



New Sermon Series

here comes the **REIGN**

Jesus' Kingdom Stories

January 31, 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

Let Us Worship the Father

Welcome/Prayer for the Congregation

Brent Isbell

103 He Had Made Me Glad

Great Are You, Lord

Communion

Jerry Riggs

Scripture: Mark 14:22-31

Bread

350 *When My Love to Christ Grows Weak*

Cup

350 *When My Love to Christ Grows Weak*

Offering

UCC Video News

Children's Church

96 I Stand in Awe

Video Parable: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Carla Copher-Robinson, David Sprott,
Brent Isbell, Joey Roberts

Blessed Be Your Name

Weeds Among the Seeds

Brent Isbell

903 There is Power in the Blood

Take the Lord with You

Worship Leader

Steven Moore

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Mark Tate and James Thompson 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! Are you visiting with us today? If so, we thank you joining us in worship. You are an honored guest. Please take a minute to fill out a **guest registry card** (those small white cards on the backs of the seats). Then simply drop your card into the offering plate later. That's all we ask of you. If you are new to Abilene, 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 at some point welcome you into the UCC family.

Here Comes the Reign! Let's continue our series looking the parables of Jesus. When Jesus taught, he usually told stories. Today we look at one more story about sowing seed. This time, Jesus says the reign of God is like a farmer who plants a wheat crop, but his enemy invades his field and infects it with weeds. Okay, so how is this like God's Kingdom? What should the farmer do? What would I do? Let's talk about **Weeds Among the Seeds**. Our worship leader today is **Steven Moore**.

This Wednesday, we begin a new mid-week series with **Tim Archer** called **Church Inside Out**. This is a class about reaching out to neighbors and becoming a more evangelistic community. We want to encourage all of our adults to attend in February. Join us at 7 p.m. in the Family Room.

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

- **Our Auditorium Class.** Without question, one of the most beloved communities at UCC is our Sunday auditorium class taught faithfully by **Gary McCaleb**. Every week at 9 a.m., with only occasional exceptions, Gary is here teaching his class (and often being watched on internet live-stream by many). Gary is consistently well-prepared and articulate. Gary and **Sylvia** love and know their regulars, and, understandably, the class is devoted to them in return.
- **TIBI.** Texas International Bible Institute (or TIBI) is one of University Church's focal missions programs, and it represents a very special type of outreach. **Steve Austin**, one of our elders, is the director of this unique school, designed to teach Spanish-speaking Christians to make disciples and plant churches in local contexts. The high-quality instruction makes use of online technology and allows men and women all over the world to become equipped to lead and make a difference for Christ. UCC is very proud of our relationship with TIBI!

2016 BUDGET

The Finance Committee presented a balanced budget to the elders, and the elders adopted the budget with a few changes. You can pick up a 2016 budget in the Welcome Center if you would like a copy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Committee Chairman, **David Sprott**; UCC Administrative Elder Chairman, **Kris Southward**; or UCC CPA, **Jill Hoebelhenrich**. We are optimistic about 2016 and pledge to do our very best in allocating the resources that God, through you, blesses to UCC.

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 - 423	January 24, 2015	Northern Oaks - N/A
Bilingual - N/A		Chisholm Place - 22
Coronado - 77		Silver Springs - 34

OFFERING:

January 24 **\$12,318.73**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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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.

Parent Pickup and Dropoff: For the safety of our children please pickup and dropoff at the door of their Bible classroom. I realize on some mornings and evenings you may need to come in and help your child settle in to their Bible class. Also, if you have an older sibling who likes to pick up the younger sibling, please visit with the teacher and make the necessary arrangements. If your child does not have permission to pick up, please encourage your child to wait outside in the hallway of their younger siblings class until you arrive.

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. in the MAC. Children six months through fifth grade will need to eat supper before they come for a night of fun and games. Parents, please RSVP by Monday, Feb. 1 by calling the church office or emailing 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, 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 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, 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.

Next week, our small group will meet at the MAC. More details to come. The following week we will meet at the Sprotts' house. If you can host on Sunday, March 6, let me know (even if you want to host it at the building).

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

REEL Faith Tonight: As we continue our theme of *Being Bold* and Winterfest's theme of *Walk*, we will be showing the movie *The Walk* (PG) using ClearPlay and discuss challenging ourselves in our faith walk, being courageous and how our walk can inspire others. We will go from 5:30-8 p.m. We will provide popcorn and drinks, but you will need to bring a sack lunch if you would like dinner.

Walk Stick Preparation: At 4 p.m. this afternoon, anyone who is interested can come up to the the Youth Center and work on your walking sticks. We will have some tools and artistic supplies for crafting our stick that we handed out last week. If you didn't get one, then come join us anyway, and we will give you one. Our walking sticks are representations of our faith walks and discipleship. You can carve, paint, sand, stain or whatever you like, but you will need to be thinking about it before showing up. This is not just a craft! We will finish and head straight over to the Youth Center Theater to watch the movie at 5:30 p.m.

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: 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 last year.

Huddles Continue Wednesday Night: Huddles continue this Wednesday in their regular places.

PRAYER LIST

Immediate Health Concerns
Nancy Witt

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

Homebound
Mary Anderson
Nick Barbato
Mary Barthelemy
Mitch Caffey
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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.