

# 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 18, 2018 Attendance	89 + 132 = 221
Contribution	\$6,477.36
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$6,867
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$6,883

## 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 25, 2018

# BLUE RIVER

## Church of Christ

## Order of Worship

### 8:30

#4 "To God Be the Glory"  
#77 "Glorify Thy Name"

*Scripture* David Rechenhth  
Ephesians 1:15-23

*Prayer* Bruce Sewell

#313 "The Old Rugged Cross"

*Lord's Supper*

Ron McCleary

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#63 "I Will Call upon the Lord"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"The Dark Night:  
Church"

#674 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Russ Simmons

*Final Praise* Ephesians 3:20-21

*Songs Led By* Gary Hasty

### 10:45

#4 "To God Be the Glory"  
#77 "Glorify Thy Name"

*Scripture* Tony Pollard  
Ephesians 1:15-23

*Prayer* Vint Hall

#313 "The Old Rugged Cross"

*Lord's Supper*

Nick Williams

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

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### **Prayer List**

**Keith Bench** fell and broke a rib. **Howard Petersen** is home from the hospital and not doing very well. **Roman Martin** continues to struggle with treatments. **Liz Church** needs continued to prayers for strength, comfort, and for the needed medication to be available to her. Continued prayers for **Fleta's** family, **Carrie Brotherton**, **Ron McCleary** & family, **Betty Williams**, **Sue Brown**, **Eloise Staley**, **Tracy & Amelia Simmons**, **Denise Fultz**, **Hannah Guntert**, **Sherril Sego**, **Vickie Sullivan**, **Faye Sullivan**, **Tony Pollard**, **Donna Kerns**, **Buddy Self**, **Lena Bramlett**, **Doris Buys**, **Dave & Marie Nash**, **Gary & Beverly Campbell**, **Jurhee Bench**, **Evelyn Campbell**, **Bruce Keeton**, and **Jane Weatherbee**.

### **Wilshire Nursing Home**

**Today (3:00)** – Come and be a blessing!

### **Wedding Shower**

**Sunday, March 4 (noon-3:30)** – Ladies, please join us for **Kara Herrmann** and **Lance Benson's** wedding shower. Lunch will be provided. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Walmart, and Amazon.

### **Gardening 101**

**Wednesday, March 7 & 14 (6:00-7:00)** – **Shane Hall** will hold classes.

### **Prayer Seminar**

**March 9-11** – Details were announced last Sunday and emailed out. If you have any questions, please see **Ron McCleary**.

### **Youth Activity and Service Project**

**Saturday, March 17 (9:00)** – Building the Community Garden beds.  
**(2:00-3:00)** – Trek and everyone else is invited to join the Youth Group at Centerpoint Community Ice. The cost is \$10/person.

### **Church Homecoming**

**Sunday, March 18 (9:30-10:45)** – Potluck will be held between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> service. The meat will be catered. Please bring a dish to share (an electronic sign-up sheet has been sent out). Remember to invite any and all current and former members to join us for a great time of celebration! Any questions, please see **Sean Turner**.

### **College Student Outreach**

Please leave labeled donations for care packages in the office.

### **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.

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

As a homeschooling parent, I get to re-learn things long forgotten from my own high school career. Lately in Chemistry, we have been learning about types of bonding between elements and molecules. Some bonds are stronger than others. The stronger ionic bonds are more likely to be solid at room temperature, and the weaker covalent bonds are likely to be more liquid or gas. The noble gases are so complete and stable in themselves that they do not bond with anything, including each other, so they exist as gases.

We can also have several types and strengths of bonds in the church. Growing up, we would sing “Bind Us Together.” I grew up singing, “Bind us together with *cords* that cannot be bro-o-o-o-ken,” but when I came to Missouri I heard some people singing, “Bind us together with *chains* that cannot be bro-o-ken.” Not only did we do more of a run in “broken,” but there was also a change in the material of bonding. “Cords” comes from Ecclesiastes 4:12: “A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” But I guess some people wanted something a little stronger, so they went with “chains.” Now, when we sing the song, I’m ready to bust out with “cords,” but then I get confused by a few people singing “chains,” and it comes out more like “chairs” or “cains.”

Whatever the lyrics, we want the strongest bonds possible in the church. Our bonds need to go beyond assembling in the same place, individually worshipping God while looking at the back of each other’s head and breathing the same air. Our assembly times can be opportunities to encourage one another and speak to one another. Bonds can be increased still further by finding opportunities outside of assemblies to build closer relationships where burdens and victories are shared, such as in small groups. Go one more step, and we can step outside regularly scheduled programs and show hospitality to one another in our homes. Venture still further, and we can find work to do together. Partnership in the work of the kingdom is one of the highest levels of bonds, but we can take even more steps toward intimacy. We can be family, where we hold on to one another as brothers and sisters. Even more, we can be friends, where we choose one another no matter what the conditions, bringing the highest level of love to bear.

What level of bonding are you experiencing now, and into what level are you ready to grow?

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

1<sup>st</sup> Service – Dawn Cook

2<sup>nd</sup> Service – Stormy Cook