



Wednesdays
Meet in the MAC
6 p.m.

March 13, 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

63 *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

Welcome/Family News Paul Rotenberry
Congregational Prayer

396 *No Not One*

395 *Follow Me*

Communion Eric Lemmons
Scripture: John 4:7-15

Bread

314 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Cup

324 *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?*

Offering

674 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Kids Corner

CrossWords: A Word on Humanity
Brent Isbell

909 *There's A Fountain Free*

596 *In the Desert of Sorrow and Sin*

Worship Leader Mark Tate

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Eddie Mahanay 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 Church! If you are visiting today, thank you for joining us. Please take just a moment to fill out a **guest registry card** (located on the backs of the seats). We have welcomed several new families recently—the **Weardens, Lemmons** and **Fangios**, to name a few. You, too, may decide 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. Today, we continue our series in John 19 with the briefest word from the cross. In fact, in the original language, it's just one word. But it's important, because it speaks to who and what we are. This week: **A Word on Humanity.** Our worship leader today is **Mark Tate.**

A big welcome to Bradley and Rebecca Steele! The Steeles are going to partner with us to establish a new group for people generally in their twenties... Young singles... Grad students... Young couples with young children... Young couples without children... You get the idea! We launched a new adult class this morning in MAC 504 for this group, and small group activities are coming soon. Bradley is working on his M.Div. at ACU and has been preaching out at Oplin for a while. The Steeles were married in 2012. We encourage you to get to know Bradley and Rebecca better and to help us find folks who might enjoy being part of a "twentysomethings" community here at UCC. If you want to contact Bradley, his email address is bradley@uccabilene.org.

This morning, **Jennifer Welch** and I will kick off our new **Kids Corner.** Boys and girls, come join us down front when it's time!

Missions Special Contribution was last Sunday. Our goal was to raise \$47,000 to fully fund our groups going to Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Haiti, Honduras, Uganda, and Zambia. We thank you so much for your generous response. As of today, we have collected **\$44,500.** If you forgot or were gone last week, we are still accepting gifts to this fund. Mark your check for "Missions" or bring it by the UCC office.

On Wednesdays during March, we have been sharing a special series with **Steve Austin** on **The Life of Christ.** This week is Spring Break, and many will be traveling, so we are going to take a break and offer a simple devotional in the Family Room at 7 p.m. on Wednesday night. If you are in town, come join us. Steve's class will resume on March 23.

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 - 406 Northern Oaks - N/A
Bilingual - N/A Chisholm Place - 20
Coronado - N/A Silver Springs - 35

OFFERING:

March 6 \$21,270.36

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Ministry
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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, March 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.

Summer Teachers: If you have never had the blessing of teaching in the children's ministry, summer is a wonderful time to try it out. This summer term is from Sunday, June 6 to Sunday, Aug. 21. We have two teaching spots open, one in kindergarten and one in our third and fourth grade class. Contact Jennifer Welch if you would like to visit more about this opportunity.

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, save, cleanse, bless and sustain people. VBS will be for children four years old through fifth grade. Invite your friends.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Welcome: Thank you for worshipping with us today. Thank you for coming, and we hope we can connect with you.

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.

THIS WEEK: Since this is Spring Break, there will be NO Dwelling Place or Wednesday Night Class, but you are welcome to join the church in any activities elsewhere

NEWS

Because today is Fellowship Sunday, there is NO **5 p.m. Chapel Service**.

Ladies' Bible Class will not meet this week because of Spring Break.

The **Ladies' Quilting Ministry** will meet Tuesday, March 15 in Room 208 beginning at 1:30 p.m. The group welcomes anyone interested to visit the new location in the UCC building.

Easter Eggs: Please bring Easter Eggs with wrapped candy inside for our Easter Egg Hunt. Baskets are located by the Welcome Center. Anyone participating needs to bring a dozen eggs filled for each child.

Ladies: Mark your calendar for a breakfast on Saturday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Family Room. The breakfast, sponsored by the bilingual ministry, is called "Florenciendo para Dios" or "Blooming for God." Lynette Austin is the speaker, and the event is free.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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NO Activity Today: Today is Fellowship Sunday, so we will not have a youth activity tonight.

BLAST on Thursday: Thursday morning at 8:45 a.m., we will meet at the Youth Center to go work with Habitat for Humanity. We'll eat a sack lunch on the job site before heading out to watch *Risen* (PG-13) after lunch. We'll finish at the YC at 3 p.m. Everyone will need to bring a sack lunch, clothes for getting dirty/painting, \$5 for the movie and any extra for theater snacks. Invite a friend to join you!

No Huddles on Wednesday: For the next two weeks (**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'll 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 head over to the Youth Center for snacks, discussion and then free time. 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.
- **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.

CROSS+WALKS

During the month of March, you are 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 continue **Cross+Walks** on the next two Wednesdays. We will gather in the MAC at 6 p.m. each week. 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.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight we will not have small group tonight since it is the beginning of Spring Break.

On **Sunday, March 20**, we will have small group in the Big Room. Check the Transitions Facebook page to find out more information.

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!

PRAYER LIST

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.