



We BELIEVE

Jan. 25, 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

Welcome/Call to Worship Luke Burnam

60 *He Is Exalted*

62 *I Exalt Thee*

Family News Jim McNiece
Prayer for Congregation

810 *Listen to Our Hearts*

176 *Lamb of God (1)*

Communion Kyle Bowen

Scripture: Luke 7:36-50

Bread

176 *Lamb of God (2)*

Cup

Offering

635 *Freely, Freely*

Children's Church

111-113 *Grace Medley*

Forgiveness of Sins Brent Isbell

912 *Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary*

Benediction: Ephesians 2:4-10

Worship Leader Luke Burnam

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Kris Southward and Jon Ashby 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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Welcome to UCC! Are you visiting this morning? If so, please fill out one of those **guest registry cards** found on the seat backs. Then place your card in the collection plate when it's passed later in our worship service. If you are looking for a church home, please come back soon and get to know our University Church people. We would love to have the chance to get to know you, and what a blessing it would be to welcome you as part of our family. Everybody needs spiritual roots!

Our current sermon series is called **We Believe...** We continue today with a message on **Forgiveness of Sins**. Last week, we talked about the Church, a diverse community made up of all kinds of folks from all kinds of backgrounds, experiences and stories. We are a wide mix of education levels, socio-economic groups, races, ages, and the list of our differences goes on and on. But that's the beauty and mystery of the Church, isn't it? Despite all these things that could separate us, what brings us together is the grace of God poured out on us through the work of his Son Jesus Christ. This is what we have in common. We are a gathering of the forgiven, and we'd better not forget it. It's our reason for being, our identity and our mission to the world. **Luke Burnam** is our worship leader. Let's celebrate together the grace we have received!

Partnership in Christ: Men and Women in Scripture. This week, **Tim Archer** will be our Wednesday evening teacher in the Family Room class. Tim will re-deliver the message he gave this morning in the Chapel at 9 a.m.-**Introduction: Women in the Old Testament World.** This class will continue six weeks through March 4. Every week there will be a Sunday Chapel class option followed by the same teacher and lesson the next Wednesday night in the Family Room. In addition to Tim, other teachers will be Steve Austin, Wendell Willis, James Thompson, and me. If you miss a class, the Wednesday night sessions will be archived on the UCC website.

Sunday Bible classes. Today we conclude our general Sunday morning adult series in **Philippians**. Beginning next Sunday, Feb. 1, most of our classes will launch a new study of **The Holy Spirit**. My special thanks to **Chris Willerton** for partnering with me to prepare this new nine-week curriculum series that will take us through Easter.

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:

Jan. 18, 2015
Worship - 462 Northern Oaks - 14
Bilingual - N/A Chisholm Place - 15
C. Village - 24 Silver Springs - 11
Coronado - 71

OFFERING:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Spread the Word not Germs: Children on Wednesday night and Sunday morning received the UCC Kids' Illness Guideline handout for parents. If you have not received one, please stop by the Welcome Center and pick up one. Thank you for following these suggested guidelines to help keep our children, teachers and members well.

Service Project: Tonight, children three years old through fifth grade will meet upstairs in Room 231 from 5-6 p.m. to work on a service project. We will be making blankets to give to Hope Haven. This is a homeless shelter that is able to house mothers and their children.

Pizza Night: Tomorrow evening, Jan. 26, third, fourth and fifth graders are invited to Mr. Gatti's. We will meet in the Family Room at 5:45 p.m. Children will need to bring money for games. Their meal will be provided. Parents can pick up from the Family Room at 8 p.m.

Reserve Your Spot: On Friday, Feb. 6 parents can receive free babysitting from 6-8:30 p.m. Please email jenniferw@uccabilene.org or call Jennifer in the church office to reserve your spot. Children will need to have eaten dinner before they are dropped off for the evening.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen and Rachel Hurst, Campus Ministry
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Sunday Class: Join us in MAC 503 at 9 a.m. for our Sunday morning Bible class as we look to engage scripture deeply in a relevant manner to our daily walk.

Tonight, we will join the Transitions Class for our **annual volleyball match**. We will meet at 5 p.m. in the MAC for food and fun. Join us!

Dwelling Place: Join us in MAC 503 for The Dwelling Place at 7 p.m.

Wednesday Nights: We will continue our rotation for Wednesday Nights, so meet at 5:45 p.m. in MAC 503.

NEWS AND NOTES

Join us for our **5 p.m. Chapel** this afternoon as **Brent Isbell** will be speaking and **Gene Linder** will lead the singing.

Congratulations to **Karla Ciriaco** who was baptized Sunday evening when the youth group returned to Abilene from Winterfest in Arlington. Carla is the daughter of **Carlos and Narmi Ciriaco**.

Congratulations to **Darby Ice** who also put on Christ in baptism Sunday night after the teens returned from Winterfest. Darby is the daughter of **Mac and Laura Ice**.

There will be a baby shower honoring **Lyric Bailey**, daughter of **Jimmy and Poette Wadley** and daughter-in-law of **Jill and Phil Hoelbelheinrich** at the home of Talan Cobb (12 Kings Cross) on Sunday, Feb. 1 from 2-4 p.m. Selections are at Kid's Village.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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facebook.com/groups/uymteens

REEL Faith Tonight: Come join us tonight as we watch *When the Game Stands Tall* (PG) from 5-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Center Theater. REEL Faith is our program where we watch a movie and then have a Bible study discussion afterwards. We will have tacos for dinner. So, invite a friend and come join us.

Super Bowl Party Next Sunday: On Sunday, Feb. 1, we will host our annual Super Bowl party. All teens and families (yes, parents, that means you) come and join us from 5-9 p.m. (or when the game ends) for some food, games and football. As always, we will have the game in the theater and board games in the Big Room with the game on in the background. We will have lots of pizza and snacks, so bring a friend(s) to join us. We need parents to help with this event, so if you can bring a snack or just come and join us let Jason know. This year we will have some door prizes given away during halftime including one for best party snack which a panel of teens will vote on.

Seasoned Sweethearts Banquet: On Saturday, Feb. 7 we will need 10-12 teens to serve as table servers for the Seasoned Sweethearts Banquet. Please let Jason know if you can help.

Huddles: The **SR/JR Huddle** will continue to meet at the home of **Carla Copher** (1412 Glenhaven Dr) with **Jason Craddock** co-leading. The **SO/FR Huddle** will meet at the home of **Rusty and Amy Towell** (2910 Shirley Road) 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 **MS Huddle** will continue to meet each week in the Youth Center with **Luke and Karaline Burnam**, and **Walt Worgull** co-leading.

Summer Camp Snapshot:

- *LCU Encounter* (June 14-20) is for those entering ninth grade through 2015 HS graduates. Cost is \$295 for the week and registration is now open (LCUCamps.com).
- *Camp Blue Haven* (June 14-26) is for those entering fifth grade through 2015 HS graduates. Cost is \$410 for the two-week session plus additional expenses. Registration is still open for new campers. Returning campers have until Feb. 15 to secure their spot from last summer. See CampBlueHaven.com.

TRANSITIONS

a ministry of 20s and 30s

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight we will take on the College Ministry in our annual Volleyball match. I don't want to bring up the undefeated mark here, but we have to defend our streak! Check out Facebook for info on food. Join us in the MAC.

On **Tonight**, the UCC Children's Ministry will be hosting a Kid's Night class while we will be playing volleyball. See info above left.

We will have a Super Bowl Party in the Family Room on **Sunday, Feb. 1** beginning at 5 p.m. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for details.

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.