



November 29, 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

*In the Beginning...John 1:1-4*

387 *Tell Me the Story of Jesus (1)*  
602 *Nobody Fills My Heart Like Jesus*

Welcome/Family News Joey Roberts  
*How Beautiful on the Mountains...Isaiah 52:7-10*

474 *Thank You, Lord*  
57 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
781 *Thank You, Lord!*  
68 *Give Thanks*

*The Word Became Flesh... John 1:9-14*  
Communion Brandon DeLano

Bread  
387 *Tell Me the Story of Jesus (1,3)*  
Cup  
226 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Offering

Prayer for the Congregation  
Gustavo Villaneuva

### Children's Church

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!*

*Until the Son of God Appear* Brent Isbell

387 *Tell Me the Story of Jesus (1)*  
*Ancient Words*

### Congregational Benediction

Worship Leader Lanny Mullins

*If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Ricahrd Cox and Kris Southward in Room 101 at the close of our service.*

*Our Sunday morning service is broadcast live at [www.uccabilene.org](http://www.uccabilene.org).*

### REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister  
[brent@uccabilene.org](mailto:brent@uccabilene.org)

**Welcome!** Visiting today? In town spending Thanksgiving with family? Just passing through headed home? Whatever the case, we thank you for honoring us with your presence. 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, we want to meet you. Please come back soon. We would appreciate the chance to know you and perhaps welcome you into the University Church family.

**Project Emmanuel: Unwrapping God's Gift to Planet Earth.** This morning, we will begin a short series to prepare us for Christmas. Much like the Jewish people kept the traditions of Passover and other holidays, Christians too mark time by certain seasons of the year. Not because we have to-but because it's part of our human wiring. We have no idea when Jesus was born, of course, but the coming season reminds us that he *was* born. It reminds us that we serve a God who is not distant and removed from our world. As Christians, we believe that God really does break through into history and act in our favor. Paul believed this too. In our text, he tells us that-*in the fullness of time*-God sent his only Son. Heaven-to-Earth. God's great mission to save the planet: Project God-With-Us. In coming weeks, let's un-wrap this amazing gift. Today: **Until the Son of God Appear.** Our worship leader is **Lanny Mullins.**

**Tonight in the Chapel: *When You've Got a Lot to Lose*** (Gen.13:5-18).

**Wednesday:** This week, **Dr. Wendell Willis** will begin teaching a three-week series called **Three Abrahamic Faiths: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.** Join us in the Family Room at 7 p.m.

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

- Our annual **Christmas Party!** This year, it's the evening of Sunday, Dec. 13 in the MAC. Our theme is **A West Texas Christmas!** Come enjoy the fun and, of course, the food.
- **Our elders.** I am proud to serve with shepherds who are bold and compassionate. They love Jesus. They pray for us. They care. Where they lead, I will follow. I encourage you to do the same.

If you can think of some similar outstanding examples of UCC's best, let me know, and I will share them here: [brent@uccabilene.org](mailto:brent@uccabilene.org).

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us for a **West Texas Christmas** on **Sunday, Dec. 13** from 5-6:30 p.m. in the MAC. We will have chili, beans and cornbread with festive desserts and lots of down home entertainment.

So make plans to join us, and be ready to have a good time y'all!

**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.

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>November 22, 2015</b>
Worship - <b>N/A</b>	Northern Oaks - <b>24</b>
Bilingual - <b>N/A</b>	Chisholm Place - <b>19</b>
Coronado - <b>87</b>	Silver Spring - <b>57</b>
C. Village - <b>6</b>	

<b>OFFERING:</b>	
<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>\$13,854.53</b>

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**Christmas Party:** Our children four years old through fourth grade will sing a few songs for the fifth grade Christmas skit. Your child will need to wear jeans with a white shirt, and a red or green bandana tied around their neck. The annual Christmas party will be Sunday evening, Dec. 13 from 5-6:30 p.m.

**Random Acts of Kindness:** On Wednesdays, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9, children kindergarten through fifth grade will go caroling. Parents are welcome to join in the fun.

**Haiti Christmas Project:** Thank you to everyone who participated in this project. I can't wait to see the children's expressions as they are given their bags. The best part of this project is the love and hope each bag will represent. God bless you!

## 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. We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

**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.

**Next Sunday:** Next Sunday morning during class, there will be a White Elephant gift exchange. Please bring an item under \$10 to include in the exchange.

**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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**We won't have small group tonight**, since we are wrapping up the Thanksgiving weekend. Use this time to meet up with another family or two and get to know them more.

We'll resume small group on **Sunday, Dec. 6** at the **Huddlestons'** (858 Avenue F). More info to come on the Transitions Facebook page.

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Dec. 13** for the annual **UCC Christmas Party** in the MAC from 5-6:30 p.m. More details about what to bring will be coming soon, but check out the children's section above to see what kids four years through fifth grade will be doing.

Our last small group of the year will be on **Sunday, Dec. 20** at the **Sprots'** house (834 Elmwood Drive).

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 Today:** Because of Thanksgiving weekend, we will not have an activity today.

**Huddles Resume Wednesday Night:** Hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break this past week! Our small group Huddles will resume this week at their normal locations. The **SR/JR Huddle** will meet at the **Towells'** (2910 Shirley Rd., just west of the loop on I-20) and co-led by **Gerardo and Alma Lara**. The **SO/FR Huddle** will meet at the home of the **Scudders'** (658 E N 22nd St.). The **MS Huddle** will continue to meet in the Youth Center and led by **Mac and Laura Ice** and **Ashley and Carla (Copher) Robinson**.

**Christmas Concert Season:** Christmas is special for a lot of reasons, but one of my favorites is 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, **Brent Isbell** will be speaking and **Gene Linder** will lead singing.

On **Sunday, Dec. 6**, the **UCC Family Library** will host its annual Christmas Open House. Join the library for an **Abilene Christmas from A to Z**, with hometown hospitality and tasty delicacies from Abilene bakeries. The featured selections include Abilene history books and photo books by local authors and publishers, such as ACU Press, for kids and adults. We also have many Christmas books and DVDs. The library is located at the far east end of the building down the long hall. Y'all step on in! The Open House will be from 8:30-10 a.m. and immediately following the morning service.

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

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

**Patty Cox:** "I am at home, and my doctor has me on an aggressive chemo which leaves me with practically no immunity. Dialysis is each week, too. Pray the chemo works on killing the bone cancer."

## 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](mailto:joey@uccabilene.org).