



BIG GOD

The Massive and Magnificent Message of Romans

September 13, 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

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Mighty to Save

Welcome/Family News Steve Austin
Elders' Prayer of Blessing

Scripture: Psalm 19:7-14 Kyle Bowen

Ancient Words

Communion Gary McCaleb
Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3

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335 *In Memory of the Savior's Love (1,2)*

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Children's Church

God's Oracles, God's Righteousness Brent Isbell

The Gospel Is for All

66 *Doxology*

Worship Leader David Allen Sprott

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Kris Southward and Mark Tate 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! Maybe you are visiting us today. If so, you are an honored guest. Please fill out a **guest registry card** (located on the seat backs), then drop your card in the offering plate when it's passed. Are you looking for a new church home in Abilene? If so, we invite you to come again soon and give us a chance to get to know each other. We would love to welcome you into our family. Thank you for joining us this morning for worship.

Our fall sermon series is **Big God: The Massive and Magnificent Message of Romans**. Paul's letter to Rome is all about a very big God who has very big plans for everyone. But what if it seems like God's plans have failed? What if he entrusted his special mission to his special people, but they dropped the ball? If "all have sinned and fall short," then what? Can God still be faithful? These are huge questions, so, today let's tackle **God's Oracles, God's Righteousness** (2:17-3:31).

Summit Sunday. Next week, on September 20, we will host a combined adult class in the auditorium at 9 a.m. Our friend **Igor Egirev** from St. Petersburg, Russia will speak for us. Then at 10 a.m., our guest preacher will be our partner **Francisco Rojas** from Costa Rica. **Charles Caudill**, president of World Christian Broadcasting, will lead our morning prayer. What a great day for emphasizing international missions! Our bilingual brothers and sisters will join us in united praise to God in both English and Spanish. **Summit** will begin at ACU that evening, so there will be no activities here. We encourage everyone to go to Moody at 7 p.m. to hear UCC's **Brady Bryce** deliver the opening keynote message.

This Wednesday at 7 p.m., in the Family Room, we conclude our series **Stories of Faith: The People of God Between the Testaments**. This has been a great class, and we thank **James Thompson** for being our teacher. The following Wednesday is the last night of Summit, so no activities at UCC that evening. A new four-week series with **Tim Archer** will begin the following Wednesday, Sept. 30—**From Dan to Beersheba: A Visual Tour of the Promised Land**.

WELCOMING OUR MISSIONARIES

On **Saturday, Sept. 19** at 6 p.m. in the Early Childhood Center, **Francisco and Carmen Rojas** will share how God is working in their lives and in the lives of the people in the community of Tarbaca, Costa Rica. Come and be encouraged by how God is using this couple to expand His kingdom.

On **Sunday, Sept. 20**, we will have a reception in the Family Room following the morning worship to allow our members to get to welcome, visit and encourage our missionaries **Francisco and Carmen Rojas** (Costa Rica) and **Igor Egirev** (Russia). All members are encouraged to participate.

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: September 6, 2015
Worship - 335 Northern Oaks - 21
Bilingual - N/A Chisholm Place - 31
C. Village - 18 Silver Springs - 41
Coronado - 81

OFFERING:
September \$19,308.50

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Save the Date: The Teacher Appreciation Banquet will be Saturday, Sept. 26 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Family Room. We will celebrate Bible class teachers who have taught here at UCC this last year.

Heifer International Program: Next Sunday, Sept. 20, all children three years old through fifth grade will be invited to come to children's worship. We have collected the money that our UCC children worked to earn this summer, and together we will choose what animals they would like to provide to those less fortunate around the world.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Welcome: We want to welcome all of our college students. Please come down front after worship, meet us and come eat with us. We want everyone to feel welcomed here at UCC.

Class Times: Our Sunday morning class meets at 9 a.m. in MAC 503, and on Wednesdays, we meet at 7 p.m. in MAC 503. Join us!

Dwelling Place: Tonight, we'll meet at 6:30 p.m. in MAC 503. The Dwelling Place is a time of fellowship, singing and discussion. Join us!

Fall Retreat: Our fall retreat will be October 9-11, so save the date and get excited!

T-Shirt: If you want a campus ministry t-shirt, make sure you give Kyle your size by the end of Dwelling Place tonight.

NEWS

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring **Michelle Hetzel** and **Daniel Giddings** on **today** from 4-6 p.m. at the home of Carolyn and James Thompson (1226 Kingsbury Road). Selections are at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

There will be **NO 5 p.m. Chapel Service** today.

Ladies' Bible Class continues on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Family Room. **Karen Jinkerson** will be the teacher all semester.

Wednesday Night Supper begins at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. College students eat free.

Common Life, CARE Groups and a Month of Transitions: For many years, the second Sunday of each month has been CARE Group Sunday. As we transition to new ways of being community, the elders encourage those CARE groups that wish to keep meeting to do so. Many of our CARE groups continue to bless their members, and we pray they will continue doing so as they see fit. Beginning this month, however, we will designate the second Sunday of each month as Common Life Sunday in order to encourage a wider range of activities that share the goal of building us all up in our faith in Jesus Christ. More communication about Common Life will be coming soon, so we invite you to stay tuned.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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No Activity Tonight: Since this is the first Common Life Sunday, and several former CARE Groups are still meeting as well, we will have no activity tonight.

Huddles Continue Wednesday Night: Huddles are our small group Bible studies that meet each Wednesday night from 7-8 p.m. Huddles offer a relaxed time of sharing, prayer, Bible study, and snacks. Bring a friend and introduce them to our group. The **Senior/Junior Huddle** will meet at the home of **Rusty and Amy Towell** (2910 Shirley Rd., just west of the loop on I-20) and co-led by **Gerardo and Alma Lara**. We will provide a van shuttle leaving the Youth Center at 6:45 p.m. and returning at 8:15 p.m. The **Sophomore/Freshman Huddle** will start off in the Lounge of the Youth Center and be led by **Jason and Karla Craddock**. The **Middle School Huddle** will continue to meet each week in the Youth Center with **Mac and Laura Ice, Carla Copher and Ashley Robinson** co-leading.

MS/HS Fall Retreat: Our Fall Retreat for the whole Youth Group this year will be held in Lueders at the Big Country Baptist Assembly **October 2-4**. This is the best weekend for a retreat because it happens to be the football bye-week for both AHS and ACHS. The cost is \$40 and is due no later than **Wednesday, Sept. 23** to the office or your Huddle leader. Paperwork will also be due then. The cost for guests is even cheaper at \$25, so invite a friend or two or five to come join us for the weekend. We will have a lot of fun, games, activities, food, worship, study and fellowship. They are keeping the lake open since it should still be warm enough, so we will be able to use The Blob for plenty of aerial fun. We may even be able to play paintball, so let Jason know if you are interested before we schedule it. As always, if you want to come, but money is a bit tight, let Jason know and we will work something out. Make plans to join us!

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. Whether it's concerts, games, swimming competition, thumb-wrestling, art exhibits, parades and more. Let us know.

Events on the Horizon:
- **Encounter LE:** November 20-22

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Today, our small group will join the couples shower for the **Michelle Hetzel** and **Daniel Giddings** at the **Thompsons'** house. See the left side for details.

Next **Sunday, Sept. 20**, we will meet at the **Sprotts'** house (834 Elmwood) at 5 p.m. Watch 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.