

# 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.

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

Statistics for February 19, 2017 Attendance	130 + 142 = 272
Contribution	\$5,250.00
Weekly Average Contribution Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,989
Average Actual Year to Date Weekly Giving	\$5,555

### 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 26, 2017

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## Church of Christ

### Order of Worship

**8:30**

#578 "We Will Glorify"  
#989 "Soon and Very Soon"

*Prayer* Joe Harber

#719 "Love One Another"

*Scripture* Roger Bradshaw  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

#349 "Ten Thousand Angels"

*Lord's Supper* Bruce Sewell

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

#895 "I'll Live in Glory"

*Giving*

*Power Kids Dismissed*

*Lesson* Shane Hall  
"All That God Has Done with  
Them"

#470 "Victory in Jesus"

*Shepherd's Prayer* Jan Sullivan

*Songs Led By* Paul Walker

**10:45**

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### **Prayer List**

**Sherry Owen** has had on-going difficulty with Bell's Palsy. **Sarah Cook** broke the growth plate in her wrist. **Beka Cook** sprained her ankle. **Debbie Peerson's** sister, **Penny**, is under Hospice Care at the Hospice House on Wornall. **Karen Banks'** new grandson, **Chandler**, was born on 2/23. He has fluid on his lungs and is in the NICU at St Luke's East. **Bernie Standiford** had aneurysm surgery on 2/15. Remember to pray for our **college students** who are attending college locally and away. Continued prayers for the **Davenport family, Michael May, 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.**

### **Nursing Home Service**

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday service at Wilshire at Lakewood Nursing Home is **today** at 3:00.

### **Ladies Class**

Some ladies have been meeting on **Tuesday mornings (10:00am)** for a wonderful devotional time and prayer. **Donna Wealand** is facilitating.

### **Wednesday Evenings**

Come dig deeper with us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. All ages are encouraged to join us!

### **Parents Night Out**

**Friday, March 10** – Parents save the date! There are sign-up sheets on the main bulletin board in the lobby for the kiddos, as well as for adult volunteers to assist.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Paintball Event**

**Saturday, March 18 (9:00AM)** – We will meet at the building first. The cost is \$15.00 per player. There will be more information to come as the time gets closer.

### **Women Walking With God**

The conference dates are **April 21-22, 2017**, held in Wichita, KS. Please join us by registering on their website ([womenwalkingwithgod.org](http://womenwalkingwithgod.org)). We have a block of rooms reserved at a local hotel. If you would like to be included, please let **Shirley Simmons** or **Rosemary Olas** know. We always have such a great time of worship, fellowship, and refreshment!

#### **Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants**

February 26	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Brenda & Conner Brotherton
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Angelia & Aubrey Hudkins

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

How do you generate hunger when you are full? When reaching out evangelistically, how do you generate spiritual hunger in those who are not missing anything? How do you find, when you do not even know to seek? It bothers us Christians, who are “always prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have” (1 Peter 3:15), that nobody ever asks. It bothers us how few mourn their sin, seek for something greater than themselves, or even think a single deep thought about life. How do you generate hunger?

One answer that has been available for several hundred years has been what is called Calvinism, based on John Calvin's thoughts that we are so powerless because of our sin (commonly referred to as Total Depravity) that we could not possibly initiate faith, or even longing, without God getting it started in us. God generates hunger, and God himself builds faith in us. Therefore, if you are seeking, then God has chosen you to be one of the seekers and, inevitably, finders. Evangelism, in this line of thought, is going out not to convince everyone of the truth of the gospel, but to awaken the specific ones who have been chosen to respond to their call.

I have not been a fan of Calvinism for several reasons, but it seems inconsistent with the fact that Jesus himself went after people who did not seem to have the longing, such as the Samaritan woman in John 4. Of course, a Calvinist could say that Jesus as God is doing the calling there, initiating even the slightest hint of faith. At the same time, Jesus seems to send out his disciples not to search narrowly for the chosen few, but to expand and enlarge the call to believe, as if the preaching of the word, done by disciples, would actually generate a response of personal belief from those who had not considered anything like it before, such as Paul's preaching on Mars Hill in Athens in Acts 17. I am not here trying to debate Calvinism as much as to say, if the gospel is indeed open to anyone and everyone, as we have said here at Blue River, then do we not have a burden to not only assuage hunger, but also to awaken hunger? Back to our beginning question, how is that even possible?

I think about Thanksgiving dinner. You have eaten a good amount, the tryptophan from the turkey is making you drowsy, and you do not feel like you could eat another bite for the next three days. After about an hour, someone says, “Would you like some pie?” Just a little while ago, you could not eat anything else, but that pie looks and smells good. You then rationalize that it is the holiday and you can diet later, and you eat. You are in no way hungry UNTIL you see something better. You'll even go so far as to have it *à la mode*.

Only when people see a way of life that is better than what they have experienced are they able to make comparisons, to awaken desire, and to pursue. Only when people hear a truth that is personal and powerful, even though strange, can they actually stop their meandering to consider something eternal. We disciples are not only the answerers, but also the instigators. If someone watched us and heard us, would they have any desire to ask?