



here comes the
REIGN
 New Sermon Series Jesus' Kingdom Stories

January 24, 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

121 *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*
 103 *He Has Made Me Glad*

Welcome/Family News Joey Roberts

239 *In Moments Like These*
 139 *In Heavenly Love Abiding*
 133 *The Love of God*
 911 *Bring Christ Your Broken Life*

Communion Andrew Huddleston

Scripture: Matthew 17:41-23

Bread

917 *I Bring My Sins to Thee*

Cup

501 *Though Your Sins be as Scarlet*

Offering

Congregational Prayer James Thompson

Video Parable: Mark 4:26-32; John 12:24

Bicky Tolar, Kate Tolar, Audrey Williams,
 Matt Dood, ___, ___

Children's Church

Blessed Be Your Name

Small, Silent, Surprising Brent Isbell

TBA

828 *Instruments of Your Peace*

Worship Leader Lanny Mullins

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Paul Rotenberry and Kris Southward 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 University! If you are visiting with us today, we thank you for blessing us with your presence. You are an honored guest at UCC (our little insider shorthand for University Church of Christ). 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, a college student, passing through town, visiting family or perhaps looking for a church home, we invite you to come back soon. We are grateful for the chance to get to know you and perhaps welcome you into the UCC family. This is a great church, and you'd fit right in!

Here Comes the Reign! Last Sunday, we introduced a new series looking into the **parables of Jesus**. When Jesus taught, he almost always told stories. This morning, we will look at a couple of the shortest Kingdom stories Jesus told. Let's think together about things that are little and quiet and under-the-radar: **Small, Silent, Surprising**. This, Jesus tells us, is what the reign of God is like. Our worship leader is **Lanny Mullins**.

This Wednesday, we conclude our adult series with **Mark Hamilton** called **Prayer in An Age of Exile**. This is a great class, and we've had fantastic crowds. Join us this week at 7 p.m. in the Family Room.

2016 BUDGET

The UCC Finance Committee and the eldership would like to express our deep thanks to you. With your generous year-end giving, we were able to fund all our 2016 expenses without having to dip into our reserves. The Finance Committee presented a balanced budget to the elders, and the elders adopted the budget with a few changes. Below, you will see a brief overview of the 2016 budget with a comparison of where we ended up in 2015. A more detailed 2016 budget is in the Welcome Center if you would like a copy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Finance Committee Chairman, **David Sprott**; UCC Administrative Elder Chairman, **Kris Southward**; or UCC CPA, **Jill Hoebelhenirich**. We are optimistic about 2016 and pledge to do our very best in allocating the resources that God, through you, blesses to UCC.

	2016 Budget	2015 Actual
Contributions and other receipts	\$992,745	\$1,028,329
Ministries/Outreach/Involvement	\$174,224	\$146,544
Children/Youth/Involvement	63,000	64,740
Personnel	471,862	516,117
Buildings/Utilities/Insurance	260,158	257,465
Office	40,525	40,088
Contingency	9,976	0
Excess	\$0	\$3,375

NURSERY FACILITIES

For your convenience, nursery facilities are available during worship in the Early Childhood Center.

ATTENDANCE:	January 17, 2015	OFFERING:	January 17
Worship -	401	Northern Oaks -	17
Bilingual -	50	Chisholm Place -	16
Coronado -	85	Silver Springs -	30
			\$12,945.03

CLASS TIMES:

Sunday - 9 a.m.
 Wednesday - 7 p.m.

WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Ministry Committee: The Children's Committee will meet at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 31 in Room 101.

Free Babysitting: Reserve a spot for your child on Friday evening, Feb. 5 from 6-8:30 p.m. Children six months through fifth grade are welcome to this evening of fun and games.

Potluck: Please make plans to join our first family potluck of 2016, Sunday evening, Jan. 31 from 5-7 p.m. in the MAC. Bring food for you family and a dish to share. After we eat, parents will meet in a classroom to hear about their child's Bible classes, and children will be able to play in the MAC. Supervision will be provided during this time of play.

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.

Sunday Class Time: Our Sunday morning class meets at 9 a.m. in MAC 503. Join us!

Dwelling Place: Tonight, we'll meet at 6:30 p.m. in MAC 503. The Dwelling Place is a time of fellowship, singing and discussion. Join us!

Wednesday Nights: This Wednesday night, our gathering will meet at 7 p.m. in MAC 503. In addition Wednesday Night Supper starts at 5:30 p.m. in the MAC if you are interested in free food and fellowship.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight, our small group will be at the **Gibbs'** house (901 Washington Blvd.). Check out the Facebook page for the menu and to RSVP.

Next week, we will meet with the Children's Ministry for a potluck from 5-7 p.m. See the children's ministry section above for more info. The following week we will meet at the MAC. More details to come.

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.

NEWS

Join us for the the **5 p.m. Chapel Service**. **Brent Isbell** will be speaking while **David Allen Sprott** will lead the singing.

Ladies' Bible Class continues on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Family Room. **Joey Roberts** will be the teacher this week.

You're invited to a wedding shower honoring **Ryan Young and Macy Wideman** this afternoon from 2-3:30 p.m. at the home of **Cathy Herttenberger** (5280 West Lake Road). Selections are at Dillard's, Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Ignite Tonight: We had not planned this before, but Winterfest last weekend inspired what we think is a great idea for us to implement in our group moving forward, and we are very excited about it. We will have **Dwight Whitsett** joining us who has a special talent and creative outlet that he will be sharing with us as we continue the topic of "Walk" from Winterfest. We will start at 5 p.m. with some fun activity and then talk with Dwight as he does his thing. We will eat hot dogs and chips for dinner, and we are asking for a two dollar donation to help cover the cost of dinner.

Super Bowl Party Feb. 7: On Sunday, Feb. 7, we will have our annual Super Bowl party, so we are inviting all teens and families (yes, parents, that means you) to come and join us from 5-9 p.m. (or whenever the game ends) for some food, games and football. Last year, we changed the format a little bit and had a tremendous turnout and a lot of good food! We will have some door prizes given away during halftime including one for best party food, on which a panel of teens will vote. We will have the football game in the theater and board games in the Big Room with the game playing in the background. So, invite some friends to join us for this fun night! We need parents to help with this event, so if you can bring a snack or jsut come and join us, then please let Jason know.

Summer Camp Registration and Philosophy:

The youth ministry believes it is important to have a variety of experiences during time in the youth ministry, and camps fit into that philosophy as well. We strongly encourage all eligible HS students to attend LCU's Encounter, which is just for HS students, at least once after spending their MS years at Camp Blue Haven. - **Camp Blue Haven (June 11-24)** is for entering fifth graders through 2016 HS graduates, allowing nine years of eligibility. It costs \$420 for the two-week session plus additional expenses for travel and trading post. More information can be found on the website at CampBlueHaven.com.

- **LCU Encounter (June 11-18)** is for entering ninth graders through 2015 HS graduates, allowing five years of eligibility. It costs \$295 for the week with few additional expenses for fast food meals. Encounter registration will open soon and be open through May or when camp reaches capacity (approx. 800). You can register at LCUcamps.com.

HS Mission Trip Date Set: On July 14-22, we will be returning to Kinlichee, 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. 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 Continue Wednesday Night: Huddles continue this Wednesday in their regular places. Ask Jason for more details if needed.

PRAYER LIST

Immediate

Health Concerns

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

Health Concerns

Mable Bailey
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
Willa 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.