



BIG GOD

The Massive and Magnificent Message of Romans

November 8, 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

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Welcome/Prayer Andrew Huddleston

611 Heavenly Sunlight

478 Nearer Still Nearer

Communion Gene Linder

Bread

In Christ Alone (1,2)

Cup

In Christ Alone (3,4)

Offering

Video: Children's Classes

The Greatest Commands

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-11 Bill Young

God's Gift, God's Demand Jason Craddock

722 Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me

Feed the Hungry Video and Benediction

Worship Leader Mark Tate

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders James Thompson 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! Are you a visitor today at University Church? If so, we thank you for coming our way. If it's convenient, please fill out a **guest registry card** (located on the seat backs), then drop your card into the offering plate later. If you are new to Abilene or looking for a church home, please come back again soon. We would appreciate the chance to know you and perhaps welcome you into the UCC family.

I am out of town this weekend, speaking at the 50th anniversary homecoming celebration for the Buckingham Road church in Garland. Buckingham Road is the church in which I grew up and was baptized. It's the church where my father served as an elder for thirty years. It's the church where Melinda and I were married. My spiritual roots run deep there; plenty of familiar faces and strong memories. So, I will miss you today but be back with you, Lord willing, next Sunday!

Big God: The Massive and Magnificent Message of Romans. This morning, my friend and colleague **Jason Craddock** will continue our series with a message on **God's Gifts, God's Demand** (12:6-13:14). Thank you, Jason, for filling in today. Our worship leader is **Mark Tate**.

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.

When I think about the best of University Church, I think about...

- The hugs and direct encouragement I get every single Sunday from **Dale and Imogene McAnulty**, two of my favorite people.
- **Gene Linder** leading *God Bless You, Go with God* at the conclusion of Sunday evening worship in the chapel. Always a good feeling.
- How every Monday at noon, when I go to Taylor Elementary to spend time with my adopted second-grader, I also see **Becky Green** and **Brent Ballard** lovingly and patiently mentoring their "littles" too. Our Big Hope program is such a great outreach!

Tip of the iceberg, as we say. Just a sample of the very best of life among God's people at UCC! If you can think of similar outstanding examples, let me know - brent@uccabilene.org.

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 - 406	Northern Oaks - 27
Bilingual - N/A	Chisholm Place - 17
Coronado - 91	Silver Springs - 33
C. Village - 16	

OFFERING:

Nov. 1 **\$23,828.23**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Special Sunday Service: Sunday, Nov. 15, our first through fifth graders will attend the worship service at Silver Springs. We will load our vans at 9:45 a.m. in the parking lot of the Early Childhood Center. You will be able to pick up your child from the portico area after the UCC service ends.

Random Acts of Kindness: During the month of November 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 Two:

1. At a drive thru, pay for the person behind you.
2. Return a stray cart in the parking lot.
3. Say "Good Morning" to a stranger.
4. Send a "Just Because" card to a family member or a friend.
5. Leave a kind note in a library book.
6. Buy one thing and donate it unused.
7. Tape money to the car wash machine for the next person to use.

Haiti Christmas Project: Due Nov. 22. You may drop off your filled bags at the welcome desk.

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 at 6:30 p.m. in MAC 503.

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

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight, we will be meeting at the **Gibbs'** (901 Washington Blvd) for small group. Check out Facebook for more info on food.

Next week, we will meet at the **Huddlestone's'** (858 Avenue F) for our small group. More info to come.

Coming Soon: 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. such as men's lunch, women's lunch, Bible class topics and more.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Youth Rally Today: Today, 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, so invite a friend and make plans to join us.

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.

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, swim meets, 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). These could also become our Home Team Activity of the Week, so let me know so we can schedule them.

NEWS AND NOTES

There is no **5 p.m. Chapel** tonight.

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 Little Panda. Supper begins at 5:30 p.m. in the MAC. The cost is \$4 per adult and \$2 for K-12. College students eat free.

Ministry of MOMs is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 6:15-8:15 p.m.

A **quilting workday** is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 30 to sort fabric and pack everything up at Christian Village and move it to UCC.

Julia Ortega: "I want to thank everyone for their wonderful prayers and thoughts. I would not be able to go through everything I have gone through, especially without Matilda and Jesse Jimenez, and of course God. All my family has been so supportive through all of my ups and downs. Soon I will be back to church to worship with my brothers and sisters. Thank you so much."

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.