

UCC



Spring CLEANING

returning fresh air
and sunlight
to our marriages

Wednesdays
MAC 501 at 7 p.m.

April 10, 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

578 *We Will Glorify*

797 *Lord, We Come Before Thee Now*

Welcome/News/Congregational Prayer

Bradley Steele

162 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Communion

Steven Moore

Bread

922 *Jesus Paid It All (1)*

Cup

922 *Jesus Paid It All (2)*

Offering

83 *God Is So Good*

Kids Corner

Video Parable: The Vineyard Workers

Better Late Than Never?

Brent Isbell

129 *Amazing Grace*

634 *We'll Work Till Jesus Comes*

Worship Leader

Mark Tate

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Jeff Arrington and Gustavo Villanueva 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 UCC! If you are visiting us today, we want to meet you and help you feel at home. If possible, please fill out one of the **guest registry cards** (on the seat backs) and place it in the offering plate when it's passed. If you are new to Abilene or looking for a church home, please come back soon. Consider making UCC your spiritual family!

Here Comes the Reign! We are looking this spring at some of the parables of Jesus. When the Master Teacher taught, he almost always told stories. Today we arrive at one of his most disturbing ones! By "disturbing," I mean it challenges hard our sense of right and wrong and fair play; which is, of course, exactly why Jesus told it. So, let's go to Matthew 20 to hear a story about some late arrivals who got a great deal: **Better Late Than Never?** Our worship leader is **Mark Tate**.

Kids Corner! Today is the second Sunday of the month, and that usually means all our children will be invited to join **Jennifer Welch** and me down front shortly before sermon time. We will learn something important and, as always, have a little fun together.

During April, the mid-week Family Room class is studying **Faith and Money Matters in the New Testament** with **James Thompson**. Do you know what the Bible teaches about money? Come find out! This class will meet every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

Spring Cleaning! In addition, we have another mid-week option that might be just what you need. Some of us are doing a little "spring cleaning" with our marriages, facilitated by **Tom and Sandra Milholland**. This mini-seminar meets Wednesdays in April in MAC 501. Come and bring a friend! Session Two this week, April 13: **It's You and Me, Babe**.

CLASS TIMES:

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

WORSHIP TIMES:

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

NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE:

Worship - 397
Bilingual - 58
Coronado - 84

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Northern Oaks - 17
Chisholm Place - 21
Silver Springs - 31

OFFERING:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Mission Opportunity: So you may not be going to Costa Rica, Russia or Haiti, but that does not mean you can't be on the mission field this summer. I am excited to announce **Terrific Tuesdays**. This will be a five-week outreach to our neighborhood kids beginning June 14. Our MAC will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to allow kids to come and play games, enjoy crafts, hang out and get to know you and me, eat lunch and go home. There will be many different things you can do to be a part of **Terrific Tuesdays**. The first thing I ask of everyone is to start praying now for this time of outreach and fellowship, the second thing is decide how you would like to be involved. If you have a special talent or gift you would like to share on a Tuesday, or if you could help prepare the lunches to serve, read a children's book...the opportunities to serve are endless. I hope you will consider taking part in this mission project.

High School or College: If you would be willing to help in Children's Worship once a month with puppets, songs, or Bible stories, please contact Jennifer Welch at 673-6497 or by email at jenniferw@uccabilene.org.

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. Our Wednesday night class meets at 7 p.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.

Senior Sunday: Senior Sunday will be April 24. Please let Kyle Bowen or Linda Arrington know if you are a graduating senior who would like to be honored.

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

Because it's Fellowship Sunday, there is no **5 p.m. Chapel Service** this afternoon.

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 with Arby's. The cost is \$5 per adult, and children and college students eat free.

The **Ladies' Quilting Ministry** will meet Thursday, April 14 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 208.

The **Ministry of MOMs** will meet on Tuesday, April 12 at 6:15 p.m. at the home of **Lorrie Baldwin**. Please respond to the invite, and reserve your space for childcare, by April 10.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Star Wars REEL Faith Tonight: From 5-8 p.m., we will be watching *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* as part of our REEL Faith series. There are lots of themes in the movie that we would like to talk about in relation to our faith walk. Invite a friend, or four, and come and join us. We will order pizza for dinner, so bring \$3 (free for guests).

Huddles Changes Wednesday Night: The High School huddles will meet at the Craddock home this week (3250 Valley Forge Road). We will have brownies and ice cream as we share, pray and study together. The MS Huddle will continue to meet in the Youth Center.

Junior Parents Meeting Today: Today at 3 p.m., we will have a meeting for Junior parents (and willing helpers) 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.

Senior Sunday Helpers Needed: Sometimes when we have smaller junior classes, we enlist other parents in the youth ministry to help with the Senior Sunday coordination. If you would be willing to help in this way, please let Jason know and come to the meeting today at 3 p.m. if you can.

For more teen news about LCU Encounter, HS Mission Trip (July 14-22), Stamford Youth Rally (April 24), MS Mission Stay (July 31-Aug. 3) and more, check out Facebook and/or emails.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight we will have small group in MAC 504 at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship. Food will be provided.

On **Thursday**, April 7, we will meet at 6:30 p.m. to share a meal together.

Join our new **Facebook Group**. Search Gatherings at UCC and find more information.

UCC Softball: We're currently trying to put together a softball team at UCC. If you or anyone you know is interested, please let Bradley know at bradley@uccabilene.org.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight we will meet at the Bowmans' house (642 Green Valley) for small group. Check out Facebook for more info.

Next week, our small group will be hosted by the us, the Roberts. More info to come.

We are urging all married couples to join the Conversations Class in April as **Tom** and **Sandra Milholland** present **Spring Cleaning**. The four-week marriage seminar is sure to help strengthen our marriages and make us laugh along the way. Join us in MAC 501 at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

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.