



FEED THE HUNGRY TODAY

November 22, 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

We Gather Together

Welcome/Family News/Prayer Brent Isbell

Blessed Be Your Name

Before the Throne of God Above

Communion Eddie Mahanay

Scripture: Luke 4:16-21

Bread

766 Open Our Eyes, Lord

Cup

768 Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You

Offering

Pack the Pulpit

- We invite our children to help us bring food sacks to the front!

Children's Church

622 Ring Out the Message

God's Mission, God's Saints Brent Isbell

All Things Are Ready

Congregational Benediction: Psalm 136

Worship Leader David Allen Sprott

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Steve Austin 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 visiting today? If so, we thank you for coming our way. Please fill out a guest registry card (located on the seat backs), then drop your card into the offering plate. If you are new to Abilene or looking for a church home, we want to meet you. Come back soon. We would appreciate the chance to know you and perhaps welcome you into the UCC family.

Today is Feed the Hungry! The Sunday before Thanksgiving always means we help Jim Clark and our partners at the Christian Service Center restock the pantry. Later in the service, we will ask our kids of all ages to bring grocery bags up front and help us Pack the Pulpit! If you want to give money, envelopes are available to use and put in the collection plate. Or you can just mark your check "Feed the Hungry." There will only be one collection. Feed the Hungry is a great and long-time UCC tradition that helps many of our neighbors here in Abilene!

Big God: The Massive and Magnificent Message of Romans. This morning, we come to the end of Paul's great letter. It may seem a little odd to us how, here at the end, he gets really personal for the first time. He talks about his mission, his hopes and dreams. He speaks with passion about how a Jewish church is rapidly becoming Gentile. He voices some fear about the future. And, no small thing, he wants to name names. No, he's never been to Rome, but he sure knows a lot of folks there he wants to greet, honor and thank. Last stop: God's Mission, God's Saints (15:14-16:27). Our worship leader is David Allen Sprott.

Wednesday: There will be no mid-week classes or UCC activities this coming week. Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with your family! The following week, Dec. 2, Wendell Willis will begin teaching a series called Three Abrahamic Faiths: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

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

- Feed the Hungry and packing the front with grocery sacks!
Jim Clark and his army of volunteers (including many UCC people) doing the real hands-on work of Jesus week in and out at the CSC.

Again, just a couple of the many things I love most about life among God's people at UCC! If you can think of some similar outstanding examples of your own, let me know: brent@uccabilene.org.

FEED THE HUNGRY THANK YOU from Jim Clark

A special thanks to all of you who either brought bags of food or a check to help us purchase food for our pantry.

After worship, we will need volunteers with trucks to transport the food to the Christian Service Center and unload the food at our loading dock on North 9th Street. And we could use some other volunteers to help us sort all the food. May our Lord Jesus bless you abundantly for sharing your gifts with the poor of Abilene. To Him be all the glory!

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 - 355
Bilingual - 58
Coronado - 81
C. Village - 9
November 8, 2015
Northern Oaks - 26
Chisholm Place - 21
Silver Spring - 58

OFFERING:

Nov. 15 \$14,120.75

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Intergenerational Mixer: Tonight, the UCC children and families invite all church members to join them in the Family Room following the 5 p.m. Chapel Service to work on a service project together for the prison ministry. First through fifth graders will be serving cookies and lemonade. Join us!

Haiti Christmas Project: Due TODAY. You may drop off your filled bags at the welcome desk or bring them to the church office Monday or Tuesday! Thank you!

Random Acts of Kindness: Incorporate these into your week, or think of some on your own. Enjoy and be ready for the unexpected blessings you will receive in return.

Week Three:

1. Leave a thank you note/treat for the mail carrier.
2. Offer to pick up your neighbor's mail or paper if they are leaving for the holiday.
3. Have a special family supper.
4. Visit someone you know in a nursing facility.
5. Take some bottles of water and give to those waiting in the emergency room.
6. Compliment someone.
7. Write a scripture and put it on someone's car.

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.

This Wednesday: We will not meet. Enjoy your Thanksgiving break! If you are remaining over Thanksgiving break, the Hamiltons have invited you to their home for Thanksgiving dinner.

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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If you can help, let's help load up the sacks of food and haul it to the Christian Service Center. If you can, go to the CSC and help there.

Tonight, we will join the **UCC Children's Ministry** in the activity in the MAC beginning at 6 p.m. See above for more information.

Because of Thanksgiving weekend, we won't have small group on **Sunday, Nov. 29**. We'll resume small group on **Sunday, Dec. 6** at the **Huddlestone's** (858 Avenue F).

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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No Activity Tonight: Since many of us are gone to Encounter LE this weekend, we will not have an activity today.

No Huddles Wednesday Night: Huddles will not meet this week because of Thanksgiving. Enjoy your holiday.

Christmas Concert Season: Christmas is special for a lot of reasons, but one of my favorite's are all of the concerts! Orchestras, choirs, bands, nose-whistle ensembles, and others have wonderful concerts all month and all around town. Please let me know when your group will be performing so we can plan to attend and make it a Home Team activity.

Star Wars Marathon: With the excitement building around *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* opening Dec. 18, I thought we could have a marathon of the original trilogy on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 12. Showtimes would be 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. with time in between for folks to grab food. We will have plenty of popcorn and drinks throughout the day and we'll get Pizza Hut for dinner. If you're interested, ask me about the prequels for a different day. Make plans now to join us and invite your friends. Families are always welcome, especially for *Star Wars*!

NEWS AND NOTES

Tonight in the **5 p.m. Chapel** service we will have Singing Night. Join us for songs, scripture, prayer and more.

Intergenerational Mixer: Tonight, the UCC children and families invite all church members to join them in the Family Room. See more info in the children's ministry section.

Ladies' Bible Class will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 10 a.m. in the Family Room.

Because of the **Thanksgiving holiday**, there will be no midweek services at UCC this week.

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

Doris Vance: "Thank you for the beautiful flowers while I was in the hospital and for the prayers and visits."

Win Martin: "My affections for you are deepened because of the warmth shown to me in my recent illness. The cards, flowers, visits, prayers and notes of encouragement were appreciated evidences of your care and concern. Even though we have lived here only a short period of time, your love and acceptance has touched and strengthened both of us. May God bless all of you, and may His church continue to spread."

UPDATE

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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.