



SUNDAY, OCT. 25
5:30-7 p.m.
(west parking lot)

October 11, 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

718 *We Shall Assemble*

Welcome/Family News Kris Southward
Prayer for the Congregation

111-113 *Grace Medley*

Communion Andrew Huddleston

Scripture: Romans 8:9-17

Bread

In Christ Alone (1,2)

Cup

In Christ Alone (3,4)

Offering

Children's Time With Brent

989 *Soon and Very Soon*

God's Law, God's Spirit Brent Isbell

Salvation Belongs to Our God

480 *Blessed Assurance*

Worship Leader Lanny Mullins

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Gustavo Villanueva 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! 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. If you are looking for a new church home, come back and see us soon. We would love to get to know you and welcome you into our family!

Our fall series is **Big God: The Massive and Magnificent Message of Romans**. What do you think of when you hear the word "law"? Law and order? Thick books in a judge's chambers? Tax codes? Jews loved their Law. It was proof that God cared about them. But, of course, the problem with all laws is not so much the laws but the law-keepers. We are imperfect, and no law can be kept perfectly. So, a dilemma—we want to keep God's holy standards, but we don't have the power to do it. We love God, but his perfect law is surely going to kill us! What can possibly save us? This morning, let's talk about **God's Law, God's Spirit** (7:7-8:17).

Our worship leader today is **Lanny Mullins**. Many of us fondly remember Lanny's late parents, Jerry and Mona. Lanny and his family just moved to Abilene from Dallas, where Lanny did seniors ministry and led worship at the Skillman Church of Christ. Welcome home, Lanny!

Wednesday adult class. This week we continue our mid-week adult class **From Dan to Beersheba: A Visual Tour of the Promised Land**. Our teacher is **Tim Archer**. Come see and hear some great material about the land of Jesus! Join us in the Family Room at 7 p.m.

Tailgates-N-Taters! Mark your calendar for two weeks from today—**Sunday evening, October 25**. From 5:30-7 p.m. that night, in our west parking lot, we will invite our neighbors to joins us for food and fun. This is a great opportunity to connect with those who live around us. So, the **tailgates** part: Sign up for a parking space, decorate your tailgate (or hatch/trunk), and join us in welcoming some new friends and making a lot of candy-intensive boys and girls very happy. We will also have some carnival games, air castles and other fun activities. Oh yes, the **taters** part? We will be serving hot baked potatoes and all the trimmings! We will also have Frito pie for the kids who don't do baked potatoes. Be thinking today about who you might invite and bring to our little party!

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 - 385
Bilingual - 45
C. Village - 16
Coronado - 87

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Northern Oaks - N/A
Chisholm Place - 19
Silver Springs - 26

OFFERING:

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A BLESSED CONGREGATION

You might be interested in the condition of the University congregation's finances:

With the Lord's blessings and your support, we are in good financial condition. You continue to give generously. We are funding our ministries. All of our bills are paid. And, we have about four months operating funds on hand in savings. We are running at a small deficit through September 30, but because we tend to give more in the last three months of the year, we expect to finish 2015 strong, and perhaps even with an excess of contributions over planned expenditures. We are a blessed and fortunate church.

As a congregation, we are in the process of making plans for 2016. Soon, the Finance Committee, chaired by **David Allen Sprott**, will be working with University church CPA, **Jill Bailey Hoebelheinrich**, to develop a 2016 budget that will support the hopes and dreams we have for our congregation and its missions and ministries. We covet your prayers for this process, and solicit your input on new and better ideas for sharing the gospel in our community.

On the horizon, we will be spending some savings to make repairs in the Early Childhood Center (Rainbow Bible School building), and for the insurance deductible as the roofs on our four buildings are repaired from the 2014 hail storm. A savings account is a good thing for situations such as these.

On behalf of the Elders, thank you. We are grateful for your steadfast support. If you would like a copy of our financial statement, please contact Jill in the church office (673-6497).

- **Kris Southward**, UCC Elder

NEWS AND NOTES

We express our deepest sympathy to the **Julio Marines** and his family at the loss of his mother, **Lydia Hernandez**. Services were held last week.

Doris Vance: "Thank you so much for the beautiful purple vase of flowers sent to me in the hospital. I also appreciate very much the visits, calls and prayers for me. I have congestive heart failure, but so far, my tests and treatments have been positive and helpful."

Clarendon Church of Christ Elders: "We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your help with the Kinlichee building project. Your attitude and enthusiasm on behalf of the Lord is truly inspiring. Words cannot express our thankfulness for each one of you. We pray that we will be able to work with you again."

Nancy Hodge and family: "Thank you to our caring friends at UCC who prayed for us, fed us and sent the lovely flowers. An example of the many, many ways God lifted us up during the difficult journey of Joe's illness. God bless."

Jerry and Shirla Mullins and family: "Thank you for all your love, care and prayers for our family. University played an important role in Jerry and Mona's lives. We would appreciate your continued prayers."

Barbara Wilson: "Please know how grateful I am to all of you who sent prayers up for our Lord for the illness and passing of my mom, Letha Young. The beautiful ivy you sent is a constant reminder to me of our church family who means so much to us. I often wonder how some people go through life without a church family to lean on and pray for them during times like this, but I never want to know! My mom is in heaven now, seeing my dad again and experiencing the very face of God, and I can't imagine anything more glorious than that!"

Cathy Herttenberger and family: "Thank you for all your expressions of sympathy during our time of loss—the prayers, the visits, the phone calls, the kind words and the concerns. We all miss Granny (Maxine), but rejoice because she has left behind all her ailments and tethers. She is home where she had been longing to be—safe and whole, with all her loved ones. Thank you again!"

Cheryl Ballard: "A belated, but deeply heartfelt thank you to my UCC family for the many acts of kindness following my April 29 broken leg. What a reminder of the joy of Christian fellowship with each card, magazine, book, snack, visit, phone call and bouquet of flowers. I will never forget your expressions of love to me and Brent. We covet your continued prayers during my recovery at home."

Earline Perry: "Thank you for the love, food, cards and flowers. My broken hip seems to be healing well."

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STAY CONNECTED

University members and friends can now stay connected with UCC via Facebook and Twitter. Like the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/UCCAbilene, follow the UCC Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/UCCAbilene and also follow us on Instagram @UCCAbilene. You can also follow the UCC Campus Ministry, UCC Children's Ministry and UCC Youth Ministry on all three platforms as well.

UCC FAMILY LIBRARY

The **UCC Family Library** has a wide selection of reading materials and videos for all ages that are available to check out. The UCC Family Library is open on Sunday mornings from 8:45-10 a.m. and Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:15 p.m.

TRANSITIONS

a ministry of 20s and 30s

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister

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Tonight, we will meet at 5 p.m. at the Sprotts' home (834 Elmwood Drive). Join us!

On **Saturday, Oct. 17**, join us in the parking lot outside the youth center for a breakfast tailgate prior to the ACU Homecoming parade. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. and share food and fellowship. Sign up on Facebook to bring juice, milk, muffins, other breakfast items, etc. We may even pull the gas grill around and do some eggs and bacon or sausage or something if that sounds good to folks. Then, we'll all watch the parade together at 9:30 a.m.!

Next **Sunday, Oct. 18**, we will have small group at the Gibbs' house (901 Washington Blvd.). More info to come.

Check out Facebook to keep up with the latest on small group, women's lunch, men's lunch and other Transitions activities throughout the week.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister

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No Teen Activity Tonight: Because of Common Life Sunday, we will not have an 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. It is a great time for bringing friends and introducing them to our group, so think about someone you could invite and ask them to join you. 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 meet at the home of **James and Mandy Scudder** (658 E N 22nd St). The **Middle School Huddle** will continue to meet in the Youth Center and is led by **Mac and Laura Ice, Carla Copher** and **Ashley Robinson**.

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).

ON THE HORIZON:

- **Encounter LE:** November 20-22 - Cost is \$20.

NEWS

The **Ministry of MOMs** dinner is set for **Tuesday, Oct. 13** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of **Carolyn Thompson** (1226 Kingsbury). Please respond to the evite, and let them know if childcare is needed.

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

Wednesday Night Suppers continues this week at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$4 per adult and \$2 per student (kindergarten through 12th grade). College students eat free.

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.

Join us as we honor **June Estes** and her family for their lasting contribution to the **Zambia Mission Fund** on **Friday, Oct. 16** at 11:30 a.m. This event will be held at Hillcrest Church of Christ in the Multipurpose Room. The silent auction and gift store will open at 11 a.m. We will also share exciting news about our work to fight cervical cancer in Zambia and the Women's Wellness Day and cervical cancer screenings, an effort that has already affected hundreds of women in the Southern Province of Zambia. We will also honor those around us whose lives have been touched by cancer. Join us as we celebrate stories of cancer survivors, hear the stories of Zambians touched by these efforts and learn about the exciting future of our organization that, with your help, is changing the face of cervical cancer in Southern Africa. This even is free, and all proceeds will benefit Namianga Zonal Health Centre and the Zambia Mission Fund. Please visit www.zambiamission.org/events for more information and to RSVP.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Worship: Our children have been learning all about Moses the last few weeks. We now will be concentrating on the Ten Commandments. Please be sure to work with and encourage your child to learn the Ten Commandments.

Daily Bible Reading: Parents, the daily Bible reading bookmarks are being sent home every Sunday with children four years old through fifth grade. This is a convenient way for parents to lead by example, and make sure that what we are preaching to our kids is showing up in opening the Word every day together.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Ministry leader
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Welcome: If you are a visiting college student, we are glad you visited us, and we would love to get to know you.

Fall Retreat: This morning, our campus ministry is returning from its fall retreat, so it will not be in worship service.

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

Dwelling Place: Because of the long weekend of campus ministry activities, there will be no Dwelling Place tonight. Our usual meeting time is at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays in MAC 503.

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.

TAILGATES-N-TATERS

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 25 for *Tailgates-N-Taters*, our fall community event for **ALL ages**. The block party will be from 5:30-7 p.m., and we need your help. The Common Life groups will be pulling weight on some of the duties, but we need people to sign up by email (joey@uccabilene.org) or at the Welcome Center for hosting their tailgate or trunk for handing out candy. Be creative. Be fun. Or be candy contributor. Bring the candy to the church building, and put it in the bins around the building.

We will be having baked potatoes, chili, frito pie and drinks. There will also be games, inflatables and more. Invite your friends and spread the word! Remember to park in the east parking lot because the west lot will be closed due to the festivities. See you there!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Oct. 11-28

- OCT. 11** 8:30 a.m. – Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC
9 a.m. – Bible Classes
10 a.m. – Worship, Brent Isbell – speaker, Lanny Mullins – worship leader
Common Life Sunday
NO 5 p.m. Chapel Service
- OCT. 14** 5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Night Supper, MAC
7 p.m. – Bible Classes/Huddles
- OCT. 18** 8:30 a.m. – Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC
9 a.m. – Bible Classes
10 a.m. – Worship, Brent Isbell – speaker, Lanny Mullins – worship leader
5 p.m. Chapel Service – Singing Night
- OCT. 21** 5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Night Supper, MAC
7 p.m. – Bible Classes/Huddles
- OCT. 25** 8:30 a.m. – Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC
9 a.m. – Bible Classes
10 a.m. – Worship, Brent Isbell – speaker, Steven Moore – worship leader
5:30 p.m. – Tailgates-N-Taters, west parking lot
- OCT. 28** 5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Night Supper, MAC
7 p.m. – Bible Classes/Huddles

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.