



# Modern Family

Biblical Wisdom for a Digital World

April 26, 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

578 *We Will Glorify*

Welcome Mark Tate

96 *I Stand in Awe*

147 *I Stand Amazed*

Communion Ruty Towell

Scripture: Luke 15:11-23

Bread

129 *Amazing Grace (1)*

Cup

129 *Amazing Grace (2)*

Offering

Children's Home Video

Children's Church

993 *What a Mighty God We Serve*

*The Forgiveness Factor* Brent Isbell

635 *Freely, Freely*

Family News/ College Graduates

Prayer for the Congregation and the College Graduates Jeff Arrington

Worship Leader Mark Tate

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Gustavo Villanueva and Jeff Arrington in Room 101 at the close of our service.

Our Sunday morning service is broadcast live at [www.uccabilene.org](http://www.uccabilene.org).

## REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister  
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**Welcome to University Church of Christ!** If you are visiting UCC today, please take a minute to fill out one of the **guest registry cards** found on the seat backs, and then put your card in the offering plate later. We hope you feel a warm welcome here. If you are looking for a church home, please come back and visit again very soon!

**Modern Family: Biblical Wisdom for a Digital World.** Today we continue our home and family series, and this message is, in some ways, perhaps the most important one we will share. Every family has pain. Every family has conflict. Every family has its share of secrets and troubles and difficult issues. And no family can survive and be healthy without learning to let go of its most poisonous memories. Let's talk about **The Forgiveness Factor** this morning. Our worship leader this week is **Mark Tate**.

**Chapel at 5 p.m.** Tonight we will continue our **Under Construction** series with a look at Nehemiah 8: **Fuel for Renewal**.

**Wednesday nights: Dr. Tony Ash** continues his mid-week video series **Jack & Me: Why I Like C.S. Lewis**. Join us weekly in the Family Room at 7 p.m. This week: **The Chronicles of Narnia—Part Two**.

**UCC Special Offering for Children's Homes.** Once a year, we collect a special gift for the children's homes we support. This year, our special offering is **Sunday, May 3**. Today we will watch another video to see how our money blesses these organizations and families they serve. Today we focus on **Cherokee Children's Home**. Please pray and prepare for a generous harvest on May 3!

**Coming Soon!** This is a busy season of the year...

**May 3** Special Offering for Children's Homes

**May 10** Mother's Day  
ACU Graduation Weekend

**May 17** Senior Sunday

**June 3** Wednesday Summer Adult Series Begins:  
**Majoring in the Minors: Minor Prophets for 2015 People**

**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:** April 19, 2015  
Worship - 481 Northern Oaks - 25  
Bilingual - 72 Chisholm Place - 16  
C. Village - 23 Silver Springs - 30  
Coronado - 79

**OFFERING:**  
April 19 \$15,488.35

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**Summer Teachers:** If you would be willing to teach this summer, please call the church office and visit with Jennifer.

**VBS Registration:** Visit our website ([uccabilene.org](http://uccabilene.org)) for early registration for Vacation Bible School. Camp Kilimanjaro will be June 8-10 from 9 a.m. to noon each day for children three years old through fifth grade.

*"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."*

- **John 10:28-30**

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Kyle Bowen and Rachel Hurst**, Campus Ministry  
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**Sunday Class:** Thank you to Steven Moore for teaching class this morning.

**Dwelling Place:** Tonight, we will meet at 7 p.m. in MAC 503.

**Wednesday Night:** This week we will meet in MAC 503 at 7 p.m.

**TODAY:** We will have an end of the year party in MAC 503 to celebrate all the memories we have made this year.

**Outdoor Movie:** We will have an outdoor movie night at the Pamplins' house starting on Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m.

## NEWS

Join us for **5 p.m. Chapel Service** today. **Brent Isbell** will speak and **Gene Linder** will lead the singing.

**From the elders:** "The elders appreciate the congregation's feedback regarding the topic of women's roles in the church. After receiving your ideas, we took a week to read through them. We then spent some time fasting and praying. On Sunday night, April 19, we had a productive meeting, and will meet again on April 26. We are grateful that you have prayed for us and ask you to continue to do so, that God give us his wisdom and discernment for this church."

More volunteers are needed for the **UCC Funeral Meal Team**. Please contact **Angela Estes** (677-5686) or **Vonnie Perry** (320-5434).

Continuing this Sunday, we will highlight the five **children's homes** we support leading up to our special contribution set for **Sunday, May 3**. Please be in prayer as to how you can contribute help for these wonderful places: Foster's Home for Children, Arms of Hope, Cherokee Home for Children and Christian Homes. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help us serve the children, families, house parents and staff.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
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[facebook.com/groups/uymteens](https://facebook.com/groups/uymteens)

**REEL Faith Tonight:** Tonight from 5-8:30 p.m., we will be watching *Unbroken* (PG-13) for REEL Faith in the Youth Center Theater. REEL Faith is our program where we watch a movie and then have a Bible study discussion afterwards. *Unbroken* was inspired by the incredible true story of Louis Zamperini and his faith journey toward forgiveness. We will be telling the rest of the story that was not fully told in the movie. We will have pizza for dinner. So, invite a friend and come join us.

**IGNITE Next Week:** IGNITE will be next week in the Youth Center from 5-6:30 p.m., and we will have **Kimmy McNiece**, a former youth ministry member, as our special guest as we focus on artistic expression of faith. After IGNITE, we will have dinner and free time until 8 p.m. if you want to stick around.

**Huddles Continue:** The huddles will continue this week at 7 p.m. in their regular places.

**Senior Sunday Details:** On **Sunday, May 17** at 8:15 a.m. we will have a breakfast reception in the MAC. We are hoping to have congregational support for this, asking for volunteers to provide food. This will be our congregation-focused time where members will be encouraged to come visit with and congratulate our graduating seniors, peruse their table exhibits, drop off gifts and enjoy breakfast together. During worship, we will recognize our seniors and pray over them and their families at the front of the auditorium.

**Mission Trip - July 14-21:** Our Mission Trip is set! We will be going to Kinlichee, Ariz. in the Navajo Nation. This is Navajo territory in the Four Corners region of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. Their main permanent building burned down a few years ago and they need a new pre-fabricated building put up. We will be helping with that as well as possibly other manual labor. We will stay on site for most of the time, but we may spend a little bit of time at the Manuelito Navajo Children's Home in Gallup, N.M. We will wrap up our week with a trip to Canyon de Chelly. I will have a packet next week with more information.

## TRANSITIONS

### *a ministry of 20s and 30s*

**Joey Roberts**, Communications Minister  
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**Tonight** we will have small group at the Huddlestons' house (858 Avenue F). Check the Facebook page for more info on food.

**Next week**, our small group will meet at the Roberts' home. More info to come.

Thanks to all who came to the **Family Night** in the park last week. From food to jump rope to slides and swings, fun was had by all. Remember to have your kids saving for Heifer International.

Check out our **Facebook** page for other events and details pertaining to Transitions.

## 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](mailto:joey@uccabilene.org).