



Spring CLEANING

returning fresh air
and sunlight
to our marriages

Wednesdays
MAC 501 at 7 p.m.

April 17, 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

626 *Christ for the World We Sing (1)*

647 *Soldiers of Christ, Arise*

Welcome/News/Call to Worship

Joey Roberts

626 *Christ for the World We Sing (2)*

777 *Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer*

Prayer for Our Church and Neighbors

Mac Ice

Reading: **Ephesians 3:14-19** Keegan Copher

Communion

Alan Caffey

Bread

39 *Awesome Power (1,2)*

Cup

39 *Awesome Power (3,4)*

Offering

626 *Christ for the World We Sing (3)*

Children's Church

828 *Instruments of Your Peace*

Call of Duty

Jason Craddock

Days of Elijah

290 *Shine Jesus Shine*

Benediction: Ephesians 3:20-21

Worship Leader

Lanny Mullins

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Steve Austin and Mark Hamilton 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! Are you visiting us today? If so, we want to meet you and help you feel right at home. If possible, please fill out one of the **guest registry cards** (located on the seat backs) and place it in the offering plate when it's passed later in the service. If you are new to Abilene or just looking for a new church family, we encourage you to come back soon. UCC is a great place to call home!

Here Comes the Reign! We have been looking at some of the parables of Jesus. The Master Teacher loved to tell stories about the Kingdom (or Reign) of God. Today I'm away, but our Youth Minister, **Jason Craddock**, will continue our series, looking at a couple of Jesus' parables in which he describes the Kingdom as a matter of obligation and high priority. Today's message: **Call of Duty**. Worship leader today is **Lanny Mullins**.

Adult Education. We have excellent adult teachers and classes. Our current Sunday morning curriculum is a study of **Ecclesiastes and Job**, and the outstanding teacher notes are being written by **Chris Willerton**. A pool of nearly thirty teachers and coordinators work closely with me to make sure our eleven adult classes share a quality weekly Christian education experience. My big thanks to everyone who contributes!

During April, some of us are doing a little mid-week **Spring Cleaning** with our marriages. This mini-workshop is being facilitated by **Tom and Sandra Milholland** and meets each Wednesday in April in MAC 501. We've had great crowds the first two weeks. Come and bring a friend! Session Three this Wednesday, April 20: **Together, We Can Do This!**

Also on Wednesdays... 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? Giving? Wealth? Poverty? Material things? Then come and find out! This class meets every Wednesday evening in April at 7 p.m.

Coming Soon!

- **College Graduates Sunday** (April 24)
- **Mother's Day** (May 8)
- **Senior Sunday** (May 22)
- **Vacation Bible School** (June 1-3)

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 -	362	Northern Oaks -	24
Bilingual -	63	Chisholm Place -	21
Coronado -	80	Silver Springs -	47

OFFERING:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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VBS Teacher Meeting: Just a reminder that the VBS Bible teachers who have already agreed to help with VBS will meet today at 4:30 p.m. in Room 101.

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.

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

Join us for **5 p.m. Chapel Service** this afternoon where **Lou Seckler** will be speaking and **David Allen Sprott** will lead singing.

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 spaghetti. The cost is \$5 per adult, and children and college students eat free.

UPDATE: Charles Nelson has moved in with his son. He just celebrated his 90th birthday, and his new address is 1016 Burning Tree Parkway, Denton, TX 76203.

A going away party is scheduled for **Catherine Thomas** on Sunday, April 24 from 2-4 p.m. in the UCC Family Room. She's moving to Seattle near her daughter after 31 years as a UCC member.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Free Time In Youth Center and MAC Tonight: Tonight from 5-7 p.m. we will have free time in the Youth Center and MAC (for basketball). We will not have dinner. Invite a friend to come hang out with us.

Huddles Wednesday Night: Our small group Huddles will resume at their normal locations and times this week. The **SR/JR Huddle** will meet at the home of 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.

Youth Rally Next Sunday: Next Sunday night, we will be going to an area-wide event in Stamford. Like last time, other youth groups from the area will be getting together for a time of worship, and unlike last time, Jason will be speaking. We will leave at 4 p.m. from the Youth Center and return at 8 p.m. This is a free event, so invite a friend and make plans to join us.

LCU Encounter Registration Now Open:

Encounter is a camp for students entering ninth grade through 2016 HS graduates. Registration is now open at LCUCamps.com. Jason needs to know by April 24 if you are going to arrange travel. We will leave Saturday afternoon, June 11 and come back Saturday, June 18 around noon.

For more teen news about LCU Encounter, Senior Sunday (May 22), HSMission 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 be meeting for small group in MAC 504 at 5 p.m. for dinner and fellowship.

On **Thursday**, April 21, we will meet at 6:30 p.m. to share a meal at Bradley and Becca's home (1451 Yeomans).

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

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight, Transitions will meet in the Family Room at 5 p.m. for a baked potato bar. Please see the Facebook page for sign-ups.

Next week, our small group will be hosted by the Gibbs (901 Washington), followed by the Huddlestons the following week.

Have you signed up for the **Marriage Made in God's Image** retreat. The retreat is April 18-May 1, and you can find a brochure at the Welcome Center or by the sliding glass door. Or you can go to www.imageretreat.com.

Join the Conversations Class in April as **Tom** and **Sandra Milholland** present **Spring Cleaning**. The marriage seminar is sure to help strengthen our marriages and make us laugh along the way.

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.