



Celebrate EASTER

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

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

March 27, 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

- 344 *Low in the Grave He Lay*
- 345 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Welcome/Family News/Call to Worship

Brent Isbell

- 819 *Arise Shine*
- 353 *One Day*
- 146 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*
- 353 *One Day*

Prayer for Our Church and Neighbors

Steve Austin

Mighty to Save

Communion

Chris Willerton

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Bread

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Cup

365 *How Beautiful*

Offering

The Power of the Cross

CrossWords: The Last Word on Death

Brent Isbell

298 *Easter Song*

There's A Stirring

Worship Leader

Lanny Mullins

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Steve Austin and Paul Rotenberry 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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He is risen! Happy Easter and welcome to University! If you are one of our visitors today, we want to meet and greet you in person. Also, please fill out a **guest registry card** (found on the seat backs). Then simply place your card in the offering plate when it's passed. If you are new to Abilene or looking for a church home, please come back soon and give prayerful thought to becoming a member of the UCC family!

CrossWords. For the last six weeks, we have been using our weekly sermons to listen to the last words of Jesus from the Cross. Today, we come to Jesus' last gasp in Luke 23:46. Strikingly, it is a statement of hope, promise and faith: **Jesus' Last Word on Death.** Leading us in worship this morning is **Lanny Mullins.**

Many of us were present earlier at our annual **Sunrise Service** in the UCC courtyard. Several of our brothers and sisters led us in songs, prayers and readings from Scripture. We shared communion and celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord. In our Time of Remembrance, we read aloud the names of loved ones lost to death since last Easter. Sunrise Service is a special tradition! Thanks to all who participated.

We also send a huge thanks to the many folks who helped host our **Easter Pancake Breakfast** in the MAC! Thanks to **Barry Young** and his cooking team, servers, clean-up crews, and everyone involved. The food was delicious. Easter Breakfast is a great way to show hospitality to our guests and neighbors, share fellowship with each other, and give all our hard-working Sunday School teachers a deserved holiday break!

Immediately following worship this morning, our Children's Ministry will host an **Easter Egg Hunt** due north of the UCC auditorium, across E.N. 16th Street on the ACU Sewell Theatre corner. This is for all families with young children! I hear that a special guest rabbit will be available for photo opportunities. The Egg Hunt will conclude our day's activities.

WELCOME

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NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE:	March 20, 2016
Worship - 396	Northern Oaks - 17
Bilingual - 58	Chisholm Place - 17
Coronado - 87	Silver Springs - 35

CLASS TIMES:

Sunday - 9 a.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

WORSHIP TIMES:

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

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CROSS+WALKS

This Wednesday, March 30, we will have our last Cross+Walks of the month. We will gather at 6 p.m. in the MAC and spread out to our neighborhood to pass

out flyers publicizing some upcoming Bible classes and more. We will also continue to pray for our neighbors who live around us. Join us!



SPRING CLEANING

April is "Spring Cleaning" month for most families. We open our windows to warm sunlight and fresh air after the long, cold months of winter. There's

something about the promise of summer that begs us to refresh, replenish, renew and relax. And not just our houses. Our marriages need "Spring Cleaning" as well.

We all get distracted by the challenges of everyday living, and before we know it, years of clutter and messiness can block the sun and cloud our joy.

Please consider this our special invitation to join us on Wednesday evenings in April from 7-8 p.m. in the UCC Ministry Activity Center (MAC) in Room 501.

Tom and Sandra Milholland will be leading the class. They will not tell you how your marriage ought to be, and they will not ask you to do or say anything that will make you uncomfortable. They will, however, share stories and ideas from a marriage and family therapy perspective and from their 50 years of marriage.

Join us as we let God's word guide us to good decision-making marriages, and the Milhollands promise to make you laugh!

April 6: Reality Check

- The Foundation of a Healthy Marriage
- What brought you together? What are your goals?
- What's working? What isn't? What do you do about it?
- Expectations, Challenges

April 13: It's You and Me, Babe

- "Faith at My Back and Love at My Side..."
- Family of Origin - Rules, Beliefs, Loyalties
- Fidelity on all levels
- Forgiveness

April 20: Together, We Can Do This!

- Fueling Marriage in Sprints and Marathons
- Giving, Receiving, Having Fun Together
- Friendship

April 27: The Best is Yet to Come

- Listening, Understanding, Trust, Acceptance
- Stress-free Decision-making

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Gatherings is a new UCC ministry that focuses on the 20-somethings. Whether you are single or married, have kids or don't, are a young professional or whatever your lot is in life right now, if you are looking for a place to belong, give us a chance to welcome you to the UCC Gatherings family.

Tonight: we will be meeting for small group in MAC 504 at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship. Food will be provided.

Thursday, March 31: We will meet at 6 p.m. to share a meal together. Location to be announced.

Facebook Page: Please join our new Facebook group for Gatherings. Search Gatherings@UCC to find the group. We will post updates and provide information about our group.

NEWS AND NOTES

There will be **NO 5 p.m. Chapel Service** because of Easter Sunday.

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

Wednesday Night Supper will continue this week at 5:30 p.m. in the MAC. The price has changed. All adults are \$5 each, and all children through college students are free.

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.

Marriage Made in God's Image: A marriage retreat for all ages is set for April 28-May 1 in Lueders at the Big Country Baptist Academy and is sponsored by several churches in Abilene and Lubbock, including UCC. See the brochures in the Welcome Center for more info, or visit www.imageretreat.com.

Melisse Ewing: "Thanks church family for the lovely vase and flowers while I was in the hospital. Thank you also for the cards, food, love and prayers as I was recovering."

Roma Lee Aberegg: "Thank you UCC kids for the Valentine note and candy. They were very appreciated. May the Lord bless and keep you."

Forrest and Sadie Weaver: "We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the words of comfort, prayers, food and love shown to our family during our time of loss. Mom loved being a part of the UCC family, and your many acts of kindness show us how blessed she and dad are to have friends and family like you. Thank you."

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Transitions is a ministry for mostly 30-somethings (with a few exceptions), as we are all in the midst of transitioning through life together. Perhaps you are new to Abilene? Perhaps you are a young family with kids? Perhaps you are single or single-again? Come check us out and see if we can be the place and family to which you can connect and through which you can deepen your relationship with God.

We will not have small group **tonight**. Enjoy your time with family.

Next Sunday we will have a children's ministry activity Sunday night starting at 5 p.m. We will meet in the MAC and have a potluck. More details coming soon.

Coming up: We will meet for small group on Sunday, April 10 at the Bowmans'. We still need hosts on April 17 and May 1. Let me know if you want to host, and if you can't host at your house, let us know, and we can try to secure something at the building.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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The UCC Youth Group covers students from sixth grade through graduating seniors, and anyone in that age range is welcome to come as they are and join us for our activities.

No Activity Today: Since it is Easter Sunday, we will not have a youth activity today. Enjoy your family time.

Huddles Resume Wednesday: After a few weeks doing Cross+Walks on Wednesday nights, our small group Huddles will resume this week at their normal locations. The **SR/JR Huddle** will meet at the Towells' (2910 Shirley Road). The **SO/FR Huddle** will meet at the Scudders' (658 E N 22nd St). The **MS Huddle** will continue to meet in the Youth Center. Make a habit of coming and inviting a friend to join you during this relaxed time of sharing, study and snacking.

Senior Sunday Meeting – Sunday, April 3: Next Sunday morning, immediately following morning services, we will have a short meeting for seniors and their families who want to be included in our Senior Sunday festivities. Senior Sunday will be May 22. Our day's events will be the same format as last year, which was different than in years past, but very meaningful. If you will be unable to attend, then Jason will send you all the information. Please make sure to tell Jason that your senior will plan to be a part of the festivities.

Junior Parents' Meeting – Sunday, April 10: Next Sunday at 3 p.m., we will have a Junior parent meeting to organize our Senior Sunday festivities, which is on May 22. We will divvy up responsibilities for making the day happen. Please plan to be there or let Jason know if you will be unable to attend.

LCU Encounter Registration Now Open: Encounter is a camp for students who will be entering ninth grade through 2016 HS graduates. Registration is now open and costs \$295 for the week with a few additional expenses for fast food meals during travel. You can register at LCUcamps.com. Registration will be open through May, but I need to know by April 24 so I can arrange for travel. We will leave on Saturday afternoon, June 11, and return the following Saturday, June 18, around noon.

HS Mission Trip: 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. Last year we did demolition and construction of the beginnings of a new building on the church's property. But this year we will be going out into the surrounding neighborhoods, meeting people, and inviting them to the VBS that we will be helping the church produce. 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.

Upcoming Events:

- Youth Rally in Stamford, April 24
- Senior Sunday, May 20, 2016
- HS Mission Trip, July 14-22 (Kinlichee, Ariz.)
- MS Mission, July 31-Aug. 3

STAY CONNECTED

University members and friends can now stay connected with UCC via Facebook and Twitter. Like the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/UCCAbilene, follow the UCC Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/UCCAbilene and also follow us on Instagram @UCCAbilene. You can also follow the UCC Campus Ministry, UCC Children's Ministry and UCC Youth Ministry on all three platforms as well.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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The UCC Children's Ministry begins with a nursery from newborn to 18-months and then 18-months to two years. We also have classes and activities from two years through fifth grade. Come see what UCC Kids is all about!

Celebrate Jesus

by Lim Tianyi

Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate the Risen Lord.
Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate the holy One.
He is risen, and He lives forever more.
Celebrate his resurrection,
Come on celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.
Jesus is risen, death cannot stop Him.
He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.
Celebrate Jesus, Lord of all.

Easter Bunny: A visitor will join us for our Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to have your picture made with a cute, furry bunny, then walk over with your camera and take your own photo in front of Sewell Auditorium.

Easter Egg Hunt: Immediately following worship, those who would like to egg hunt need to line up by the north wall. We will walk across the street together and separate. The preschool group will hunt first followed by our school age children. If your child does not have a basket, there will be some Easter bags available for children to use.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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The UCC Campus Ministry is open to all area college students.

Welcome: Happy Easter to everyone, and thank you for worshipping with us today.

Class Time: Our Sunday morning class usually meets at 9 a.m. in MAC 503. We meet in MAC 503 on Sundays, as well as Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

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.

Senior Sunday: Senior Sunday (April 24) is a time to celebrate with graduating seniors. Let Kyle Bowen or Linda Arrington know if you are a graduating senior who would like to be honored this year.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – March 27 - April 6

- MARCH 27** 8 a.m. – Sunrise Service, UCC Courtyard
9 a.m. – Neighborhood Pancake Breakfast, MAC (No Classes)
10 a.m. – Worship, Brent Isbell – speaker, Lanny Mullins – worship leader
11 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt, ACU Lawn
NO 5 p.m. Chapel Service
- MARCH 30** 10 a.m. – Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room
5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Night Supper (Hamburgers/Hot Dogs)
6 p.m. – Cross+Walks
7 p.m. – Bible Classes
- APRIL 3** 8:30 a.m. – Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC
9 a.m. – Bible Classes
10 a.m. – Worship, Brent Isbell – speaker, David Sprott – worship leader
5 p.m. Chapel Service – Brent Isbell – speaker, Gene Linder – song leader
- APRIL 6** 10 a.m. – Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room
5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Night Supper (Mexican Food)
7 p.m. – Bible Classes

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.