



Tonight
Family Room
5 p.m.

October 4, 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*

577 *We Bow Down*

Welcome/Family News Royce Money
Missions Celebration: Russia

660 *People Need the Lord*

Knowing You

Prayer for God's Church Gustavo Villanueva
Mission Celebration: Cuba

Children's Church

Lord, Reign in Me

God's Reign, God's Life Brent Isbell

Bread

287 *There is a Redeemer (1)*

Cup

287 *There is a Redeemer (2)*

Offering

287 *There is a Redeemer (3)*

Invitation

464 *Because He Lives*

528 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Worship Leader David Allen Sprott

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Steve Austin and Richard Cox 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? If so, thank you for being our guest today. Please fill out a **guest registry card** (located on the seat backs), then drop your card in the offering plate when it comes around later. If you are looking for a new church home in Abilene, we encourage you to come back soon and get to know us better. We would love to welcome you into our family!

Our fall series is **Big God: The Massive and Magnificent Message of Romans**. Paul's letter to Rome talks about a very big God who has very big plans for everyone. But humans have been terrible at discerning God's plans. Remember the old song lyric "they paved Paradise and put up a parking lot"? Well, God created a perfect world, one with which he could have relationship, but we ruined it. The First Man lost Paradise. But the Second Man, Jesus, came and restored our hope that Paradise might be found again. His Good News set us free from slavery to sin and offers us opportunity to be truly human-as God made us to be-once more. Today I will share a few thoughts around the Table related to **God's Reign, God's Life** (5:12-7:6).

Missions Celebration! Tonight at 5 p.m., we are all invited to gather in the Family Room to hear some encouraging stories from the mission field. Several UCC groups have traveled to various places around the globe this year-serving, teaching and building up the body of Christ. Come hear their reports (complete with photos and videos, I'm sure). We will view a couple of videos this morning to whet your appetite!

Wednesday adult class. This week we continue our mid-week class titled **From Dan to Beersheba: A Visual Tour of the Promised Land**. Our teacher is **Tim Archer**. The Archers traveled to Israel this year, and I encourage you to come and soak in some great media and teaching about the land of Jesus! Join us in the Family Room at 7 p.m.

MISSIONS CELEBRATION

Today is **Missions Celebration Sunday**. 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.

This morning, we will hear from two of our supported missions points: Russia and Cuba. **Royce Money** will introduce our Russia video while **Gustavo Villanueva** will introduce the video for the Cuba mission trip.

Then, join us this afternoon at 5 p.m. in the Family Room for Missions Celebration. We will celebrate the short-term mission trips to Costa Rica, Zambia, Haiti, East Africa and Honduras.

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 - **434**
Bilingual - **55**
Coronado - **78**
C. Village - **19**

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Northern Oaks - **24**
Chisholm Place - **22**
Silver Springs - **34**

OFFERING:

September 27 **\$14,917.39**
YTD **\$667,189.52**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Family Activity: Tonight, families will gather in the MAC from 6:15-7:30 p.m. for a fun fall activity and some festive fall snacks. Join us!

Wednesday Night Classes: Our children first through fifth grade started their new class in the second session of a three-week series. The first three weeks of the various classes in woodworking, sewing, engineering and art went well. Thank you to **David Sprott** and **Mark Tate** in the woodworking class, **Jenna Sprott** and **Celia Tate** in the sewing class, **Rosario Gibbs** in the engineering class and **Jennifer Welch** in the art class.

"Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."

- Romans 5:3-4

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Ministry leader
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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! The cost will be \$25.

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

NEWS

There will be no **5 p.m. Chapel service** today. Join us for **Missions Celebration** in the Family Room.

Ladies' Quilting Day: A Ladies' Quilting Day is set for Monday, Oct. 5 at 9 a.m. at Christian Village. A potluck will follow.

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

Conversations Class: On Wednesdays through Oct. 14, the Conversations Class will talk about *Teaching Kids/Teens God's Design for Sex*. Come participate in a topical discussion about teaching our kids about God's design for sex. This is a needed conversation in our culture.

It's coming...and it's going to be great! Start planning your tailgate/trunk presentations for **Sunday, Oct. 25** for this year's **Tailgates-N-Taters**. More details coming soon!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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No Teen Activity Tonight: We have been on the retreat all weekend and will not have an activity tonight. You are encouraged to attend the Missions Celebration at 5 p.m. in the Family Room.

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 **James and Mandy Scudder** this week (658 E.N. 22nd Street). The **MS Huddle** will meet in the Youth Center with **Mac and Laura Ice, Carla Copher and Ashley Robinson** co-leading.

Event Schedules: The Craddocks really love to come and cheer you on, as do some of the rest of the group. Please email me a schedule or text a photo of it so we can make our plans. Concerts, football games, volleyball matches, swimming competition, thumb-wrestling battles, martial arts exhibitions, art show, parades and more are things that we look forward to as we invest in the lives of your/our kids (plus it's cheap family entertainment for us).

Events on the Horizon:

- **Encounter LE:** November 20-22

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight, we will join the children's ministry for the evening in the Family Room.

Next week, the **Sprotts** will host our small group from 5-7 p.m. (834 Elmwood Drive). More info to come.

PRAYER LIST

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Oct. 4-7

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| OCT. 4 | 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. - Missions Celebration, Family Room |
| OCT. 5 | 9 a.m. - Ladies' Quilting Ministry, Christian Village |
| OCT. 7 | 10 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room
5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Supper, MAC
7 p.m. - Bible Classes |

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.