



August 30, 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

75 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Welcome/Family News                      Brent Isbell  
Kindergarten Blessing/Bible Presentation

38-40 *God's Might Medley*

186 *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

318 *O Sacred Head*

Communion                                      Paul Rotenberry  
Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-23  
Bread  
Cup  
Offering

### Children's Church

96 *I Stand in Awe*

God's Will, God's Power                      Brent Isbell

609 *I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord*

259 *When This Passing World is Done*

Benediction: Psalm 33:20-22

Worship Leader                                David Allen Sprott

*If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Eddie Mahanay and Kris Southward 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!** If you are visiting us today, please take a minute to fill out a **guest registry card** (located on the seat backs), then just 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. And, if you came for the Bible class hour, you know that most of our adult classes have started a new fall study in the **Gospel of John**.

Last Sunday we kicked off our fall sermon series **Big God: The Massive and Magnificent Message of Romans**. Arguably the most important written work in Christian history, Paul's letter to Rome is all about a very big God who has very big purposes for his people and his creation. Today, let's leave base camp and climb a little higher up Mt. Romans, discovering **God's Will, God's Power** (1:8-17).

Ten years ago this weekend, Hurricane Katrina plowed into New Orleans and devastated lives. This morning, we will take a few moments to reflect and pray with **Odell and Dionne Wilson** about the events that changed the life of their family, eventually bringing them to Abilene and UCC. It's quite a story, and we are grateful for God's work in these great people.

**Back-to-School Bless** last Sunday night was a tremendous success. About a hundred of us gathered in the Family Room for special prayers and singing and communion to begin the school year. It was an hour of memorable spiritual refreshment. This morning, we will mark the new school term as a church family with our sweet annual tradition of giving new Bibles to our new class of kindergarteners!

**Fall Wednesdays.** This Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Family Room, we continue with week two of **Stories of Faith: The People of God Between the Testaments**. We sometimes call the world between Malachi and Matthew the Intertestamental Period. It is a fascinating part of history, and knowing more about it helps us understand the world of Jesus so much better. Our teacher is **Dr. James Thompson**.

### 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 - 443  
Bilingual - 55  
C. Village - 26  
Coronado - 84

### August 23, 2015

Northern Oaks - 22  
Chisholm Place - 24  
Silver Springs - 28

### OFFERING:

August 23                      \$14,428.28

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**Daily Bible Reading:** Beginning next Sunday, your child will receive a Bible bookmark in their Bible class that will have a scripture for them to read each day. What a great opportunity to encourage your child's growth in the Lord and take time daily to discuss His word.

**Special Series:** 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.

**Wednesday Night Teacher:** We have a teaching position open in our four/five-year old class on Wednesday Nights. Please contact Jennifer Welch if you would be willing to volunteer.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Kyle Bowen**, Campus Ministry intern  
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**Welcome:** We want to welcome all of our college students. Please come down front after worship and meet us. We strive to form a relationship with every college student who comes through our doors.

**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.

## NEWS AND NOTES

Join us for **5 p.m. Chapel Service** today for Singing Night.

The **UCC Outreach Survey** is yielding great input. There is still time for you to fill out the short survey. Please pick up a paper survey at the Welcome Desk or complete the emailed survey **TODAY**. Paper copies can be returned to the Welcome Desk. Your identity and answers are anonymous, and your participation is key to a successful outcome. Thank you for participating!

**Ministry of MOMs** will host its first dinner of the school year on Tuesday, Sept. 8 from 6:15-8:15 p.m. at the home of **Ellen Presley** (733 Parson's Road). Please respond to the invite.

**Ladies' Bible Class** will begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 9** at 10 a.m. in the Family Room. Karen Jinkerson will be the teacher all semester.

We express our sympathy to **Gary McCaleb** at the loss of his brother, **Dr. Bill McCaleb**, last week. Burial will be in Anson tomorrow.

**Jim Clark:** "Thank you, University Church, for your very generous support of Operation Blue Jeans. The final count is \$24,134.21. I thank the Lord for your very generous hearts!"

**Cheryl, Michael and Kate Bacon:** "Thank you for the lovely plant that daily reminds us of the many other kindnesses you have shown after the death of our mother and grandmother, **Betty Mann**. The meals, flowers, cards and other gifts of love and thoughtfulness are deeply appreciated. This congregation welcomed Betty and J.C. almost 35 years ago, and they served here longer than any other in their 68 years of marriage. They chose UCC because they were overwhelmed with its warmth and friendliness, and you became family to them and to us. Blessings."

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Pizza House Tonight:** Tonight, we will meet at 5 p.m. in the Youth Center and go over to the Pizza House in Clyde to enjoy some pizza and time together! We will return at 7:30 p.m. to the Youth Center. Bring \$5 for dinner and bring and invite a friend to tag along.

**The PEAK on Wednesday:** Wednesday night at 7 p.m., we will have another fun night of games, Bible study and discussion. Invite a friend to come join us as we talk about becoming a thriving youth group.

**Fall Huddles:** Huddles will begin Sept. 9.

**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 4:30 p.m. at the **Tates'** (1600 Rainey Road) with swimming and food.

Next week, **Sept. 6**, we will meet at the **Roberts'** (2309 Homestead). Signups will be posted on the Transitions Facebook page.

On **Sunday, Sept. 13**, we will meet at the **Gibbs'** (901 Washington Blvd.). Stay tuned for 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).

## 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).