



May 1, 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**

8 *Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing*  
66 *Doxology*

**Welcome/Call to Worship** Brent Isbell

*Find Us Faithful  
Because We Believe*

**Family News/Prayer** Andrew Huddleston

*Come to the Table*

**Communion** Bradley Steele

**Scripture: Luke 22:17-20**

**Bread**

792 *My Eyes Are Dry*

**Cup**

*Sanctuary*

**Offering**

**Children's Church**

*Lord, Reign in Me*

**Video Parable: Matthew 22:1-14**

Brady Bryce, Talmadge Trammell

**Not to Be Taken Lightly** Brent Isbell

*All Things Are Ready*  
975 *Get Right, Church*

**Worship Leader** Lanny Mullins

*If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited in Room 101 at the close of our service to pray with elders Kris Southward and Mark Tate.*

*Our Sunday morning service is broadcast live at [www.uccabilene.org](http://www.uccabilene.org).*

**REFLECTIONS**

**Brent Isbell**, Preaching Minister  
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**Welcome to University Church!** Are you visiting us today? If so, we want to have the chance to meet you and help you feel at home here. If possible, please fill out one of those **guest registry cards** (located on the seat backs) and place your card in the offering plate later when it comes around. If you are new to town or looking for a new church family, we hope you will come back soon. UCC is a great place to call home!

**Here Comes the Reign!** We have spent much of this spring looking at the parables of Jesus. Today we will look at a story about a wedding banquet (Matthew 22:1-14). Now, most of us have experienced a wide variety of rehearsal dinners and wedding receptions throughout our lives. Maybe you've even thrown a few such shindigs! But I'd just be willing to bet you've never experienced anything quite like this! Did all your invitees turn you down? Did you wind up begging strangers off the streets to come and eat your food? Was anyone forcibly kicked out for not being dressed in the official ensemble? This is serious business! Today's message: **Not to Be Taken Lightly**. Our worship leader today is **Lanny Mullins**.

**On Wednesdays in May**, our featured adult class will be taught by **Wendell Willis**. His subject is **Images of the Church**. Come join Wendell's study, looking closely at some of the rich images and metaphors for the people of God found in the New Testament. The first class in this four-week series is this Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. in the Family Room.

**Coming Soon!**

- **Mother's Day** (May 8)
- **Senior Sunday** (May 22)
- **Vacation Bible School** (June 1-3)
- **Summer Wednesday Adult Class (Begins June 1):**  
*The Church Has Left the Building: Missions and the People of God*

**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 -	<b>412</b>	Northern Oaks -	<b>25</b>
Bilingual -	<b>58</b>	Chisholm Place -	<b>16</b>
Coronado -	<b>98</b>	Silver Springs -	<b>47</b>

**OFFERING:**

April 24 **\$10,824.05**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**Terrific Tuesday:** Let's meet today at 4 p.m. in Room 101. You can learn more about this five-week outreach opportunity to our neighborhood children this summer. Don't worry if you do not have five Tuesdays available this summer, come and learn how you can help with just one.

**Teacher Assistans:** Our UCC children's teachers would love for you to be in the classroom with them. An extra set of hands, a lap for a child who needs some extra snuggle time or another friendly face in the room is needed. Please say you would be willing to help one month of Sunday's or every other Sunday for two months. All classes from two years old through second grade could use an assistant. Please talk to Jennifer and visit about this need.

**Children's Worship:** I believe our children might enjoy a little bit of variety for the summer. If you would be willing to teach one time this summer, please email [jenniferw@uccabilene.org](mailto: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; however, tonight we will be at the Arringtons' so meet at 5:45 at MAC 503 to carpool over. The Dwelling Place is a time of fellowship, singing and discussion.

**Wednesday:** There will be no Wednesday night activities this week because of finals.

## TRANSITIONS

**Joey Roberts**, Communications Minister  
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**Tonight**, Transitions will meet at the Huddlestons' house (858 Avenue F). Check Facebook for info.

Next week we will meet at the **Southwards'** house, followed by the **Gibbs** on May 15.

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.

## NEWS AND NOTES

The **Quilting Ministry** will meet on Monday, May 2 at 9 a.m. in Room 208.

**Jennifer Welch:** "Thank you to the Ladies' Bible Class for generously collecting pot holders and cuptowels for the Goodness of God Orphanage in Haiti. Thank you so much for this act of love. The workers will beam with joy when they receive this gift and be encouraged knowing other believers are praying and care about them."

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
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[facebook.com/groups/uymteens](https://facebook.com/groups/uymteens)

**Fun, Devo and Dinner:** Tonight, we will get together for some fun and a devo followed by hot dogs for dinner from 5-7 p.m. Bring a couple of dollars for food if you can. Guests eat free so invite someone to come join us.

**Senior Sunday Materials Due Next Sunday:** This is a remindar that ALL senior info, photos and Bible choices are due next Sunday, May 8, so Jason can get everything ready.

**Senior Sunday-May 22:** On Sunday, May 22 at 8:15 a.m., we will begin with a breakfast reception in the Family Room. This will be our congregation-focused time where members will be encouraged to come visit with and congratulate our graduating seniors, peruse their table exhibits, drop off gifts and enjoy breakfast together. We would like to have congregational support for the reception food items and are asking for volunteers to provide food. There will be more details next week about the food items and how to sign up. At the close of worship, we will recognize our seniors by name and pray over them and their families at the front of the auditorium. That evening, we will have a smaller, more intimate dinner for seniors and their families from 6-8 p.m. Please make plans to join us on Sunday morning as we honor our HS graduates who once played on the stage but will now be walking across a different one.

**2015 Graduates:** We have six graduates this year. Dylan Bushey (ACS), Brandon Jimenez (AHS), Landon Pamplin (ACS), Marilyn Salazar (AHS), Dawson Worgull (AHS and Drew Young (AHS).

**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 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 few additional expenses for fast food meals during travel. Register at [LCUcamps.com](http://LCUcamps.com).

### 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**, May 5, 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](mailto:joey@uccabilene.org).