



May 22, 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

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Welcome/ Andrew Huddleston
Call to Worship: Psalm 18:1-2; 16-17; 46

96 *I Stand in Awe*
266 *Majesty*

Family News/Prayer Blake Williams
How Deep the Father's Love (1)

Communion Topher Fangio
Scripture: John 6:26-27

Bread
How Deep the Father's Love (2)
Cup
How Deep the Father's Love (3)

Offering

Video: Children's Home Special
Children's Church

730 *We Declare that the Kingdom of God*

Ready for the Reign Brent Isbell

243 *Our God Reigns*

HS Senior Blessing Jason Craddock

Lord, Reign in Me

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 Mark Hamilton and Eddie Mahanay.

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

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
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Welcome to UCC! We love having guests. If you are visiting us today, for whatever reason, we hope we get the opportunity to meet you in person and help you feel at home. Please take 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. That's all you need to put in! If you are new to Abilene or looking for a new church home, we invite you to come back soon. University is a great family. Many of us have been very blessed to put down spiritual roots and follow Jesus in fellowship with other brothers and sisters here.

Here Comes the Reign! For most of the past five months, we have been traveling through the parables of Jesus in our Sunday morning sermons. Today we come to the end of this series, and we will wrap up with one of the simplest and most familiar, a story about two men who decide to build houses. And it's monsoon season. Sound familiar? Today: **Ready for the Reign** (Matthew 7:24-27). Our worship leader is **Lanny Mullins**.

Senior Sunday 2016. Today we celebrate our six UCC high school graduates. Earlier we had a breakfast reception in their honor, and this morning in worship we will take some time to call their names and pray over this important time in the lives of these young men and women and their families. May God bless each one!

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**. Each week, we are watching some short promotional videos that help us better understand how our money blesses these organizations and the families they serve. Today, we focus on **Foster's Home in Stephenville**. Let's all be praying and preparing for a generous harvest in two weeks 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 fourth and final week of Wendell's series. Join us Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. in the Family Room.

Coming Soon!

- **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 -	358	Northern Oaks -	22
Bilingual -	35	Chisholm Place -	17
Coronado -	86	Silver Springs -	37

OFFERING:

May 1 **\$14,975.82**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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VBS Cookies: If you would be willing to bake or purchase some cookies for Vacation Bible School, please plan to bring them on Sunday, May 29 and leave them in the Youth Center kitchen. Thank you!

VBS Registration: Please take a minute to register your child for VBS. Our VBS will be held at the Dive Spot for children four years old through fifth grade. Registration tables are located in the Welcome Center area or the Early Childhood Center.

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 to register.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight, Transitions will meet at the **Bowmans'** house (642 Green Valley Drive). Check Facebook for info.

Next week we will meet at the **Roberts'** house, where we have invited Gatherings to join us.

This **Wednesday, May 25**, we will meet at 6 p.m. in the MAC foyer to help distribute door hangers for Vacation Bible School and Terrific Tuesday.

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

NEWS AND NOTES

Join us for the **5 p.m. Chapel Service** where **Lou Seckler** will be speaking and **Gene Linder** will be leading singing.

On **Wednesday, May 25**, everyone is invited to join Cross+Walks at 6 p.m. in the MAC foyer to help pass out door hangers to promote Vacation Bible School and Terrific Tuesdays. Come help us reach out to the neighborhood and invited them to these activities!

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

We will have our annual **Children's Home Special Collection on Sunday, June 5**. We will also be having a "Children's Home Fair" that day, and each of the children's homes we support will have booths set up in the auditorium beginning at 8:45 a.m. until after worship. Please come meet the representatives of these organizations and find out more about what they do and the families and children they serve.

Smith Family: "Thank you for the plant you sent for J.E.'s funeral. It is comforting to know you were there for him. He lived a full life. Although we will miss him, it is good to know he has the new body God has promised us."

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Today is Senior Sunday: Today is a special day because it is the day that we honor our high school graduates. We've watched them since they were in the nursery or playing on the stage after worship, and now they are finishing one stage in life to begin another. What a wonderful opportunity to let them know they have the support of their Christian family as they embark on this exciting new adventure.

We have had a special reception this morning in the Family Room where graduates have had tables set up appreciating their life and accomplishments so far. *The Family Room will be open again immediately following worship for those who would like to drop by and take a look or drop off gifts.*

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.

This evening, we will have a smaller, more intimate dinner for seniors, their families and invited guests from 6-8 p.m. in the Family Room.

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).

Breakfast on Tuesday: If you are interested in having breakfast with us on Tuesday morning at 7 a.m., let Jason know. We'll be meeting in the Youth Center and providing transportation to school. Parents are welcome as well.

Huddles Changes for Wednesday Night: For the last week 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 for students who will be entering ninth grade through 2016 HS graduates. Registration is open and costs \$295 for the week with a few additional expenses for fast food meals during travel. Go to LCUcamps.com.

HS Mission Trip: This year we will return to Kinlichee, Ariz. The cost is \$50 per person and paperwork is due June 5.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight we will not be meeting for small group. We look forward to seeing you all again next week.

On **Thursday**, May 26, we will meet at 6:30 p.m. to share a meal together. Check our Facebook group for more information.

Have you joined the Gatherings' **Facebook Group**? No? 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.