



August 23, 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

162 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Welcome/Family News Gustavo Villanueva
Prayer for God's People

288 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Hosanna, You're My King

Before the Throne of God Above

Communion Kyle Bowen

Scripture: Luke 22:14-20

Bread

525 *He Knows Just What I Need (1)*

Cup

525 *He Knows Just What I Need (2)*

Offering

525 *He Knows Just What I Need (3)*

Children's Church

Ancient Words

Scripture: Romans 1:1-7 Rusty Towell

God's Apostle, God's Gospel Brent Isbell

218 *Blessed Jesus*

Benediction: Romans 15:13

Worship Leader Luke Burnam

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Eric Hardegree and Mark Hamilton 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 University Church! If you are visiting us 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. Are you looking for a church home? Please visit us again soon. Let us get to know each other. Thank you for joining our worship today. If you came for Bible class at 9 a.m., you know most of our adult classes began a new fall study in the **Gospel of John**.

"Our God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing our God cannot do." A children's Sunday School song? Yes. But also an important grown-up idea we'd all do well to better understand. Today we launch a sermon series called **Big God: The Massive and Magnificent Message of Romans**. Arguably the most important written work in Christian history, Paul's letter to Christians in Rome is all about a very big God who has very big (cosmic) ideas for his people and his creation. I am excited about our spending time together in this challenging, life-changing book. Today we just get our feet wet with a few introductory thoughts—**God's Apostle, God's Gospel (1:1-7)**.

The weather may not say so, but today "fall" begins at UCC. For many in AISD and our local universities, classes start tomorrow morning! If you are a new ACU freshman, welcome to Abilene. We hope you will find **Kyle Bowen** our campus intern and make connections with our group that meets for class in Room 503 of our Ministry Activity Center.

Back-to-School Bless! Tonight we will have a special service to bless all our students and educators (from pre-K to professors) in the **Family Room at 6 p.m.** This will be a simple time of spiritual refreshment. Several of our brothers and sisters will read Scripture and pray over our coming school year. We will share communion. Everyone is welcome!

Fall Wednesdays. This Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Family Room, we begin a four-week adult study called **Stories of Faith: the People of God Between the Testaments**. We sometimes call it the Intertestamental Period. Knowing more about it helps us understand the world of Jesus far better. Our teacher is **Dr. James Thompson**.

WELCOME

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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 - 442 Northern Oaks - N/A
Bilingual - 52 Chisholm Place - 16
C. Village - 20 Silver Springs - 31
Coronado - 77

OFFERING:

August 9 \$18,295.40
August 16 \$13,741.86

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Teachers: Our new semester started today and we still need a Sunday morning teacher for our two-year-old class. We also need preschool teachers on Wednesday night. Please pray for these positions to be filled with whom God wants for our children.

Rice Bowls: If you took home a rice bowl to fill with change for our Heifer International Project, bring it back to Bible class or the media center.

Wednesday Nights: The Children's Ministry is excited to offer a special series of classes for elementary and preschool children for six weeks this fall. Elementary children in grades first through fifth will be able to choose classes offered in sewing, woodworking, engineering and art. Each class will be three weeks long and then students will be able to choose another class. Our preschool children will have two three-week sessions of a Bible story that will allow them to experience the story using many different senses and learning styles.

Children's Church: Our three-year old through kindergarten classes will enjoy a series on Moses beginning today.

Nursery Teams: If you would like to volunteer one time a month to work with our little ones in the nursery on a Sunday morning, please contact Jennifer Welch.

NEWS AND NOTES

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

If you were not able to take part in **Operation Blue Jeans and Beyond** last Sunday, you can put your contribution to the special collection in the envelopes in the back of the seats in the auditorium and place it in the collection plate. Or you can bring your donation to the church office this week. To date, the Operation Blue Jeans and Beyond Total is \$22,843.71.

Every UCC member is asked to complete the **UCC Outreach Survey** that was sent to members' emails last week. If you do not have email, or you would rather fill out a paper copy, you can get a hard copy of the survey at the Welcome Center. Please return the paper or the emailed survey **by next Sunday, Aug. 30.**

Herttenberger Family: "We thank our UCC family who share in the celebration of Maxine Herttenberger's release from the tethers and frailties of her latter years. God granted her rest in due time and in a peaceful way. Thank you for loving us through this and for your prayers for peace and joy as we continue to remember our beloved ones who have gone ahead of us."

Dick and Kim Turman: "Doris Vance and June Estes are what UCC is all about. They brought our family dinner after Kim had hip replacement surgery. They don't ask if you need dinner, they just brought it. They brought a great assortment fit for a king and queen. Both of these ladies are without their two great husbands, but they carry on. I know Bob and John look down with big smiles at their 'servant wives.'"

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Back-To-School Blessing Tonight Followed by Dinner: Tonight we will take part in the back-to-school blessing in the Family Room at 6 p.m. We will have prayers and scripture readings as we pray for the school year. After that, we will go back to the Youth Center for pizza and hang out until 8 p.m.

The PEAK on Wednesday: Wednesday night we will have a fun back-to-school Bible study at 7 p.m. in the Youth Center. Invite a friend to come join us.

Fall Huddles: Huddles will begin Sept. 9. I know you are anxious to get back to Huddles in homes, but we need some meaningful youth group Huddle training for a few weeks first.

Event Schedules: Please email or text a photo of your school activity schedules to me. We look forward to investing in the lives of your/our kids.

Events on the Horizon:

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

TRANSITIONS

a ministry of 20s and 30s

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight, we will meet at 5 p.m. in the MAC for a Brown Bag Supper. We will then join the **Back-to-School Blessing** at 6 p.m. in the Family Room.

Next **Sunday, Aug. 30**, we will have small group at the Tate's (1600 Rainey Road) with swimming and food. More information to come.

Check out our **Facebook** page for other events and details pertaining to Transitions (such as women's breakfast, men's lunch, playdates and more).

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Ministry intern
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Welcome: We want to welcome all of our college students. If this is your first time with us, we are glad to meet you. If you are a returning student, welcome back! Our college ministry is based on principles of loving kindness and welcoming community.

Sunday Class: Our Sunday morning class meets at 9 a.m. in MAC 503.

Dwelling Place: Tonight, we will meet at 7 p.m. in MAC 503. The Dwelling Place is a time of fellowship, singing and discussion. Join us!

Wednesday Night: We will meet at 7 p.m. in MAC 503 on Wednesday night.

Coffee or Lunch: If you would like to grab lunch or coffee with me, Kyle, the campus ministry intern, call me at 530-615-8188.

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.