



# CHURCH INSIDE out

Wednesdays  
Family Room  
7 p.m.

February 7, 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

794 *Unto Thee, O Lord*

### Welcome/Congregational Prayer

Royce Money

*Shout Hallelujah*

*What the Lord Has Done in Me*

### Video Parable: Luke 18:9-14

Steve Austin, Andrew Huddleston,  
Dale McAnulty, Blake Williams

365 *How Beautiful*

### Communion

Derek Bowman

Scripture: Luke 7:36-50

Bread

Cup

Offering

### UCC Video News

### Children's Church

129 *Amazing Grace*

*Two Guys Go to Church*

Brent Isbell

662 *All to Jesus I Surrender*

490 *It Is Well with My Soul*

### Worship Leader

David Allen Sprott

*If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Gustavo Villanueva and Jeff Arrington 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

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**Welcome to UCC!** Are you visiting with us today? If so, we thank you for 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. This is a great place to call home!

**Here Comes the Reign!** Today we arrive at one of Jesus' shortest but most memorable stories. It's about how **Two Guys Go to Church**, and it's found in Luke 18. This is a classic example of a text that is way too familiar to most of us. We don't hear it the way Jesus' original audience heard it. It has lost a lot of shock value in translation. Let's see today if we can reclaim at least a little of its intended power. After all, don't you want to be the one to go home justified? Our worship leader today is **David Allen Sprott**.

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

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

- **Our Media Team.** Every week at UCC, we use a lot of technology. We need sound and lights. We need video shot and edited. We need internet live-streaming. We need song slides, and more. None of this happens by magic. It comes together with the hard work, creativity and dedication of my colleague **Joey Roberts** and a large crew of volunteers who work closely with **Matt Dodd**. They often get griped at when things go wrong, but rarely get praised when things go perfectly (which is the majority of the time). I encourage you to thank these servants for what they do. They are among our best.
- **Lou Seckler** is one of God's most passionate Gospel proclaimers. His **Harvest Ministries** work trains ministers and church leaders all over Latin America. Lou will soon be in Mexico with the annual Torreon workshop. He travels, writes and serves the Kingdom in all kinds of ways, including teaching one of our Sunday adult classes. Lou, we thank you. You and Teresa are surely some of UCC's best!

### 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 -	364	January 31, 2015	Northern Oaks -	22
Bilingual -	50	Chisholm Place -	20	
Coronado -	82	Silver Springs -	25	

### OFFERING:

January 31      \$17,150.61

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister  
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**Valentine Project:** Children in the third, fourth and fifth grades are invited to come to the Family Room on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 4:30 p.m. We will deliver some special valentine surprises to some of our UCC family and then enjoy a meal together at Taco Bueno. Children will need to bring \$5 to help with the cost of their meal. Parents can pick up their child at 7 p.m. in the Family Room.

**VBS Date Change:** Vacation Bible School will be June 1-3 in the evening for children four years old through fifth grade.

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."*

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, 13

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Ministry leader  
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**Welcome:** We hope that you will get to know us and enjoy our time together.

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

**Super Bowl Party:** Tonight, we will have a Super Bowl party at the Arringtons' (2601 Garfield) at 5 p.m. We will meet at MAC 503 at 4:45 p.m. to carpool.

**Dwelling Place:** On other Sundays, we'll meet at 6 p.m. in MAC 503. The Dwelling Place is a time of fellowship, singing and discussion.

**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.

**Coffee or Lunch:** If you would like to grab lunch or coffee with me, Kyle, the campus ministry leader, call me at 530-615-8188.

## TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister  
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**Tonight,** the Transitions small group will meet at the MAC for our Super Bowl Party. Check out the Facebook page for info.

**Next week** we will meet at the Sprotts' house, and the following week we have been challenged to defend our volleyball title against the college class. Everyone be ready to continue the domination!

**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

**Super Bowl Party Tonight:** Tonight will be 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, board games in the Big Room with the game playing in the background, video games across the hall and counter-programming in the Chapel showing *Mom's Night Out* after the 5 p.m. service is over. There's something for everybody (unless you only enjoy dressing ferrets as famous literary figures), so make sure to invite some friends to join us for this fun night! We need parents to help with this event, so if you can bring a party food or just come and join us, then please let Jason know.

**Huddles Change Wednesday Night:** Since our SR/JR hosts will be out of town on Wednesday, the **High School Huddles** will meet together this week in the Youth Center Lounge at 7 p.m. The **Middle School Huddle** will continue to meet in the Youth Center led by Mac and Laura Ice, Ashley and Carla Robinson and Brittney Starkey.

**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 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. were 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 Vacation Bible School as well as conducting some other outreach opportunities. We are still working on the details, but the date is set! More information to come soon.

## PRAYER LIST

### Immediate

**Health Concerns**  
Randy Becton  
Carlos Ciriaco, Jr.  
Hal Howell  
Nancy Witt

### Health Concerns

Mable Bailey  
Cheryl Ballard  
Keith Barnier  
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 Mica  
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  
Deloris Davee  
Ausencia Gutierrez  
Gregorio Gutierrez  
Billie Paine  
Willa B Patterson  
Agnes Stone  
Jo Watson  
Brenda Whitsett

## BAPTISM

**Jordan Isbell**  
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## DATES TO KNOW

**Feb. 7**  
5 p.m. - Chapel Service

**Feb. 9**  
6:15 p.m. - MOMs Dinner

**Feb. 10**  
10 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Class  
5:30 p.m. - WNS  
7 p.m. - Bible Classes