



January 10, 2016

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

797 *Lord, We Come Before Thee Now*

Welcome Joey Roberts

72 *Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty
How Great is Our God*

922 *Jesus Paid it All*

Communion Mac Ice

Bread

383 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (1)*

Cup

383 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (1)*

Offering

383 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (1)*

Children's Church

Lord, Reign in Me

Scripture: **Matthew 9:14-17; 13:51-53**

Brandon DeLano

Something Old...and New Brent Isbell

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Congregational Pray and Benediction

Steve Austin

Worship Leader David Allen Sprott

*If you would like to pray with someone today,
you are invited to pray with elders Jeff
Arrington and Steve Austin 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 to UCC! If you are visiting with us today, we thank you for blessing us with your presence. You are an honored guest. We are glad to have you here today. Please take just a moment to fill out one of those small **guest registry cards** (located on the seat backs), then drop your card into the offering plate later. That's all we ask. If you are new to Abilene and looking for a church home, please come back soon. We appreciate the chance to get to know you and perhaps welcome you and your family into the University Church family. This is a great church!

Here Comes the Reign! It's a brand new year, so today we begin a new series, listening each week to the greatest stories in the history of the world—the **parables of Jesus**. When Jesus taught, he almost always spoke in parables. But what are the parables? What are they trying to tell us? That's where we begin today, with Parables 101: **Something Old... and New**. Our worship leader this morning is **David Allen Sprott**.

This Wednesday, we continue our adult class series with **Mark Hamilton** called **Prayer in An Age of Exile**. Join us this week at 7 p.m. in the Family Room.

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

• **Bo Green**. If you're new to UCC, maybe you haven't met Bo. But you should! Maybe you don't know that Bo is a survivor. By the grace of God, Bo is still with us, enjoying his second life after cancer. But the thing you most need to know about Bo (and Becky) is that they live fully in the grace of God. Recently, Bo has been posting one-word Facebook statuses: "Love." Bo knows love. And you should know Bo. He is one of UCC's Best.

• **This place**. Okay, I know the Church is not a building but a people. Got it. But I also know that this space with its tower, stained glass and chapel is pretty special and has been for 60-plus years. God has blessed us with beautiful, inspiring, functional facilities. For many, every corner is a faith memory. Weddings. Funerals. Parties. Special days. Sunday worship. Mission work. Classes. Funny stories... Most importantly, memories of people. Yes, the Church is people. But 733 E.N. 16th Street is where one special group of God's people gather and—Lord willing—will do so for a long, long time.

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: January 3, 2016
Worship - **357** Northern Oaks - **23**
Bilingual - **40** Chisholm Place - **19**
Coronado - **78** Silver Spring - **43**

OFFERING:
Jan. 3 \$22,389.09

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Winter Teachers: We still need a Sunday morning Bible teacher for the twos. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office and ask for Jennifer.

Save the Date: Our VBS will be in the mornings on June 6-8. Please add that to your summer calendar. Children three years old through fifth grade will be invited to attend.

Children's Worship: Children three years old through kindergarten will leave for their time of worship today after The Lord's Supper.

Nursery: If you would like to help in the nursery the fourth Sunday of every month, please email jenniferw@uccabilene.org.

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. We hope you had a wonderful holiday season.

Meeting times: Our Sunday morning class meets at 9 a.m. in MAC 503, our Sunday night Dwelling Place (a time of fellowship, singing and discussion) meets at 6:30 p.m. in MAC 503, and our Wednesday night gathering meets at 7 p.m. in MAC 503.

Coffee: If anyone would like to meet or have coffee with our campus ministry leader, **Kyle Bowen**, his number is (530) 615-8188.

NEWS

Common Life Group Three will meet today after worship for a potluck in the Family Room.

Ladies' Bible Class resumes this Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. in the Family Room.

Wednesday Night Suppers resume this Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the MAC. The cost is \$4 per adult and \$2 per student K-12. College students eat for free.

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring **Macy Wideman** and **Ryan Young** on Sunday, Jan. 24 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the home of **Cathy Herttenberger** (5280 West Lake Road). Selections are at Bed Bath and Beyond, Dillard's and Target. For your convenience, money envelopes will be provided at the shower site.

The new Texas "open carry" law also affects churches. This law, effective January 1, 2016, allows any properly licensed resident to openly carry a handgun in a shoulder or waist holster anywhere that is not specifically prohibited by law or specific signage. We do not expect anyone to openly carry a handgun into UCC; however, it is possible that someone may do so. While we do not plan to post prohibitive signs at this present time (27 signs would be required for the UCC campus), the UCC elders respectfully request that all of its members and visitors refrain from openly carrying a gun while at UCC. Thank you.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

No Activity Tonight: We will not have an activity tonight due to Common Life Groups.

Winterfest Travel on Friday: We will begin meeting for Winterfest on Friday afternoon under the portico at 4:30 p.m. so we can leave as close to 5 p.m. as possible. We plan to return on Sunday at 4 p.m. We are only going to be gone for the weekend so please use a carry-on-sized suitcase, duffel bag or backpack for your things. We will provide pizza and drinks for the trip to Arlington, but we ask that you bring enough money for two fast food meals on Saturday and one on Sunday. More info is in the email I sent out specifically about the event.

HS Mission Trip Set: On July 14-22, we will be returning to Kinilchee, Ariz. in the Navajo Nation to continue work we started this past year. In July 2015, we began work on a new meeting place for the congregation after their main meeting place had burned down. A group from Clarendon, N.M. was funding most of that project, and we joined them in helping this small church in need. Now? That facility is completed, and it is time to help them in reaching out to the community. We will host a VBS as well as doing some other outreach opportunities. We are still working on the details, but the date is set! More information to come soon.

Huddles Resume Wednesday Night: Our small group Huddles will resume this week at their normal locations. The **Senior/Junior Huddle** will meet at the home of **Rusty and Amy Towell** (2910 Shirley Road, just west of the loop on I-20) and co-led by **Gerardo and Alma Lara**. The **Sophomore/Freshman Huddle** will meet at the home of **James and Mandy Scudder** (658 E N 22nd St). The **Middle School Huddle** will continue to meet in the Youth Center and led by **Mac and Laura Ice** and **Ashley and Carla Robinson**.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight our small group will be at the **Sprotts'** house (834 Elmwood Drive). We will have a devotional and desserts. Sign-up on Facebook to let us know you are coming.

Next **Sunday, Jan. 17**, we will meet at the **Huddlestones'** house (858 Avenue F). The following weeks will meet in the MAC and at the Gibbs' house. More info coming soon.

We need hosts to **sign up** for small groups throughout the rest of the semester. If you don't feel like you can host small group in your home, you are welcome to use one of the rooms at the church. Just let me know what days you want to host, and we can find accommodations.

Keep up-to-date with the **Facebook** page for more events and information pertaining to Transitions. Have an idea for an event or project or get-together? Email me and let me know: joey@uccabilene.org.

PRAYER LIST

Immediate

Health Concerns

Keith Barnier
Patty Cox
Mellisse Ewing
Phyllis Gilbreth
Jackson Hatch
Mary Leija
Harry Rowlands
Kevin Weems
Nancy Witt

Health Concerns

Mable Bailey
Cheryl Ballard
Randy Becton
Carl Brecheen
Jeremy Carver
Jerry Cook
Betty Gallaway
Brent Green
Ina Green
Bette Harris
Noble Harris
Garnie Hatch
Lucy Hatch
Exa Fay Hooten
John Jordan
Yuneva Kirk
Callie Mickey
Martha Morris
Eddie Pierson
Norma Phipps
Georgia Sanders
Bob Scott
Bettye Shipp
Dempsey Simpson
Yvonne Sinclair
Jackie Smith
Bill Teague
Doris Vance
James White
Betty Whiteside
Norma Williams
Jamie Zimmerle

Homebound

Mary Anderson
Nick Barbato
Mary Barthelemy
Mitch Caffey
Deloris Davee
Ausencia Gutierrez
Gregorio Gutierrez
Billie Paine
Willia B Patterson
Agnes Stone
Jo Watson
Brenda Whitsett

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.