



May 15, 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

Welcome/Family News Brent Isbell

Call to Worship: Luke 12:13-31

227 *On Zion's Glorious Summit*

559 *The Joy of the Lord*

Prayer for the Congregation Mark Hamilton

313 *The Old Rugged Cross*

Communion Stan Baldwin

Scripture: Matthew 16:24-26

Bread

313 *The Old Rugged Cross*

Cup

313 *The Old Rugged Cross*

Offering

Video: Children's Home Special

555 *Seek Ye First*

A Fool and His Money Brent Isbell

674 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

*Days of Elijah*

Worship Leader Mark Tate

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 Jeff Arrington and Steve Austin.

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 UCC!** Every Sunday, we have guests. Some are traveling. Some are visiting family. Some are looking for a church family. If you are visiting us today, for whatever reason, we hope to have the chance to meet you in person and help you feel at home. If possible, please take just a moment to fill out one of those **guest registry cards** (located on the seat backs) and drop your card into the offering plate when it comes around later in the service. If you are new to town or looking for a new church home, we hope you will come back soon. University is a great place to put down roots and follow Jesus in community with others.

**Here Comes the Reign!** We have been looking at the parables of Jesus through most of the spring, and we are nearing the end of this series (next week). But today we are going to take note of the important fact that several of Jesus' stories are about wealth and material things. Today we are in Luke 12, where we hear about someone God actually calls a "fool": **A Fool and His Money**. Our worship leader is **Mark Tate**.

**UCC Special Offering for Children's Homes.** Once a year, we collect a special gift for five different children's homes we support. This year, our special offering is **Sunday, June 5**. Today we will begin watching some promotional videos to better understand how our money blesses these organizations and the families they serve. Today we focus on **Christian Homes and Family Services** and **Cherokee Children's Home**. On June 5, we will be having a "Children's Home Fair." All of the homes we are collecting for will be in attendance and have tables set up with more information. The tables will be open from 8:45-9 a.m., between Bible class and worship and then again after worship. Please stop by and welcome our guests. Let's all be praying and preparing for a generous harvest on June 5!

**On Wednesdays in May**, our main adult class teacher is **Wendell Willis**. His subject is **Images of the Church**, surveying some of the rich images and metaphors for the people of God we find in the New Testament. This week is the third week of Wendell's four-part series. Join us Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. in the Family Room.

### Coming Soon!

- **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*
- **Children's Home Special Collection** (June 5)

### 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 - N/A	May 8, 2016	Northern Oaks - 18
Bilingual - 55		Chisholm Place - 15
Coronado - 77		Silver Springs - 45

### OFFERING:

May 1 **\$15,243.15**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**VBS Registration:** Please take a minute to register your child for VBS. There is a signup area in the Early Childhood Center and the Welcome Center, or you can signup online at [www.uccabilene.org](http://www.uccabilene.org). Our VBS will be for children four years old through fifth grade, and it will take place at the Dive Spot, located at 1701 Lytle Trail. VBS is set for June 1-3 from 6:30-8 p.m. each evening. I hope you will make plans to join us as we learn about the "living water" and hear stories from children in Honduras, Ghana and Cuba who share their experience of growing up in their country and their need for clean drinking water.

**Terrific Tuesdays:** Children who completed kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome to sign up to come to Terrific Tuesdays this summer in the MAC. Our first Tuesday will be June 14, and we'll go through July 12. We will meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on these days and enjoy activities, crafts and lunch together. This will be an outreach to our community, so please encourage your children to invite their friends and join in the fun. You can visit [www.uccabilene.org](http://www.uccabilene.org) to register.

## TRANSITIONS

**Joey Roberts**, Communications Minister  
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**Tonight**, Transitions will meet at the **Sprotts'** house (834 Elmwood). Check Facebook for info.

Next week we will meet at the **Bowmans'** house, followed by the **Roberts'** on May 29, where we have invited Gatherings to join us.

Remember to check out the **Transitions Facebook page** for more info about men's lunch, women's breakfast, small groups, etc.

## NEWS AND NOTES

A wedding shower for **Sarah Hailey**, bride-elect of **Michael Bacon**, is today from 2-3:30 p.m. at the home of **Sylvia McCaleb** (7 Hilliard Circle). Selections for the couple are at Target, Dillard's and Amazon.com.

Join us for the **5 p.m. Chapel Service** where **Brent Isbell** will be speaking and **Eric Lemmons** will be leading singing.

A bridal shower for **Mackenzie Guzman** is set for Saturday, May 21 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the home of **Paulette Haught** (518 College Drive). Selections are at Target and Amazon.

The **Ladies Quilting Ministry** will meet Thursday, May 19 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 208.

University Church of Christ has **four cemetery plots for sale** that have been donated to the church. There are two sets of two in the Garden of Faith area at Elmwood Memorial Park. If you, or someone you know, are interested in these burial plots, please contact **Jill Bailey Hoebelheinrich** at the church office.

**Darlene Ashby** appreciates all the prayers, cards, food and visits.

Be sure to schedule the summer **Family Nights** on your calendar: June 8, July 6 and August 17.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Fun Activity Tonight:** From 5-7 p.m., we will have a fun group game (not board game) beginning in the Youth Center. Wear athletic attire, and invite a friend to come join us. After the activity, we will have snacks and free time.

**Senior Sunday-May 22:** Next 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'd 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.

**2016 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 Changes for Wednesday Night:** For the last two weeks of school we will have a combined **HS Huddle** that will meet at the home of **James and Mandy Scudder** (658 E N 22nd St). The **MS Huddle** will continue to meet in the Youth Center. Both will meet from 7-8 p.m.

**LCU Encounter Registration Still 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).

**HS Mission Trip:** This year we will return to Kinlichee, Ariz., focusing on outreach to the community. The cost is \$50 per person and paperwork is due June 5. We also need several adults to attend as well, so talk to Jason if you can go with us.

## 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 19, we will meet at 6:30 p.m. to share a meal together. Check our Facebook group for more information.

Haven't joined our new **Facebook Group**? Then you should 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).