



Celebrate EASTER

8 A.M. - SUNRISE SERVICE
9 A.M. - FREE PANCAKES

10 A.M. - WORSHIP SERVICE
11 A.M. - EASTER EGG HUNT

March 20, 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

144 *O Worship the King*

Welcome/Congregational Reading

Brent Isbell

167 *Hosanna*

208 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

171 *Above All Else*

Family News and Prayer

Lance Tolar

163 *His Name is Wonderful*

116 *God Will Make a Way*

768 *Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You*

276 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Communion

James Scudder

Scripture: John 17:1-5

Bread

195 *Behold the Lamb*

Cup

315 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Offering

Children's Church

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

CrossWords: A Word on Salvation Brent Isbell

287 *There Is a Redeemer*

48 *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Worship Leader

Lanny Mullins

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Jeff Arrington and Eddie Mahanay in Room 101 at the close of our service.

Our Sunday morning service is broadcast live at www.uccabilene.org.

REFLECTIONS

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Welcome to UCC! If you are visiting today, please fill out a **guest registry card** (located on the seat backs). Then put your card in the offering plate when it's passed. If you are new to town or looking for a church home, come back soon. We'd love to call you family!

CrossWords. During the weeks leading up to Easter, we are using our weekly messages to listen to the seven last words of Jesus from the Cross. Today, we hear a statement of finality, power and completion. This week:

A Word on Salvation. Our worship leader is **Lanny Mullins**.

Today is Palm Sunday. We are reminded by the palm branches our children are carrying and waving that Good Friday looms. But, just as certainly, **Easter is coming!** Next week, we will celebrate the Resurrection together and follow **a special adapted schedule:**

- **Sunrise Service:** UCC courtyard, 8 a.m. Several of our sisters and brothers will be participating in this special annual tradition. **If you want to submit names of family or friends who have passed away since last Easter, please contact the UCC office before Thursday.** We read these names aloud in a time of remembrance during our Sunrise worship.
- **Neighborhood Pancake Breakfast:** In the MAC, immediately after Sunrise Service. Free hotcakes and all the trimmings! We will dismiss all our 9 a.m. classes and encourage everyone to invite neighbors to join us, especially those who don't have a church home.
- **Easter Worship:** 10 a.m. in the auditorium. We will focus on the Risen Jesus in song, Scripture and the Lord's Supper. We will conclude our CrossWords series with **Jesus' Last Word on Death**.
- **Egg Hunt:** Following worship, our Children's Ministry will host an egg hunt across E.N. 16th Street on the ACU Sewell corner. This is for all families with children and will conclude our day's activities. We always have a larger Easter crowd, so let's give a warm UCC welcome to our guests. Be praying about someone to bring!

On **Wednesdays in March**, we have been sharing a special series with **Steve Austin** on **The Life of Christ**. This week, Steve resumes his series with **Extra Time with Jesus-After the Resurrection**. Come join us in the Family Room at 7 p.m.

WELCOME

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NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE:

Worship - 318

Bilingual - 50

Coronado - 84

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Northern Oaks - 22

Chisholm Place - 20

Silver Springs - 46

OFFERING:

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CLASS TIMES:

Sunday - 9 a.m.

Wednesday - 7 p.m.

WORSHIP TIMES:

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

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Palm Sunday: Our elementary children will be stationed around the auditorium this morning as you enter for our time of worship. They will be waving their palm branches. As we come together to worship, let our faces and body language reflect the joy and passion in our heart for our King.

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, make plans to invite your friends.

Easter Egg Hunt: On Sunday, March 27, following the Sunday morning worship service your child is invited to attend the Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring 12 filled eggs with wrapped candy and place in the basket located in the Welcome Center. Instructions will be given Easter Sunday morning in service for all those who want to participate in the Egg Hunt. It's going to be eggciting, so hop on board.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Ministry leader
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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.

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.

NEWS

Join us for Singing Night in the **5 p.m. Chapel Service**. We will be focusing on the love and power of God.

Ladies' Bible Class will resume this week at 10 a.m. on Wednesday in the Family Room.

Wednesday Night Supper will resume this week at 5:30 p.m. in the MAC.

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

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Fun Devo Today: Come join us from 5-7 p.m. for a fund devo followed by free time in the Youth Center. We will have snacks, but not dinner tonight. Invite a friend, and come join us.

Cross+Walks on Wednesday: The Youth Ministry will continue to participate in our church outreach campaign called **Cross+Walks**. 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. This is a good exercise to get us thinking outside of ourselves and really thinking about the needs of our neighbors. If you haven't participated yet, you are strongly encouraged to be a part of this last one with us.

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.

HS Mission Trip Date Set: On July 14-22, we will be going on our High School Mission Trip to Kinlichee, Ariz. The cost is \$50 per person.

THE GATHERING

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Tonight we will have small group in MAC 504 at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship.

Easter Sunday (March 27): Our class will be serving the food at the pancake breakfast immediately following the Sunrise Service. If you can't make it to the Sunrise Service, but you are able to help serve food, please be sure to arrive in the MAC no later than 8:45 a.m.

Next Sunday: We will have small group at 6 p.m. in MAC 504.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight we will have small group at Nelson Park starting at 5 p.m. Bring your picnic or brown bag supper and join us by the big playground. If the weather is not nice, we will relocate to the ECC Big Room.

We will not meet for small group next week because of Easter.

Easter Sunday: Next week is Easter Sunday, March 27. We will have the Sunrise Service at 8 a.m., the pancake breakfast at 9 a.m., worship at 10 a.m. and the Easter Egg hunt at 11 a.m. Invite your family and friends!

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.