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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

103 *He Has Made Me Glad*

Welcome Mark Tate

560 *Living By Faith*

Update: Common Life Mark Hamilton
Prayer for the Family of Faith

315 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (1)*

Communion Tom Milholland
Scripture: Romans 5:1-11

Bread

315 *When I Survey... (2)*

Cup

315 *When I Survey... (3,4)*

Offering

Video: Summer Youth/Children Highlights

Children's Church

121-123 *God's Love Medley*

God's Promise, God's Grace Brent Isbell

915 *Trust and Obey*

Family News

Benediction: Hebrews 12:1-2

Worship Leader Mark Tate

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Jeff Arrington and Jon Ashby 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.

Today we will hear an update on the launch of our new **Common Life Groups** ministry. Much work, prayer and planning has gone into a better system to help us keep up each other, and the possibilities are exciting. Another bonus, we will be blessed to view a short video summary of some experiences our teens and children had this summer. Lots of kids serving, learning and having fun! Great things are happening here at UCC, and our Youth and Children's Ministries are a big part of it.

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 these plans are nothing recent! God has been working and making promises about what he's doing for our salvation for a long, long time. In fact, Paul says God has been in the righteousness business all the way back to the days of Father Abraham. Which raises the question—so, just how did old Abraham get saved? Today let's talk about **God's Promise, God's Grace** (4:1-5:11).

Speaking of the man from Ur, this evening we will continue our series in the **Life of Abraham**. You are welcome to join us at 5 p.m. in the chapel as we talk about **Pilgrim's Principles** (Genesis 12:1-9).

New Wednesday class. This week we begin a new four-week class titled **From Dan to Beersheba: A Visual Tour of the Promised Land**. Our teacher will be **Tim Archer**. Tim and Carolina traveled to Israel this summer, and I am sure this will be a great series. I encourage you to come and soak in some great media and important teaching about the land of Jesus! Join us in the Family Room at 7 p.m.

MISSIONS CELEBRATION

Join us on **Sunday, Oct. 4** at 5 p.m. in the MAC for Missions Celebration. We will celebrate the things God has done through our members on their short-term missions. Individuals, families and nations are impacted in a multitude of ways by the generosity of the members here at UCC.

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 - 484
Coronado - 78
C. Village - 19

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Northern Oaks - 17
Chisholm Place - 17
Silver Springs - 34

OFFERING:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Family Activity: Families please mark Sunday, Oct. 4 on your calendar. We will gather in the Family Room from 6:15-7:30 p.m. and enjoy a fall activity and snacks together.

Teacher Appreciation Dinner: Thank you to all who attended our teacher appreciation dinner. The **Acton McCollum Award** this year was presented to **Patty Cox**. We are blessed to have Patty teaching our first and second graders. Her love for the Lord, love for children and her gift and dedication to teaching is very evident in the way she lives her life. Patty, we love you and are blessed to have you here at UCC in the children's ministry...thank you!

Heifer International Project: Our children were very pleased to be able to provide a goat, sheep, pig, rabbits and a flock of chicks to the Heifer International Project. If you are not familiar with this organization, please take a minute and go to YouTube and check out the story "Beatrice's Goat." This will give you a glimpse into just how one small gift of a goat can change a life.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Welcome: Welcome to all college students! If you are visiting, come down front and meet us. We'll take you out to lunch!

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, REACH, will be October 9-11, so save the date and get excited!

Friday: We will go to Oplin, so meet at MAC 503 at 7:30 p.m. to carpool over.

NEWS

Join us for **5 p.m. Chapel Service** today. **Brent Isbell** will be the speaker and **David Sprott** will lead the singing.

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

You're invited to a sit, sip and see for **Daniel and Megan Millican's** new baby boy, **Wyatt**, on Sunday, Sept. 27 from 2:30-4 p.m. at the home of Sherri Statler (804 Highland Ave.). Selections are at Kid's Village, Target and Walmart.

Conversations Class: On Wednesdays, Sept. 30-Oct. 14, the Conversations Class will talk about *Teaching Kids/Teens God's Design for Sex*. Come participate in a topical discussion that is important to all parents, grandparents and anyone else raising children. Teaching our kids about God's design for sex is a needed conversation in our culture. Join **Talmadge and Sara Trammell** and **Jason and Heidi Morris** for these Conversations Classes in MAC 501 at 7 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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REEL Faith Tonight: Are you ready for some adventure? Tonight we are going to watch a truly classic film: *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (PG-13 on Blu-ray). In 1936, the Nazis are trying to find the long-lost Ark of the Covenant in order to wield the power of God for world domination. Indiana Jones is trying to find it first. Many people throughout history have sought the power of God in a variety of places. Sometimes for good reasons, but also for nefarious ones. However, God's power and strength has never been far from all of us. Come tonight, and we will talk more starting at 5 p.m. with pizza before heading into the Youth Center theater. We'll finish at 8:30 p.m. So, get your homework done early, invite a friend (and your parents?) and join us. We will show it on the ClearPlay player.

The Home Team First Activity Tomorrow: *The Home Team* is our new activity that we are very excited about. All of our teens are very busy with activities both in and out of school. We want our teens to take greater roles as encouragers of each other, so we will choose activities of our teens and go support them together. This week's "activity of the week" is the Craig-Mann MS football game that will pit Dylan Worgull (Craig) against Keegan Copher (Mann). The game is at 5:45 p.m. at the Lee Football Complex (West N. 10th and the Loop), or you can ride a van from the Youth Center. We will meet at 5:15 p.m. and return at 8 p.m. You may also be picked up at Lee Complex if you prefer. Bring \$2 for your ticket. I am super excited about this! As the year goes on we will have the opportunity to see concerts, martial arts demos, recitals, ballet and plenty of sports. Let's go support each other!

Huddles Continue Wednesday Night: The **SR/JR Huddle** meets at the home of **Rusty and Amy Towell** (2910 Shirley Rd.) and is co-led by **Gerardo and Alma Lara**. The shuttle leaves the Youth Center at 6:45 p.m. and returning at 8:15 p.m. The **SO/FR Huddle** will meet at the home of **Jason and Karla Craddock** this week (3250 Valley Forge). The **MS Huddle** will meet 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 is next weekend, Oct. 2-4. The cost is \$40 and is due today along with all the paperwork. The cost for guests is only \$2, so bring a friend or two or more.

TRANSITIONS

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Tonight, we will meet at the **Huddlestons'** house (858 Avenue F) at 5 p.m. Check out the Facebook page for more details.

Next **Sunday, Oct. 4**, we will join the children's ministry for the evening in the Family Room.

Things **coming up** in the future: a new Conversations class (look to the left), small groups, a breakfast tailgate before the ACU Homecoming parade 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.