

# 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>	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 March 12, 2017 Attendance	90 + 144 = 234
Contribution	\$5,751.50
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.

March 19, 2017

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### Order of Worship

**8:30**

**10:45**

#71 "As the Deer"  
#595 "I Come to the Garden Alone"

#560 "Living by Faith"  
"All to Us"

*Prayer* Sean Turner

*Prayer* Alan Olas

*Scripture* Gene Clark  
James 3:13-18

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#361 "Nailed to the Cross"

#671 "Purer in Heart, O God"

*Lord's Supper*  
Jerry Brown

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Randy Smith

*The Bread*  
*The Cup*

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*The Cup*

*Giving*

*Giving*

#300 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

"While on the Sea"  
#567 "Restore My Soul"

*Power Kids Dismissed*

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*Lesson* Darin Kennedy  
"Great Change: Watch Your  
Mouth"

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#934 "Softly and Tenderly"

#539 "Higher Ground"

*Shepherd's Prayer* John Owen

*Shepherd's Prayer* Russ Simmons

*Final Charge* 2 Corinthians 13:11

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*Songs Led By* Gary Hasty

*Songs Led By* Shane Hall

### ***Prayer List***

**Mark and Jenny Swartz** lost their home in the recent tornado in Oak Grove. Remember to pray for our **college students** who are attending college locally and away. Continued prayers for **Sherril Sego, Sherry Owen, Bernie Standiford, 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. Betty Trotter** has moved to be closer to her son, and her new address is 12700 Antioch Rd, Apt. 6, Overland Park, KS 66213, 913-825-1506.

### ***Housekeeping Items***

**BUILDING WIDE:** Please help prevent spills by using our new coffee cup lids found in the café area next to the coffee cups.

**MOWING:** We are looking for volunteers to help mow the grounds. We have two riding mowers and one person can mow the yard in 2.5 hours. Typically, each person mows three times during the season. If you can help, please contact **Mike Newbury**, 816-853-6900, mcnewbs@outlook.com. If you are no longer able to help, please let Mike know that too.

### ***Wednesday Evenings***

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

### ***Bridal Shower***

**Sunday, March 26 (Noon)** – All ladies are invited to a lunch and bridal shower honoring **Natalie Bassford** at the building. Natalie and her fiancé, Chase, are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Target, and on Amazon.

### ***Annual Easter Egg Hunt***

**Sunday, April 16 (12:00)** - Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:45 am service. If you would like to donate (plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy), please bring the labeled items to the church office.

### ***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 always have such a great time of worship, fellowship, and refreshment!

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

March 19	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Samantha Pollard
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Jessica Herrington

## **A Minister's Musings – Shane Hall**

I have never seen a tornado in person. I have seen a funnel cloud and remember being in awe of its potential to destroy. In truth, when it comes to the real deal, all I can do is draw from the stories I've heard secondhand. I do know that the aftermath of these powerful forces is truly something to behold. They move objects that seem unmovable and break materials thought to be unbreakable. I have pictures on my cell phone showing shards of vinyl siding that have been imbedded into a tree by the mighty winds. What power! What force!

Storms like the one that occurred in Oak Grove (and other places) last week really frighten us and cause us to take notice of our mortality. When we witness such a display of raw power, we feel so small and weak. I mean, if it can remove a house from its foundation and throw an RV into a tree, what power do I have against it? It makes me feel like I really don't have any options. Vulnerability is magnified when our ability to choose is stripped away.

I can't help but to think of Noah and his family. They, of course, made the necessary preparations to survive the destruction of the flood, but think about the emotions they must have experienced while watching the waters rise. Imagine how weak and helpless they felt when their boundaries were relegated to a wooden barge being tossed about by the wind and waves. It would have been sobering to be sure. My mind goes back to Jesus' disciples when they were out in a boat on the sea. The Bible tells us, "And behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the boat was covered with the waves: but he [Jesus] was asleep" (Matt. 8:24). The reaction of the disciples was one of dread. They feared losing their lives to this relentless storm. They felt helpless and powerless and knew that a strength beyond their own would be their only chance of salvation.

God brought the rain in Noah's day and caused the waters to recede. Noah's ark came to rest safely, and those on board were saved. God took care and taught the world some very valuable lessons along the way. Jesus caused the wind and the waves to cease, bringing calm to the tempest and his disciples. We learn countless lessons from that moment as well. During a storm and in its aftermath, the Christian must understand and come to trust who is in control. And that when we face these storms, there are always great lessons to be learned. Storms provide room for our faith to grow and even an arena in which we can exercise that faith. "And the men marveled, saying, 'What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'"