

# 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 March 4, 2018 Attendance	77 + 157 = 234
Contribution	\$9,050.00
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 11, 2018

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## Church of Christ

## Order of Worship

### 8:30

#4 "To God Be the Glory"  
#800 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*Prayer* Gary Campbell

*Scripture* Tony Pollard  
Psalm 22

#373 "A Hill Called Mount Calvary"

*Lord's Supper*  
Andy Hester

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

#77 "Glorify Thy Name"  
#801 "Where No One Stands Alone"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

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

#483 "Is It for Me?"

*Shepherd's Prayer* John Owen

*Final Praise* 1 Chronicles 16:10-11

*Songs Led By* Shane Hall

### 10:45

#71 "As the Deer" (1984)  
#129 "Amazing Grace" (1779)

*Prayer* Randy Smith

*Scripture* David Keller  
Psalm 22

#979 "I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger"  
(1800)

*Lord's Supper*  
Paul Walker

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

*Giving*

"Down in the River" (1867)  
#851 "I'll Fly Away" (1932)

*Power Kids Dismissed*

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

#23 "Our God, He Is Alive" (1966)

*Shepherd's Prayer* Earl Fultz

*Final Praise* 1 Chronicles 16:10-11

*Songs Led By* Ryan Smith

### **Prayer List**

Paul Walker's mom, Donna, has cancer that is growing and causing related health and breathing issues. **Roman Martin** continues to struggle with pain and eating. **Liz Church** needs continued to prayers for strength, comfort, and peace. 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 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.**

### **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**.

### **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!

### **LTC Donations Needed**

The following items are needed: snacks, granola bars, small oranges, mini donuts, and mini muffins. Please forward the items to **Angelia Hudkins** by **Wednesday, March 28**.

### **Ladies Tuesday Morning Class**

**Tuesday, March 13 (10:00-11:00)** – **Donna Wealand's** ladies class is starting a new series "Hope for the Imperfect Christian." All ladies are invited to attend. The class meets in the library. Any questions please see **Donna**.

### **Women Walking with God – Wichita, KS**

**April 13-14** – Ladies, if you are interested in attending, please register online. There is a block of rooms reserved at Best Western Wichita North under WWWG for the price of \$79.99 + tax and breakfast is included.

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

"If a model for the painting or retouching of a portrait should move because of a desire to do something, the artist would be unable to finish, and the work would be spoiled."

—John of the Cross, *The Dark Night*,  
Book One, Chapter 10, verse 5

I want to thank all of you for your support of my sermon series on "The Dark Night of the Soul." A preacher never knows how the congregation will receive something so different, but you have been overwhelmingly supportive of me talking about very personal matters. Indeed, many of you have expressed a thankfulness that we are talking about some things that you have been feeling but never knew you could discuss with the church. If nothing else, I hope the series has convinced us all that having a good faith or being a good church-goer does not mean having it all together; in fact, the opposite is true: a strong faith demands and even creates Dark Nights, and the church will be better by welcoming Dark Nights and supporting one another through them.

Could it be possible to say to one another, "You have lost your joy? You find little fulfillment in the church? You feel drained by your family life? You have lost a sense of purpose in your work or ministry? Bible study and prayer have left you unsatisfied? What a blessing! God must have in mind something better for you. Let me walk with you through this time. This season will eventually pass, but let's not let it go too quickly without it producing what we desperately need—a deeper connection with the heart of God?"

As the above quotation from John of the Cross says, we should keep still and allow The Artist to do His work. We should encourage one another to keep still. We should pray our honest feelings of frustration to God, or we should pray those honest feelings on behalf of others when they are unable to pray. We should avoid quick reactions—whether doing something to escape/forget our darkness or lashing out with our frustrations to other people with words of anger (our issue is with God alone). We should hold one another accountable to avoid such reactions. While confession may be needed in the darkness, we should avoid paralyzing guilt. We need to hear one another's confession, acknowledge the need to confess, and remind one another of God's grace. In the end, there may be a need to say, "We have grown a lot, but now it is time to go back," so that one does not get "stuck" in darkness. This will not be our last opportunity for such growth.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Service – Maya Turner

2<sup>nd</sup> Service – Darlene Pollard