Ron McCleary
Philippians 1:3-11

Lord's Supper Larry Sullivan

#480 "Blessed Assurance"

The Bread
The Cup

Lord's Supper Brian Wahlen

Giving

The Bread
The Cup

Scripture Nick Williams
Philippians 1:3-11

Giving

Prayer Greg Fitzsimmons

#226 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
#827 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Power Kids Dismissed

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"I Love You, Lord"

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"Great Change: My Prayer"

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#808 "Abide with Me"

"I Love You, Lord"

Shepherd's Prayer John Owen

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Blessing 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

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Prayer List

Doug Davenport's mother passed away last week. **Sarah Cook** broke the growth plate in her wrist. Remember to pray for our **college students** who are attending college locally and away. Continued prayers for **Jerry John, Eloise Staley, Lena Bramlett, Dave Nash, Liz Church, Holly Hadley, Doris Buys, Marie Nash, Grover Renick, Gary & Beverly Campbell, Keith & Jurhee Bench, Donna Kerns and Evelyn Campbell.**

Doris Buys' 90th Birthday Open House

TODAY!!!! Sunday, February 12 (2:00-4:00) – Please join us at The Fountains, 3rd floor east, Truman Room.

Women Walking With God

WWWG is an annual ladies conference held in Wichita, KS. They have extended the early bird pricing until **February 15**. If you are interested in attending, please log on to their website and register (womenwalkingwithgod.org). We already have a block of rooms reserved at a hotel. If you would like to be included, please let **Shirley Simmons** or **Rosemary Olas** know. **The conference dates are April 21-22, 2017.** We always have such a great time and would love for you to join us!

Church Homecoming

Sunday, February 19 – Please invite all former members and recurring attenders to our Homecoming celebration. Please forward any email addresses that you have to **Sean Turner** at turnertitans27@yahoo.com, and copy the office at office@bluerivercofc.org so they may receive a formal invitation. Food will be catered for all during the normal Bible class time.

Youth Event Harvesters and Ice Skating

Saturday, February 25 (7:45 AM - 2:30PM) – See the flyer on the main bulletin board for complete details, also Facebook or the announcement slides.

Education Meeting

Saturday, February 25 (9:00) – All teachers, helpers, and those interested in our Education Ministry are encouraged to attend. The most important part of the meeting will be dividing up into teams of teachers of different age groups for planning for the coming year.

Parents Night Out

Friday, March 10 – Parents save the date! Stay tuned for more details to come.

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

February 12

1st Service

Kelly & Alex Newbury

2nd Service

Darlene Pollard

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

Can anyone walk and chew gum at the same time? We humans continually prove to be either/or kinds of people. Two different tasks leave us confused and tired. Do not give us two choices because we cannot make up our minds. We are more used to one side against another, competing endlessly until we can proclaim a winner. However, to deny that two sides exist to every question is to deny the reality of life. One can try to avoid the debate, thinking one is simplifying life, or arrogantly proclaiming one has found the truth; however, the neglected choice often has a way of rising up and ambushing us.

For example, take the arena of spiritual thought. Christians like to stroll through the heavens, heads in the clouds, in the things beyond, and we are tempted to call our daydreaming “spirituality.” Easily distracted, we ignore the physical side of life, thinking it will submit quietly to our “more spiritual” purposes. But the fierce grip of fleshly life will not let us go, and instead of avoiding it, we find ourselves defenseless, at the mercy of the flesh and its desires. The flesh tears at us because our backs are turned and left vulnerable.

In the book of 1 John, John wants Christians to live in the tension between heaven and earth, in the Spirit but also in the breathing, eating, sleeping, tempted carcass of flesh. *Real* faith connects heavenly truth with earthly life, and Christians must be ready for both. The heart of John's message lies in the central truth of the gospel: Jesus became flesh (5:6). John begins his letter with an opening of the senses: “...what we have heard...what we have seen...what we have looked at and touched...we have seen it and testify to it” (1:1-3; see also 4:14-15), reminding them of physical eyewitnesses. False teachers deny the connection of Jesus and the flesh (4:2-3), between the Father and the world (2:22). However, God's answer for the problems of the world is the sending of His Son into the world and Jesus being sacrificed (2:2; 4:10). The truth of the matter is much fleshier than we would have expected from God.

Because the flesh is part of the gospel story and spirituality, the Christian has the tools necessary for life's harsh reality. First, the Christian is prepared to avoid sin. Sin must be challenged and overcome, if not by our obedience, then by Jesus' blood (1:5-2:2; 3:4-10). Second, the Christian is equipped for genuine relationships of love. Love must be “in truth and action” (3:18). Love must be as fleshly as God's sacrifice for us (4:11), and real love will in turn demonstrate the reality of God (4:12). Finally, faith can be made manifest and strengthened in obedience. Active demonstration of our faith and love for God is central to who we are (3:21-22; 5:2-3). Being aware of the sinfulness of the world and having confidence in the salvation brought into the world, a Christian stands in the world as conqueror of it (4:4; 5:3-5), not victim to it out of false hopes.

The ending of John's letter troubles me—“Little children, keep yourselves from idols” (5:21). I am bothered by how mundanely it completes this majestic letter, a letter of truth and life and light. But that is the reality of the situation. We can walk upon the heights, but if we are not prepared for the world of wood and metal, money and position, pride and lust, we are lost.