



Tailgates-N-Taters 2015

November 1, 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

Welcome/Call to Worship Brent Isbell

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10,000 Reasons

Family News/Prayer Jeff Arrington

382 *Why Did My Savior Come to Earth? (1,2)*

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Communion Kyle Bowen

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-10

Bread

176 *Lamb of God (1)*

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Offering

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Children's Church

484 *You Are My All in All*

God's Mercy, God's Service Brent Isbell

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Benediction: Phil. 2:1-4 James Thompson

We Are the Body of Christ

Worship Leader Lanny Mullins

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Jeff Arrington 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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Good morning! Are you visiting today? If so, we welcome you to University Church! We are very glad you're here. Please fill out a **guest registry card** (located on the seat backs), then drop that card in the offering plate when it comes around. If you are searching for a church home, please come back soon.

Big God: The Massive and Magnificent Message of Romans. Today we come to Romans 11. Perhaps this is one of those places Peter was thinking about when he wrote: "There are some things in [Paul's letters] hard to understand" (2 Pet. 3:16). Much ink has been spilled trying to understand exactly what Paul means by some things he says here. It's particularly hard for folks who prefer human mastery over divine mystery! Let's join with Paul in awe and wonder over a God who does things far beyond our human understanding: **God's Mercy, God's Service** (11:1-12:5). Our worship leader this morning is **Lanny Mullins**.

Wednesday class: Civic Life in the Ancient World: Challenges Encountered By the Apostle Paul. Our teacher is **Dr. Richard Wright**, new Bible professor at ACU. Join us in the Family Room at 7 p.m.

Tailgates-N-Taters 2015 is behind us now, but what a success! Hundreds flooded our west parking lot last Sunday evening. The weather was perfect. The food was delicious. Everyone had fun. And many of our guests were from right here on the Hill! Thank you to all the volunteers. Every time we do something like this, brothers and sisters, we build bridges of Gospel goodwill and hospitality into our community.

Tonight in the Chapel at 5 p.m., we will pick up our series in the life of Abraham, looking at **Dishonest Abe** (Genesis 12:10-13:4).

New and improved! It struck me that last Sunday we dedicated a newborn baby (**Andrew Bowman**), and we celebrated two new spiritual births (**Kalli Hanson and Christina Worgull**) and even a new marriage (**T.J. and Christina Worgull**). And let's add a couple: **Daniel and Michelle Giddings** are also recent newlyweds! And **Sarah Martinez**, and her husband, **Raul**, just had their newborn son this week. **Raul, Jr.** was over a month early and weighed two pounds and 15 ounces, but all are doing well. New can be a little scary, but it's also exciting and refreshing. And, importantly, it's the way of our amazing God, who makes all things new and improved (2 Cor. 5:17).

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 - **402**
Bilingual - **N/A**
Coronado - **85**
C. Village - **17**

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Northern Oaks - **22**
Chisholm Place - **18**
Silver Springs - **42**

OFFERING:

October 25 \$11,979.65

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Random Acts of Kindness: November is the time of month when we are more mindful of our blessings. I would like to challenge our families to use this month to bless others. Each week I will list several random acts of kindness that you can choose to do as a family or individually. After church each Sunday, you can read the list together and decide which "Random Acts of Kindness" you would like to incorporate into your week, or think of some random acts on your own. Enjoy, and be ready for the unexpected blessings you will receive in return.

Week One:

1. Leave a treat for the mailman.
2. Take up your neighbor's garbage cans.
3. Donate toys or clothes to a local shelter.
4. Let someone go before you at a check out.
5. Bake cookies for a neighbor.
6. Do a chore that's normally not yours to do.
7. Introduce yourself to someone new.

Haiti Christmas Project: Thank you to everyone who picked up a bag to fill for a child who lives in "The Goodness of God Orphanage" in Haiti. All bags will need to be returned by Nov. 22. There will be a container by the Welcome Center next Sunday for those who already have them ready to return.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

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 will have Dwelling Place and a movie at the Pamplins' house. Meet at MAC 503 at 6 p.m. to carpool over there. We should be done around 10:30 p.m.

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

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Since we had our fun party last night (thanks **Sprott** family) and passed out hundreds of pieces of candy, we will not have a small group tonight. Hopefully, you and your kids can recover from your sugar high.

Next **Sunday, Nov. 8**, we will be meeting at the **Gibbs'** (901 Washington Blvd) for small group. Check out Facebook for more info on food.

Coming Soon: Small Group at the Huddlestons' on Sunday, Nov. 15; and a children's activity in the MAC on Sunday, Nov. 22. We won't have small group on Sunday, Nov. 29.

Check out the **Facebook** page for more events and information pertaining to Transitions.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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facebook.com/groups/uymteens

Movie Today: Meet at the Youth Center at 2:30 p.m., and we will go see *Woodlawn*, an amazing movie that fits *perfectly* with our theme this semester. After the movie, we will come back to the Youth Center, eat pizza and discuss the movie. Invite your firends to come and join us. Everybody bring \$5, and we'll cover the rest. Pick up at 7 p.m.

Youth Rally Next Sunday: Next Sunday, Nov. 8, we will be going to an area-wide event at the Orient Street Church of Christ in Stamford, where a friend of Jason and Brittney is the youth minister. Other youth groups will be joining together for a time of worship. We will leave at 4 p.m. from the Youth Center and return at 8 p.m. This is a free event.

Home Team Activity of the Week: Thursday night at 6:30 p.m., we will meet at the Youth Center to head over to watch Jackson Hatch's JV football game at Shotwell Stadium. Bring \$3 for a ticket and extra if you want food. We will return to the Youth Center at 9:30 p.m. Let's go support Jackson together. If you have an event coming up, let Jason know and maybe it could be an Activity of the Week, too.

ENCOUNTER LE at LCU, Nov. 20-22: LCU is hosting a FREE weekend retreat called Encounter LE. LCU will be providing all food, keynote speakers, powerful worship experiences and entertainment, including bringing in the Christian band Group 1 Crew. It's gonna be terrific! Invite a friend to join us, but not if their church is already going. I also need some adult volunteers who would be willing to go with us. Paperwork is available on the Youth Center desk and is due next Sunday, Nov. 8. While the event is free, we still have to pay for our hotel so we are setting the cost for each attendee at \$20. That's pretty cheap for a weekend of awesome!

Huddles Continue Wednesday Night:
SR/JR Huddle at the **Towells'** (2910 Shirley Rd.). No shuttle. **SO/FR Huddle** at **Scudders'** (658 E.N. 22nd). **MS Huddle** in the Youth Center.

NEWS

Join us for **5 p.m. Chapel** tonight. **Brent Isbell** will be the speaker and **David Allen Sprott** will be the song leader.

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 continue this week with Mexican food. The supper begins at 5:30 p.m. in the MAC. The cost is \$4 per adult and \$2 for students (K-12). College students eat free.

A baby shower for **Sarah Martinez**, the daughter of **Mary Ann Garrett** and the late **Paul Garrett**, and her family is set for Saturday, Nov. 7 from 2-4 p.m. at 817 Avenue F. She is registered at Target and Babies-R-Us. Sarah had her baby boy on Tuesday.

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.