



Jan. 4, 2015

University Church of Christ exists by the grace of God to be a loving fellowship praising God by living and telling the good news of Jesus.

WORSHIP

Shout Hallelujah

111 *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

Welcome/Call to Worship Jon Ashby

Reading: Acts 2:23-28

Opening Prayer

There's a Stirring

Communion Brady Bryce

Scripture: Ephesians 1:17-20; 2:4-6

Bread

345 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today (1)*

Cup

345 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today (3)*

Offering

701 *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Children's Church

Up From the Grave Jason Craddock

344 *Low in the Grave He Lay*

Family News/Closing Prayer Mark Tate

Worship Leader Luke Burnam

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Ron Smith and Kris Southward in Room 101 at the close of our service.

Our Sunday morning service is broadcast live at www.uccabilene.org.

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
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Happy New Year! Welcome to the first Sunday of 2015 at UCC!

Worship is the perfect way to kick off the New Year. If you are visiting, we hope you feel welcome and at home here today. If convenient, please fill out one of those **guest registry cards** found on the backs of the seats. Then just put your card in the collection plate when it's passed later in the service. Are you new to Abilene? Searching for a church home? Please come back soon! UCC is a great congregation of God's people. Please let us have the chance to become your spiritual family.

I'm taking some time off this week, but we will continue our **We Believe...** series, focusing on Jesus' Resurrection. **Jason Craddock** is preaching today, and his message is titled **Up From the Grave**. What an important doctrine! We believe Jesus died, was buried and then came out of the tomb victorious over sin and death. His Resurrection is ours! All of Christian hope and faith rests on this foundational teaching. **Luke Burnam** will be our worship leader this morning.

Wednesday series: This week, **Dr. Royce Money** begins three weeks (January 7, 14, 21) teaching in the Family Room. This new series will be called **Heaven's Sake! What on Earth Are We to Do? Moral Dilemmas in Today's World**. Royce will be addressing several battleground ethical issues that Christians are facing. These are tough and perplexing times for people committed to Godly, right-and-wrong values. We all need a booster shot of biblical clarity and simple humility. I encourage you to join us Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

CLASS TIMES:

Sunday - 9 a.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.

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NURSERY FACILITIES

For your convenience, nursery facilities are available during worship in the Early Childhood Center.

ATTENDANCE:

Dec. 28, 2014
Worship - 364
Bilingual - N/A
C. Village - 26

Coronado - 72
Northern Oaks - 19
Chisholm Place - 14

OFFERING:

as of Dec. 31
YTD \$63,494.53
\$1,057,879.78
<\$82,120.22>

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Bible Classes: Regular schedule for Wednesday night Bible class will resume this week. Parents, please make sure an adult is present in your child's classroom before dropping them off.

Wednesday Night Help Needed: If you would be willing to teach in the preschool area on Wednesday nights please contact Jennifer in the church office.

Service Project: On January 25, children three years old through fifth grade will meet upstairs in Room 231 from 5-6 p.m. to work on a service project.

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

- Hebrews 11:6

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen and Rachel Hurst, Campus Ministry
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We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our visiting college students.

College Break: The Christmas break is changing class schedules for the college group. The Sunday morning class at 9 a.m. in MAC 503 will continue to meet, but the college ministry will not meet for Dwelling Place or a separate Wednesday night service. However, college students are more than welcome in the combined adult classes at 5 p.m. on Sunday in the Chapel and 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the Family Room. The college ministry will resume activities Sunday Jan. 11.

NEWS AND NOTES

The family of the late **Harold Kennamer** invite UCC members and other friends to attend a memorial service on Saturday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. in the Family Room.

Join us for **5 p.m. Chapel** tonight as **Lou Seckler** will be our speaker and **David Allen Sprott** will lead the singing.

CARE Group Leaders: Next Sunday, Jan. 11 is CARE Group Sunday. Please let the church office know your group's plans by noon on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Ladies' Bible Class will resume this Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 10 a.m. in the Family Room.

The **bilingual women's prayer group** meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Carolina Archer or Micaela Villanueva.

Jerry and Shirley Anderson: "We are so thankful for your words of encouragement and the prayers lifted up for Jerry the past four months. Jerry has improved greatly. Please continue to pray and praise God for his love for our family. Jerry will go for scans and x-rays at the end of December, and we will meet with the doctors to learn what we need to do next. We are eager to learn what needs to be done at this point! Thank you again for your love and concern."

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Devo and Dinner Tonight: Tonight at 5 p.m. we will meet for a devo and then have a sit-down dinner to celebrate a new year together. We will finish at 7 p.m. You don't need to bring anything except a friend.

Winterfest will be January 16-18, 2015 - Registration Due Today: This will be our third year to attend Winterfest. Winterfest is a *huge* youth conference with thousands of teens attending. We will leave on Friday, Jan. 16 and drive straight to the convention center. We will stay in a hotel on Friday and Saturday. The cost of the conference, which includes transportation, hotel and registration is \$60, so hope you saved your Christmas money. The deadline for payment is January 4 (hard deadline). Paperwork is available on the youth center desk and was sent via email.

Huddles Resume Wednesday Night: Huddles are our small group Bible studies that meet each Wednesday night from 7-8 p.m. Huddles offer a relaxed time of sharing, prayer, Bible study, and snacks. It is a great time for bringing friends and plugging them into our group so think about someone you could invite and ask them to join you. The **Senior/Junior Huddle** will continue to meet at the home of **Carla Copher** (1412 Glenhaven Dr) with **Jason Craddock** co-leading. The **Sophomore/Freshman Huddle** will meet at the home of **Rusty and Amy Towell** (2910 Shirley Rd., just west of the loop on I-20) and co-led by **Gerardo and Alma Lara**. We will provide a van shuttle leaving the Youth Center at 6:45 p.m. and returning at 8:15 p.m. The **Middle School Huddle** will continue to meet each week in the Youth Center with **Luke and Karaline Burnam**, and **Walt Worgull** co-leading.

TRANSITIONS

a ministry of 20s and 30s

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight we will meet at 5 p.m. at the home of **Andrew and Jennifer Huddleston** for small group. Check out the Facebook page for more information.

We will not have small group next **Sunday, Jan. 11** since it is CARE Group Sunday.

There are still some open spots for **hosting small groups** this semester. Please see David Allen or Jenna Sprott to host a small group.

On **Sunday, Jan. 25** we will join the Young Families class and take on the College Ministry in our annual Volleyball shellacking. I don't want to bring up the undefeated mark here, but we have to defend our streak! Join us in the MAC.

On **Sunday, Jan. 25**, the UCC Children's Ministry will be hosting a Kid's Night class while we will be playing volleyball. More info to come.

I pray you and your family **have a blessed 2015!**

PRAYER LIST

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

If you have a submission for the weekly bulletin, please submit to Joey by noon on Wednesdays. You may call him at 673-6497 or email joey@uccabilene.org.