

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 25, 2018 Attendance	86 + 131 = 217
Contribution	\$5,386.51
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: bar soap, disinfectant wipes, gallon and quart size zip-lock bags, tall kitchen bags for people to put clothing in, ramen noodles, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, jelly, instant potatoes, rice, beans (any kind), variety pack oatmeal, canned fruit, fruit cups, canned chicken, mac and cheese, jiffy cornbread mix, toilet paper. 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.

March 4, 2018

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Order of Worship

8:30

"Down in the River"
#193 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Scripture Sean Turner
Isaiah 6

Prayer Steve Etter

#490 "It Is Well with My Soul"

Lord's Supper Gene Clark

The Bread
The Cup

Giving

#754 "Faith of Our Fathers"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"The Dark Night:
Ministry"

#470 "Victory in Jesus"

Shepherd's Prayer Earl Fultz

Final Prayer Nehemiah 5:19

Songs Led By Ryan Smith

10:45

#957 "This World Is Not My Home"

Scripture Corbin Hall
Isaiah 6

#3 "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"
#694 "Servant Song"

Prayer Roger Cook

#18 "Faithful Love"

Lord's Supper Brent Hall

The Bread
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#716 "Sing to Me of Heaven"

Power Kids Dismissed

Lesson Darin Kennedy
"The Dark Night:
Ministry"

#924 "Just As I Am"

Shepherd's Prayer Russ Simmons

Final Prayer Nehemiah 5:19

Songs Led By Gary Hasty

Prayer List

Paul Walker's mom, Donna Walker, has cancer that is growing and causing related health and breathing issues. **Roman Martin** continues to endure pain and is unable to eat. **Liz Church** needs continued to prayers for strength, comfort, and for her platelet count to return to normal so she can have treatment on Tuesday. Continued prayers for **Howard Petersen, Keith Bench, Fleta's** family, **Carrie Brotherton, Ron McCleary & family, Betty Williams, Sue Brown, Eloise Staley, Tracy & Amelia Simmons, Denise Fultz, Hannah Guntert, Sherril Segó, 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.**

Wedding Shower

TODAY (noon-3:30) – Ladies, please join us for **Kara Herrmann and Lance Benson's** wedding shower. Lunch will be provided.

Gardening 101

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

Prayer Seminar

March 9-10 – Details have been announced in services and have been emailed out. Reserve your spot! 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 1st & 2nd 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.**

LTC Performance

March 25 (5:00pm) – Everyone is invited to come see what our kids have been working on for LTC. There will be Video Bible Drama, Live Christian Drama, Puppet and Chorus performances, along with displays of artwork, scrapbook, bulletin board, photography and Christian Fiction. Please come support our kids!

College Student Outreach

Please leave labeled donations for care packages in the office.

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

Thanks to Ron McCleary for setting up the Prayer Seminar coming up. God will bless His people when they pursue His heart, and prayer is the perfect way to connect intimately with Him.

At first, it seems awkward to have a Prayer Seminar. Isn't one supposed to pray from the heart? Why do we need training to do something so personal? Art is also something personal that comes from the heart, but we would not hesitate to take painting lessons. Without those lessons, we would not create something that was personally fulfilling or could communicate with others. Honestly, stick figures could not easily represent my inner being, whether to me or to others. Prayer is supposed to be personal, but it is entirely appropriate to be trained in the language of the inner being and the spiritual life. That training can come in different forms.

First, one follows the example of others. I remember as a boy one Sunday in Fort Worth. One of the senior members walked slowly up to the pulpit, cane in one hand and his son assisting him on the other side. I remember him in particular because he had an eye white with cataracts, and he frightened us kids. I had never heard him pray before, and he stood at the microphone and spoke with a bold voice. He prayed like no one I had experienced, going on for about 30 minutes. I do not remember the exact words, but I realized for the first time that prayer could go beyond, "Thank you for this food," or "Give the preacher a ready recollection," or "Guide, guard, and direct us." It could be lofty, not for show or to impress either God or others, but because one is indeed speaking with the Creator of all the universe and He is worthy of such effort. I have also heard those who, it seemed, could speak volumes in one, short sentence. Both examples have been important to me.

Second, one speaks God's word back to Him. The Bible is incredibly personal and powerful. One thing that attracts me to the Bible is that it seems to say what I want before I have words for what I feel. It accurately depicts the hunger of the soul for God's presence to be felt and for God's work to be done. I am also thankful at the honest prayers found in the Bible, filled with doubt, sadness, anger, ecstasy, and pain. Because of their inclusion into sacred text, it not only gives me permission to pray so honestly, but also encourages me to do so, as if that is what God wants from His people—honest words and as often as possible.

Today's Morning Nursery Attendants

1st Service – Brenda & Carrie Brotherton 2nd Service – Liddy Miller & Lindsey Hall