



July 5, 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

860 *There is a Habitation (1,2,4)*

**Welcome/Family News** Jason Morris

412 *Jesus, Hold My Hand (1,3)*

172 *Above All Else (2x)*

**Prayer for the God's People** Win Martin

660 *People Need the Lord (2x)*

**Communion** James Scudder

**Scripture: Titus 3:1-7**

**Bread**

517 *Heaven Came Down (1)*

**Cup**

517 *Heaven Came Down (2)*

**Offering**

517 *Heaven Came Down (3)*

**Children's Church**

904 *Have You Been to Jesus? (1,2)*

**Be Kind to One Another** Brent Isbell

560 *Living By Faith (1,2,3)*

608 *He Gave Me A Song (1,2,3)*

**Worship Leader** Luke Burnam

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Eric Hardegree and Eddie Mahanay 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 Sunday worship with University Church!** Are you visiting today? Perhaps you are looking for a church home? If so, please take a minute to fill out a **guest registry card** (located on the seat backs) and drop it in the offering plate when it's passed later. Please visit us again soon! Get to know us. Let us get to know you. Everyone needs a spiritual family with whom you can travel.

**How to Behave in Church.** Our summer sermon series is focusing on how we behave in church, looking at some of the "one another" teachings in the New Testament. These Scriptures show us how to behave toward our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. Today, let's think about the importance of **Being Kind to One Another**. Basic human kindness seems scarcer than ever in our snarky, coarse, rude world. The church of Jesus should be a notable exception. Are we? Throughout this series, let's each take a fresh look at our Body membership and make practical applications. Our worship leader today is **Luke Burnam**.

**Majoring in the Minors.** We rejoin our Family Room adult education series this Wednesday night. Our teacher this week is one of our shepherds, **Mark Hamilton**. Mark and Samjung have only recently returned from many months working and teaching in Israel and Korea. Mark's topic this week is **Joel and Jonah: Seeking the Merciful God**.

**This is July Fourth weekend.** Maybe you caught a fireworks show or attended a parade. It's good that we pause to think about freedom and its implications. The New Testament doesn't promote any particular model of civil government. Rome was a brutal empire, a far cry from democracy. But Scripture does speak of spiritual liberty that transcends human rulers and structures. "For freedom Christ has set us free," Paul wrote (Galatians 5:1). All freedom carries responsibility. Freedom from sin is freedom to serve. In recent days, we have been reminded again that our nation is complex and diverse. Our differences can be difficult. Change is celebrated by some, lamented by others. But do not let your hearts be troubled, Christians have always lived in confusing times. Our hope has never been in princes, chariots or courts. God is still on the throne. Jesus remains the true King. Our mission is always to love and serve, to be agents of good news and justice. So, let freedom ring!

### 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:

Worship - **398**  
Bilingual - **N/A**  
C. Village - **23**  
Coronado - **81**

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Northern Oaks - **20**  
Chisholm Place - **18**  
Silver Springs - **N/A**

### OFFERING:

June 28 **\$12,440.87**  
YTD **\$458,102.06**  
<**\$86,897.98**>

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**Children's Worship:** Our children will begin a series of lessons with the underlying theme of "Nothing is Impossible with God."

**Wednesday Nights in July:** Families, please make plans to join us for our various activities. Children need to be accompanied at events, even if we are in the MAC on a Sunday evening.

- July 8 – Nelson Park, 7-8 p.m.
- July 15 – Dive Spot, 6:50-8 p.m.
- July 22 – Potluck and Play, MAC, 6-8 p.m.
- July 29 – Taylor Elem. Playground, 7-8 p.m.

**Heifer Project:** Just a reminder to parents and their children – Keep earning money for the Heifer Project. We will have some service projects later in July to raise some money together.

## TRANSITIONS

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

**Joey Roberts**, Communications Minister  
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**Tonight**, we will not have small group because of the holiday weekend.

Next **Sunday, July 12**, the Transitions small group will not meet because of CARE Group Sunday.

On **Wednesday, July 8**, we will join the children's ministry at Nelson Park from 7-8 p.m. See above for the schedule for Wednesday nights for the month of July.

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

## NEWS AND NOTES

Join us for **5 p.m. Chapel Service** today as **Lou Seckler** will be our speaker and **Gene Linder** will lead the singing.

The **Christian Service Center** is in search of an extended pickup or a dual cab pickup for transporting items and people. If anyone who has a truck like this, and it is in good condition and working order, but no longer needed, please contact Jim Clark at the CSC. "Thank you so much for considering this request and for all your ongoing support of this ministry," Clark said.

**CARE Group 16** will meet today for a potluck lunch in the Family Room at noon. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship with one another.

The **Guzman family** received word that the renewal of their visas had officially been approved. They are very grateful to the Lord for this wonderful blessing and to UCC members who have supported them with their prayers.

**Dempsey Simpson:** "The chocolate bow tie was a very special and clever way to remember dads on Father's Day. I would not mind wearing a bow tie if they were all edible. A special thanks to all who worked on this 'sweet' and thoughtful idea. May God bless each of you."

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
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**Group Games and Dinner Tonight:** Tonight from 5-7:30 p.m., we will meet at the Youth Center for some good group interactive fun, food and a devo. We will eat tacos or Mexican stack-up for dinner. It's gonna be a lot of fun, so wear athletic-type clothing and leave your "cool shell" at home (you know...the one that keeps you from loosening up and having fun).

**Mission Trip Paperwork Due Today:** All paperwork and information can be picked up on the Youth Center desk or via email and is due **TODAY**. The Mission Trip is to Kinlichee, Ariz. (July 14-21). We have a lot of manual labor to help them with, as well as some community outreach. Make plans to join us. The cost is only \$25 per teen, but if you can't cover that then we'll take care of it. The bottom line is that we want every entering 9th grade student through graduate to go with us.

**BLAST on Tuesday:** We will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday to go and work with Global Samaritan. Bring a sack lunch, a swimsuit, towel and \$5 for afterwards because we will be going to the Albany City Pool until 3 p.m. Make sure to wear shoes and not flip flops.

**The PEAK on Wednesday:** On Wednesday at 7 p.m., we will have a special PEAK in the Youth Center. Every year we try to re-create my Encounter class back home for everybody else. This will be that night! Some of you may have heard bits and pieces of it throughout the year, but never put together like this. It'll be a fun and interactive experience, so come and join us and invite a friend. Afterwards we will have snacks and hang out in the Youth Center until 9:30 p.m.

**REEL Faith on Thursday:** Since we cancelled our REEL Faith last week to go and support our baseball player teens, we will re-do it for this week. We will meet at the Youth Center on Thursday night from 6-9:30 p.m. to watch *Edge of Tomorrow/Live, Die, Repeat* (PG-13 but on ClearPlay). We will talk about the cycle of getting it wrong, sin and grace. We will have popcorn, candy and drinks. Bring a friend.

**Six Flags Trip:** On July 27 we will be making our annual trip to Six Flags. Tickets are \$35, but you will need extra money for lunch and dinner.

**Senior Overnight Retreat:** Tied into our Six Flags trip will be an overnight retreat for our entering and exiting seniors. After the day at Six Flags the rest of the group will return to Abilene while the Seniors will go to Glen Rose to spend the night at the Southward Home on the Brazos River. It won't cost any money and we will return late Tuesday night, July 28. More details to come but it's gonna be fun!

**MS Mission Stay:** Our annual MS Mission Stay will be Aug. 2-5 here in Abilene for all entering sixth graders through exiting 8th graders. There will not be a cost.

## 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).