



Wednesdays  
Meet in the MAC  
6 p.m.

March 6, 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

77 *Glorify Thy Name*

**Welcome/Family News**  
**Martinez Baby Blessing**

Brent Isbell  
Jon Ashby,  
Kris Southward

703 *We Love You With the Love of the Lord*

218 *Blessed Jesus*

*And Can It Be?*

**Communion** Gustavo Villanueva

**Scripture: Mark 15:33-39**

**Bread**

810 *Listen to Our Hearts*

**Cup**

810 *Listen to Our Hearts*

**Offering**

**Missions Special Collection Video**

**Missions Special Offering**

**Children's Church**

*In Christ Alone*

**CrossWords: A Word on Sin** Brent Isbell

111 *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

215 *O Lord, Our Lord*

**Worship Leader** David Allen Sprott

*If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders James Thompson and Gustavo Villanueva 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 University Church!** If you are visiting today, thank you for joining us. We always appreciate having guests. Please take just a moment to fill out a guest registry card (located on the backs of the seats). Then simply place your card in the offering plate when it comes by later in the service. Are you new to Abilene? Looking for a church home? Please come back soon. We have been thrilled to welcome some new families to UCC recently, and you may decide, as others have, that this is a great place to call home!

**CrossWords.** For the weeks leading up to Easter Sunday on March 27, we are using our weekly messages to think about what happened at the Cross by listening to the seven last words of Jesus. Perhaps the most compelling and mysterious word from the Cross is what some call Jesus' "cry of dereliction." Does God abandon God to darkness? What does it mean to be left alone? Today, we continue our series in Mark 15 with **A Word on Sin**. Our worship leader today is **David Allen Sprott**.

**Missions Special Contribution** is today. The second offering this morning will send mission groups to Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Haiti, Honduras, Uganda and Zambia. We need **\$47,000** to fully fund all these great projects. Let's dig deep and surpass our goal!

**On Wednesdays during March**, we will be sharing a special series with **Steve Austin** on **The Life of Christ**. The second class this week is titled **Transfiguration-Who is Jesus to You?** Join us at 7 p.m. each week in the Family Room.

**Children's Time.** For the last 6-plus years, on most second Sundays of the month, our youngest kids have joined me up front for "Children's Time with Brent." I have thoroughly enjoyed this tradition. But, starting next week, we are going to modify things a little, and I will be joined each month by our gifted Children's Minister (and my friend) **Jennifer Welch**. Jennifer and I have decided to change the name of this monthly spot to **Kids Corner**. I am excited about having a partner in planning and sharing this special time with our children. It will be even more fun and, as always, the kids will be cute, squirmy, unpredictable, funny, etc.! It's very important that our children know and understand from an early age that church and worship is not just for grown-ups. They represent our future. So, boys and girls, Ms. Jennifer and I will see you next Sunday for Kids Corner!

### 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 - 412  
Bilingual - 52  
Coronado - 81

### February 28, 2016

Northern Oaks - 20  
Chisholm Place - 16  
Silver Springs - N/A

### OFFERING:

February 28 \$18,104.80

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**Fourth Grade:** There will be a brief meeting for parents of fourth graders following service this morning in Room 101. I will be there as soon as everyone is picked up from worship.

**Spring Break Fun Round One:** On Tuesday, March 15, children three years old through kindergarten will enjoy a movie in the Youth Center from 10:15 a.m. to noon.

**Spring Break Fun Round Two:** On Tuesday, Feb. 15, first through fifth grade are invited to come to the Youth Center for pizza and games from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Be sure and bring your favorite board or card game, and we will also play pingpong and air hockey.

**Living Waters Around the World:** This is our theme this year for Vacation Bible School, June 1-3. Our VBS will meet each evening at *The Dive Spot*. We will learn how our extraordinary God has used ordinary water to create, to save, to cleanse, to bless and to sustain people. With our Bible stories, we will also have mission lessons about children in other countries and their daily struggle for clean water. VBS will be for children four years old through fifth grade. I am very excited about VBS from beginning to end, so make plans to invite your friends.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Kyle Bowen**, Campus Ministry leader  
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**Welcome:** Thank you for worshipping with us today. We hope you feel connected with God and can connect with us today!

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

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

**TONIGHT: Volleyball Match:** Next Sunday, March 6, we will play a volleyball match against the Transitions Class from 5-7 p.m. in the MAC.

**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 have been challenged to defend our volleyball title against the college class. Please bring enough food (Tex-Mex theme) for your family and some college kids as well.

**Coming Up:** We will not have small groups next Sunday, March 13 since it is the beginning of Spring Break.

**Easter Sunday:** It's not too early to think of who you will be inviting to our Easter Sunday services on March 27. We will have a sunrise service, pancakes, worship and an egg hunt. Invite someone!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Ultimate Frisbee Today and Devo Today:** Today at 4:30 p.m., we will meet at the ACU intramural fields on E.N. 16th to play some Ultimate Frisbee together. We will head over to the Youth Center afterwards for a short devo and walking tacos. What's a walking taco you ask? Bring a friend and come find out. Bring \$3-5 to cover dinner. We will finish at 7 p.m.

**No Huddles on Wednesday:** For the next three weeks (**3/9, 3/16, 3/23**) the Youth Ministry will be participating in our church outreach campaign called **Cross+Walks** leading up to Easter. This week we will meet in the MAC at 6 p.m. for some training before heading out on our walks in groups. After our prayer walks we will return to the MAC for some discussion and then head over to the Youth Center to hang out and eat snacks. We will finish at 8 p.m.

**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.

- **LCU Encounter (June 11-18)** is for entering ninth graders through 2015 HS graduates. You can register at [LCUcamps.com](http://LCUcamps.com).
- **Camp Blue Haven (June 11-24)** is for entering fifth graders through 2016 HS graduates. More information can be found on the website at [CampBlueHaven.com](http://CampBlueHaven.com).

**HS Mission Trip Date Set:** On July 14-22, we will be going on our High School Mission Trip to Kinlichee, Ariz., focusing on outreach to the community where we worked last year. The cost for the trip will be \$50 per person, and paperwork will be due June 5. We would love to have several adults attend with us so please talk to Jason if you could go with us.

## CROSS+WALKS

During the month of March, anyone who wants to participate is invited to join us in a series of neighborhood outreaches we're calling **Cross+Walks**. These will be simple opportunities to walk our surrounding streets, learn more about the Hill, pray for those in the shadow of our building, and begin forming relationships with our neighbors. In other words, a chance to put our faith and talk into action.

We will do **Cross+Walks** on the three Wednesday nights before Easter: **March 9, 16, and 23**. We will gather in the MAC at 6 p.m. each week for a few minutes of basic coaching and encouragement. Then we will fan out into the neighborhood in small groups. Our goals: To pray, observe, learn and perhaps meet some of the people who live around us. We will gather after each Cross+Walk and share a few minutes of debrief and reflection about what happened.

If you are interested, all you have to do is show up and try it. No pressure. Anyone is welcome to join us. If you can't walk, you can support those who do with prayer. In the spirit of Luke 10:1-24, we believe there's just no telling what might happen when Jesus sends his servants out!

## PRAYER LIST

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