



Spring CLEANING

returning fresh air
and sunlight
to our marriages

Wednesdays
MAC 501 at 7 p.m.

April 24, 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

Here in This Place

Welcome/News/Prayer Eric Lemmons

797 *Lord, We Come Before Thee Now*

577 *We Bow Down*

Video Parable: Luke 11:1-13; 18:1-8

Jill Hoebelheinrich, Eddie Mahanay,
Eric Lemmons, Jennifer Welch

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Communion James Thompson

Bread

770 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (1,2)*

Cup

770 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (3,4)*

Offering

Children's Church

777-779 *Prayer Medley*

We're Not Going Away! Brent Isbell

911 *Bring Christ Your Broken Life*

23 *Our God, He Is Alive*

College Graduates Blessing Jeff Arrington

Worship Leader David Allen Sprott

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited in Room 101 at the close of our service to pray with elder Mark Hamilton and his wife, Samjung.

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

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
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Welcome to University Church! Are you visiting today? If so, we hope to have the opportunity to meet you and help you feel at home. If possible, please fill out one of those **guest registry cards** (located on the seat backs) and place it in the offering plate 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. Today we come to two stories in Luke's Gospel—**The Friend at Midnight** (11:5-8) and **The Widow and the Judge** (18:1-8). Both parables tell us some important things about prayer and life in the Kingdom of God. Today's message: **We're Not Going Away!** Worship leader today is **David Allen Sprott**. Today we will also take a few minutes to honor our 2016 college and university graduates.

During April, we have been doing some mid-week **Spring Cleaning** with our marriages. This mini-workshop has been facilitated by **Tom and Sandra Milholland** every Wednesday in MAC 501. We've had great crowds all month. Come and bring a friend! This week we finish up with Session Four: **The Best is Yet to Come!**

Also on Wednesdays... the mid-week Family Room class has been 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? James will also be wrapping up his study this week. Join us Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Family Room.

Coming Soon!

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

NEWS

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.

Join us for **5 p.m. Chapel Service** for Singing Night. We will learn new songs, read scripture, pray and sing some oldies and goodies.

Ladies Bible Class continues this week at 10 a.m. in the Family Room.

Wednesday Night Supper concludes for the semester this week with Little Panda. The cost is \$5 per adult, children and college students eat free.

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 - 378	April 17, 2016	Northern Oaks - 21
Bilingual - 62	Chisholm Place - 16	
Coronado - 97	Silver Springs - 30	

OFFERING:

April 17 **\$15,774.94**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Church: Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene was our Bible story last Sunday in Children's Church. This Sunday, we will learn about the special "breakfast on the beach" with the disciples that Jesus made. Thank you to Mark and Celia Tate for joining us this morning for this special lesson and providing a tasty bite of fish.

Terrific Tuesday: If you are interested in helping with Terrific Tuesday, a five-week outreach this summer, please plan to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, May 1 at 4 p.m. in Room 101. This outreach opportunity does not require you to participate each week, so if you can only help out one time, come to the meeting, and let's visit.

"Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge."
- Psalm 16:1

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.

Seniors: Congratulations to the graduating seniors: Daniel Austin, Kyle Bowen, Rachel Hurst, Luke Schumann and Sarah Welch.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight, Transitions will meet at the Gibbs' house (901 Washington).

Next week we will meet at the **Huddlestons'** house, followed by the **Sprotts** on May 8.

Remember to check out the **Transitions Facebook page** for more info about men's breakfast, women's breakfast, small group and other events and service opportunities.

A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

The final total on the **Missions Special Collection** was \$48,969, surpassing our goal of \$47,000. The elders want to thank the congregation for your outstanding response to the challenge. The surplus will be used as a contingency fund for assisting with unexpected costs.

We know many of you are concerned about the **Christian Service Center** and its immediate future. We want you to know we have been in contact with **Jim Clark** and others, beginning when the fire was still burning through the present. We have asked them how they would like for us to help. Those discussions revealed there are no urgent needs for money as they continue to work through the insurance claim process. Therefore, we will hold our regular special collection for the Center when we have our Operation Blue Jeans collection in August. Jim assures us that they will allocate the funds where they need them to go at that time. In the meantime, if you would like to make a donation sooner, you may send a check to the Christian Service Center, P.O. Box 2957, Abilene, Texas 79604, or make an online donation at cscabilene.org. Also, you may make donations to the Center at 904 Walnut on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. There is an immediate need for children's clothing, especially boys clothing.

Thank you for your efforts to support missions, both around the world and right here in Abilene.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Youth Rally Tonight: Tonight, we will be going to an area-wide youth rally in Stamford at the Orient Street Church of Christ. Like last time, other youth groups from the area will be getting together for a time of worship and dinner afterwards. 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.

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.

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.

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, and we will be focusing on outreach to the community where we worked last year. 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:

- Senior Sunday - May 22
- HS Mission Trip - July 14-22
- MS Mission Stay - July 31-Aug. 3

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. Food will be provided.

On **Thursday**, April 28, we will meet at 6:30 p.m. to share a meal together. More info to come.

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

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.