



West Texas Christmas

UCC Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 13 • 5-6:30 p.m. • MAC



December 6, 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

UCC Family News Video

Let Us Worship the Father

Welcome/Call to Worship Jason Craddock

538 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

453 *Love Lifted Me*

Communion Brady Bryce

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Bread

350 *When My Love to Christ Grows Weak*

Cup

350 *When My Love to Christ Grows Weak*

Offering

202 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Children's Church (3s-Fifth Grade)

452 *Standing on the Promises*

Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21 Lou Seckler

The Hopes and Fears of All Our Years

Brent Isbell

480 *Blessed Assurance*

Prayer for the Congregation

Paul Rotenberry

464 *Because He Lives*

Worship Leader Steven Moore

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Mark Hamilton and Gustavo Villanueva 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! If you are a visitor today, thank you for blessing us with your presence. Please fill out one of the **guest registry cards** (they are located on the seat backs), then simply drop your card into the offering plate later. If you are new to Abilene or looking for a church home, please come back soon. We would appreciate the chance to know you and welcome you into the University Church family.

Project Emmanuel: Unwrapping God's Gift to Planet Earth. This morning, we continue a short series to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Our next stop is Isaiah, hundreds of years before the time of Jesus, to hear a word of hope (and warning). It's a strong dose of medicine for those who feel like they are in exile. It's tough love for folks who may be hung up on past glories, blindsided by despair and unable to see what God might be doing among his people right now. This season of the year reminds us that God is never finished with his people. The Light of the World breaks through the darkest of circumstances. Today: **The Hopes and Fears of All Our Years.** Our worship leader is **Steven Moore.**

Tonight in the Chapel: God's Humble Hero (Genesis 14).

Wednesday: Wendell Willis continues his series **Three Abrahamic Faiths: Judaism, Christianity, & Islam.** 7 p.m. in the Family Room.

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

- **From Kyle Bowen, Campus Ministry Intern:** "One of the best things about UCC is the Unity service between the bilingual service and the English service. It is just a beautiful glimpse of what heaven will be like, with all the nations of the world worshipping God together. Even though I do not speak Spanish well, I am encouraged by the beauty of the singing and the love I see on everyone's faces as we praise God together."
- **Marcus Mullings.** As long as I can remember, Marcus has been a fixture here on the Hill. He is always kind and wants to contribute in whatever ways he is able. He has a curious mind and a sweet spirit, and I cannot imagine University Church without the man on the bike.

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.

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.

ATTENDANCE:

Worship - 317	November 29, 2015
Bilingual - 55	Northern Oaks - 39
Coronado - 91	Chisholm Place - 21
C. Village - 5	Silver Spring - 27

OFFERING:

Nov. 29 **\$10,670.36**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Worship Orientation: If you are in middle school, high school or college, and would like to help in Children's Worship, please attend a brief orientation today in Room 101 at 4:30 p.m.

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.

Christmas Caroling: Our children did a great job Wednesday evening at Silver Spring. This Wednesday, we will visit University Place.

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! However, there is no Wednesday night class this week.

Dwelling Place: Tonight, we will have 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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Tonight, we will meet at the **Huddlestons'** (858 Avenue F) for small group. Check out the Facebook page for more info.

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Dec. 13** for the annual **UCC Christmas Party** in the MAC from 5-6:30 p.m. 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 **Sprotts'** 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.

FEED THE HUNGRY REPORT

Jim Clark: "You gave a total of 185 bags of food and \$14,481. Thank you for your gift of love to the hungry of Abilene. We also appreciate so much the college students, individuals and families who helped us sort all the food. May the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified in how your gifts will display His love to all the folks we'll feed in the next several weeks."

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Devo and Games Tonight: Tonight from 5-7:30 p.m., we will meet in the Youth Center for some fun and games followed by a time of worship and sandwiches for dinner. Invite a friend and come join us for some worship and fun together.

Home Team Event Tomorrow: It is the rare occasion when so many of our students are involved in a single event at the same time, but when it does happen, then we've hit the mother lode! Tomorrow at 7 p.m. at ACU's Cullen Auditorium, our ACS students are having their annual Christmas concert. This will be our Home Team Event of the Week. If you can make it, come join us at 6:45 p.m. and we will sit together. There will not be a cost for the concert. We will finish around 8:30 p.m.

Star Wars Marathon, Next Saturday, Dec. 12:

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!

HS Christmas Party: Our HS Christmas party will be Wednesday, Dec. 16, from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Towell home (2910 Shirley Rd). This will also be the last Huddle until January. We will have food, games and a gift exchange. Everyone is encouraged to invite a friend to join you. We will provide transportation if needed from the Youth Center parking lot. HS students are asked to bring a potluck dish for our meal. Signups are online, so please take a look and signup for something: <http://tinyurl.com/uymchristmasparty>

MS Christmas Party: The MS party will be Wednesday, Dec. 16, from 7-8 p.m. in the Youth Center. There will also be snacks, games and Dollar Store mystery gifts. You don't have to bring anything. We will provide everything. Friends are welcome and you are strongly encouraged to invite them.

NEWS AND NOTES

Tonight in the **5 p.m. Chapel** service, **Brent Isbell** will be speaking and **David Allen Sprott** will lead singing.

The **UCC Family Library** is hosting its annual Christmas Open House today. Join the library for an **Abilene Christmas from A to Z**, with hometown hospitality and tasty delicacies from Abilene bakeries. 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.

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.