



August 9, 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!

Welcome and Family News

Congregational Prayer Jason Craddock

538 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

10,000 Reasons

Communion Lance Tolar

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, 33

Bread

324 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed? (1)

Cup

324 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed? (2)

Offering

324 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed? (4)

Children's Time with Operation Blue Jeans

Joey Roberts

We Fall Down

Greet One Another James Thompson

Worthy is the Lamb

Benediction: Romans 16:25-27

Worship Leader Luke Burnam

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Jon Ashby and Steve Austin 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! If you are visiting today, please take a minute to fill out a **guest registry card** (located on the seat backs). Then simply drop your card in the offering plate when it's passed later in the service. Are you looking for a church home? Please visit us again soon. Let us get to know each other. Every Christian needs a strong spiritual family, and we would love to be yours! Thank you for joining our worship today.

I am in Russia today. The past few days, **Royce Money** and I have been co-teaching a conference at the Christian Resource Center in St. Petersburg, spending some time with UCC's partner and good friend **Igor Egirev** and about thirty church leaders and ministers from all over Russia. We will be returning Thursday evening. Pray for Royce and me and our families as we travel and teach.

How to Behave in Church. Our summer sermons have been focusing on how we behave in church, looking at the "one another" teachings in the New Testament. These Scriptures are important, because they teach us how to behave toward our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ, not to mention toward all our neighbors. Today, **James Thompson** is preaching in my absence. His topic is **Greet One Another**. Remember, we are challenging each other to honestly evaluate our own level of Body membership. What if every member of the church was a member just like you? Our worship leader today is **Luke Burnam**. Lord willing, I will see you again next Sunday, August 16, which is **Operation Blue Jeans and Beyond!**

Majoring in the Minors. We conclude our series on the Minor Prophets this Wednesday night. Our guest speaker this week is **Dan Bouchelle** from Mission Resource Network in Dallas. Dan preached for years in Amarillo, and you will be blessed by his message: **Malachi: The End of Prophecy**. Come to the Family Room this Wednesday at 7 p.m. to hear Dan wrap up our summer series. The following week, August 19, is our **Back-to-School Family Night**. We end every summer by opening up the MAC and serve burgers and hot dogs to our neighbors. Come join us, and bring some friends!

CLASS TIMES:

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

WORSHIP TIMES:

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

NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE:

Worship - 418
Bilingual - 45
C. Village - 23
Coronado - 74

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Northern Oaks - 19
Chisholm Place - 16
Silver Springs - 27

OFFERING:

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CARE GROUPS MEETING TODAY

CARE Groups meet today following the schedule below. There will be a 5 p.m. devotional in the Family Room this evening for anyone who would like to attend.

2	Family Room w/CG 13	McNiece	noon (potluck)
5	Rosa's	Southward	11:30 a.m.
7	1365 Cedar Crest	Bo Green	5 p.m. (devo)
9	Youth Center	Reyes	noon (potluck)
10	Not Meeting	Ballard	
11	Meets Fourth Sunday	Statler	noon
12	ECC	Hammond	11:30 a.m.
13	Family Room w/CG 2	Herttenberger	11:30 a.m. (potluck)
14	CV Dining Room	Pamplin	noon (potluck)
15	Not Meeting	Sheppard	noon (potluck)
16	Meets First Sunday	Presley	11:30 a.m.
17	1286 Kingsbury	Thompson	11:30 a.m. (potluck)
19	Family Room	Callan	5 p.m. (potluck)
20	Rosa's	McCaleb	11:30 a.m.

NOTES

Christian Service Center: "To the middle school students (and Luke and Brittney) who helped us out at the Service Center: Thank you so much! You worked hard, had a great attitude and brought a fun spirit here. May the Lord bless you all for helping us bless the poor of Abilene in Jesus' name."

Randy Allison: "I want to thank the church for the flower and all those that called, stopped by the hospital room and sent cards. It is such a blessing to have a supportive church family. Thank you."

Catherine Thomas: "To Young at Heart, Let me thank you for all the wonderful years of "Young at Heart." I appreciate all the hard work and financial help through all these years. You have certainly lifted my spirits. May God bless you all."

John, Angela and James Estes: "The Estes family would like to express our appreciation for the support we have received for Zambia Medical Mission 2015. Our team was blessed to serve over 14,500 people, including medical, wound care and spiritual care (79 baptisms). There were 334 cervical cancer screenings. The eye clinic referred 61 for cataract surgeries and 40 wheelchairs given out by physical therapy. The dental clinic saw 2,202 patients, while the optical clinic saw 2,816 and physical therapy saw 196. The children's class had over 2,900 children who were taught songs and stories via puppets. Angela arrived home safely on Sunday evening, July 26. John was scheduled to arrive back in the U.S. on August 5, and James will remain at Namwianga until August 10 as he continues to work there. Please continue to remember ZMM in your prayers as we plan for ZMM 2016. If you would like to see pictures and follow our group, you can do so on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ZMMTeam/>."

Angi Robison and Ron Alderton: "Thank you so much for the beautiful plant. My parents loved their University family. Thank you for remembering our mother."

OPERATION BLUE JEANS AND BEYOND NEXT SUNDAY, AUG. 16

Next Sunday, Aug. 16 is our annual Operation Blue Jeans special collection. This year's theme, **Operation Blue Jeans and Beyond**, focuses on how UCC can help low-income children of Abilene be prepared for beginning of school and beyond.

The money goes toward success kits, standardized clothes for the middle school students, school supplies, age-appropriate Bibles that are passed out throughout the year and ongoing administrative expenses.

"We look forward to another great outpouring of gifts to help low-income children of Abilene start school in a very positive way—and most importantly, receive a Bible so they can learn of the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ," said Jim Clark, Christian Service Center Director.

Be sure to **wear your jeans** and be prepared to contribute to Operation Blue Jeans and Beyond.



TRANSITIONS

a ministry of 20s and 30s

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister

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We will not meet for small group tonight due to CARE Group Sunday.

Everyone from our group is invited to join the UCC families for miniature golf this **Wednesday, Aug. 12** from 6:45-8:30 p.m., located at 2300 North 1st Street. Cost will be \$3 per person, children five and under will play free with a paying adult. You will be able to enjoy 36 holes of golf.

Join us for small group on **Sunday, Aug. 16** at the Sprotts' house (834 Elmwood Drive). Check the Facebook page for more information next week.

On **Sunday, Aug. 23**, we will have small group at the Tates' house (1600 Rainey Road). More info to come.

Check out Facebook to keep up with the latest on small group, women's lunch, men's lunch and other Transitions activities throughout the week.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Intern Appreciation Tonight: Today is the last official Sunday of Brittney Starkey's summer internship. But Brittney's not planning on going anywhere so we hope to see a lot of her still as the summer draws to a close and the school year begins. Come join us from 5-8 p.m. as we appreciate all she has done with us this summer. We will have spaghetti for dinner.

End of Summer: Our UYM Summer program has officially drawn to a close. It was a great summer with camps, mission trips, mission stays, service projects, swimming, movies, devos, Six Flags and lots and lots of fun! Now it's time for the Craddocks to have some time for themselves before school starts back! Thanks to everyone who made Summer 2015 another great success.

The PEAK on Wednesday Night: We will still have Bible class in the Youth Center at 7 p.m.

Events on the Horizon:

- **MS/HS Fall Retreat:** October 2-4 (football bye week for AHS and ACHS).
- **Encounter LE:** November 20-22

NEWS

The church recently received a newsletter from one of its former families. Many of us remember **Jonathan and Michiko Straker** and their beautiful children, **Hijiri, Minori, and Shiori**. They have been ministering for the past few years in Ishinomaki, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan. (Their area was in the news as the epicenter of the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.) Over the past few years, Jonathan and Michiko have grown deep roots in their community as they help city leaders map link people together to serve each other. Jonathan's ministry of music has also opened doors across the city and region, and Michiko's Bible studies have done the same. Ministry in Japan may look different from that in America, but it has the same aims: bringing glory to God and showing God's love for humankind. Jonathan and Michiko are models of what a creative approach to the Christian life can be. Please keep them in your prayers. To contact them, you can use email jonathan@strakerhouse.com or Facebook (under Jonathan Walter Straker).

Foster Friends is a volunteer opportunity for Christians who want to help children in the state's foster care system by supporting and encouraging Christian foster families. Minimal training and no prior experience is required. Interested in knowing more? Attend a no-obligation, informational meeting on Thursday, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. at 1202 Estates Drive. Free child care and supper will be provided. RSVP to mshaner@ChristianHomes.com, by visiting www.ChristianHomes.com/FosterCare or by calling 677-2205 for more information.

We express our sympathy to **Barbara Wilson** and family on the death of her mother, Letha Young, last weekend. A private, graveside service was held earlier this week. Please join us in prayer for this family as they mourn during this time of loss.

Help Our Children Help Others: Our UCC children are raising money for Heifer International, and they are doing chores and odd jobs to raise money. If you need your flowers watered or have a simple job or task you would like one of our children to do for a donation, please call (673-6497) or email Jennifer (jenniferw@uccabilene.org).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Service Project: Tomorrow morning, Monday, Aug. 10, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, children first through fifth grade will meet in the Family Room. We will go to the Christian Service Center to help where needed and then head to Sonic to play and get a drink. Parents, please send money for your child to get a drink and then pick them up at noon at the Family Room.

Wednesday Night: This will be our last activity on Wednesday nights away from the building. Please plan to join us at Play Faire Park from 6:45-8:30 p.m., located at 2300 North First. Cost will be \$3 per person, children five and under will play free with a paying adult. You will be able to enjoy 36 holes of golf. Please bring your own mosquito repellent.

Operation Blue Jeans: This week, lead your family in praying over our contribution for Operation Blue Jeans and Beyond, next Sunday, Aug. 16. This is a great opportunity to encourage our children to look beyond their wants to others needs. May the Lord bless you in this time of teaching.

STAY CONNECTED

University members and friends can now stay connected with UCC via Facebook and Twitter. Like the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/UCCAbilene, follow the UCC Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/UCCAbilene and also follow us on Instagram @UCCAbilene. You can also follow the UCC Campus Ministry, UCC Children's Ministry and UCC Youth Ministry on all three platforms as well.

UCC FAMILY LIBRARY

The **UCC Family Library** has a wide selection of reading materials and videos for all ages that are available to check out. The UCC Family Library is open on Sunday mornings from 8:45-10 a.m. and Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:15 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Aug. 9-Sept. 2

- AUG. 9** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC
9 a.m. - Bible Classes
10 a.m. - Worship, James Thompson - speaker, Luke Burnam - worship leader
CARE Group Sunday
NO 5 p.m. Chapel Service
- AUG. 10** 9:30 a.m. - First through Fifth Grade at Christian Service Center
- AUG. 12** 6:45-8:30 p.m. - Miniature Golf for Families, Play Faire Park
7 p.m. - Majoring in the Minors, Family Room
- AUG. 16** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC
9 a.m. - Bible Classes
10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, David Sprott - worship leader
5 p.m. Chapel Service - Steve Austin - speaker, Charles Sheppard - song leader
- AUG. 19** 6-7:30 p.m. - Back To School Cookout, MAC
- AUG. 23** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC
9 a.m. - Bible Classes
10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, Luke Burnam - worship leader
5 p.m. Chapel Service - Tim Archer - speaker, Gene Linder - song leader
- AUG. 26** 7 p.m. - Bible Classes
- AUG. 30** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC
9 a.m. - Bible Classes
10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, Mark Tate - worship leader
5 p.m. Chapel Service - Singing Night
- SEPT. 2** 7 p.m. - Bible Classes

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.