



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JUNE 1-3**  
 @ THE DIVE SPOT  
**FOUR YEARS THROUGH FIFTH GRADE**

May 29, 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**

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

**Welcome/Family News**           Joey Roberts  
**Call to Worship**

*There Is A Redeemer*  
*Worthy is the Lamb*

**Congregational Prayer**           Lance Tolar

**860** *There Is A Habitation*

**Revelation 21:1-7**           David Allen Sprott

*The Lord's Supper*

**Communion**                   Jason Craddock

**Bread**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**Cup**

*What the Lord Has Done in Me*

**Offering**

**Video: Children's Home Special**

**Children's Church**

**490** *It Is Well*

**The God Who Makes All Things New**

Bradley Steele

*There's A Stirring*

*That's Why We Praise Him*

**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 Kris Southward.*

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

**REFLECTIONS**

**Brent Isbell**, Preaching Minister  
[brent@uccabilene.org](mailto:brent@uccabilene.org)

**Welcome to UCC!** If you are visiting us today, we hope we get the opportunity to meet you and help you feel at home. Please 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. If you are new to Abilene or looking for a new church family, please come back soon. University is a great place to call home!

**Melinda and I are away this weekend.** This is our anniversary (#23), so we are in East Texas, and the girls are at the grandparents. **Bradley Steele**, our Young Adults Minister, is preaching today. Bradley was preaching at Oplin before he and Becca came to UCC, and he is a Master of Divinity student at ACU, so you should be in good hands this morning! Our worship leader is **Lanny Mullins**.

**Beginning next Sunday**, we will kick off a fresh sermon calendar, thinking all summer about spiritual warfare. We will be using Paul's well-known "armor of God" text for a series of messages I'm calling **Gear Up!** Be reading Ephesians 6:10-20.

**UCC Special Offering for Children's Homes.** Once a year, we collect a special gift for the children's homes we support. This year, our special offering is **next Sunday, June 5**. Each week, we are watching short promotional videos to help us understand how our money blesses these organizations and the families they serve. Today we focus on Arms of Hope. Pray and prepare for a generous harvest!

**The Church Has Left the Building: Missions and the People of God.** This week, our Wednesday night summer series begins in the Family Room at 7 p.m. All summer, we will be thinking about what it means to be people on a mission for God. **Mark Hamilton** will get us started with some Old Testament background: **Missions and the Story of Israel**. Also coming this summer: **Chris Flanders, Richard Wright, Jim Clark** and several other great teachers who will help us think more deeply about the Church being sent by Jesus "into all the world."

**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **Memorial Day** (Monday, May 30 - UCC Office Closed)
- **Vacation Bible School** (June 1-3)
- **Children's Home Special Collection** (June 5)
- **Family Night: Ice Cream!** (June 8)
- **Father's Day** (June 19)

**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 - **23**  
 Bilingual - **68** Chisholm Place - **17**  
 Coronado - **88** Silver Springs - **41**

**OFFERING:**

**May 22**                   **\$12,078.65**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**VBS:** It is finally time for Vacation Bible School. We are one of the first in Abilene, so plan to join us at The Dive Spot, 1701 Lytle Trail on June 1-3 from 6:30-8 p.m. Children four years old through fifth grade are invited. Children can wear their swimsuit under their clothes and bring a towel. Register in the Welcome Center.

**VBS Volunteers:** If you would like to help with Vacation Bible School, or already have volunteered to help, please plan to join me Tuesday morning, May 31 for donuts and juice at 9 a.m. in Room 101. If you are unable to make the meeting, contact me so I know to count on you for help. Thank you!

**VBS Cookies:** If you would be willing to bake or purchase some cookies for Vacation Bible School, please plan to bring them to the church office Tuesday. Thank you!

## TRANSITIONS

**Joey Roberts**, Communications Minister  
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**Tonight**, Transitions will not have small group. However, we will enjoy Memorial Day at the Spratt farm. Sign-up on Facebook if you are planning on going.

Next week we will meet at the **Roberts'** house, where we have invited Gatherings to join us. We will then meet at the **Williams'** house on Sunday, June 12. More info to come.

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

## NEWS AND NOTES

Join us for the **5 p.m. Chapel Service** this evening for Singing Night.

The **church office will be closed** tomorrow in observance with Memorial Day.

A **bilingual ladies' retreat** is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 17-18 for women of all ages featuring Michelle Goff, founder and executive director of Iron Cross Sister Ministries. The title of the retreat is ***Falling in Love with Jesus***. The cost of the retreat, which will take place in the UCC Youth Center, is \$25 per person. For more information, see Micaela Villanueva.

Be sure to schedule the summer **Family Nights** on your calendar: June 8, July 6 and August 17. The first Family Night is our annual **homemade ice cream party**, sobring your best flavor for all to enjoy. If you can't make homemade ice cream, Blue Bell works well, too. We'll be in the MAC.

We will have our annual **Children's Home Special Collection** next **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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Service Project Today:** Today at 5 p.m., we will meet in the Youth Center before heading out to canvas a few neighborhoods with VBS hangers. Afterwards we will have pizza for dinner and have free time until 8 p.m. We will try to play some basketball, too, so bring some athletic attire. I would love to have a few parents help out so we can split the group up more, so please let me know if you can.

**VBS Volunteers:** Anyone who is interested in helping with VBS this week needs to attend a meeting Tuesday at 9 a.m. in Room 101 for training, job assignments and donuts. If you are unable to make the meeting, let Jennifer or Jason know. VBS will be at the Dive Spot this week (Wed.-Fri. evenings) so we will not have a class on Wednesday evening. Everyone is encouraged to help with VBS, so sign up.

**REEL Faith Tuesday Night:** We are going to kick-off REEL Faith this summer with *Zootopia* (PG) in the Youth Center Theater from 7-9:30 p.m. ACU is showing the movie on the front lawn on Thursday night, but we will be finishing VBS that night *and* we wouldn't be able to talk about it afterwards. And there is a lot to talk about with this movie. So, invite a friend to join us. We will have soda, popcorn and candy to kick off so let's fill the theater up! Families are welcome.

**Camp Paperwork:** Encounter and Blue Haven paperwork was emailed out this past week. All paperwork needs to be turned in directly to Jason on Sunday, June 5 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. It makes it much easier to get all of the paperwork at one time, but if you will be unable to make it at this time, contact Jason to arrange for an earlier time.

**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](http://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. We also need several adults to attend as well, so talk to Jason

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

On Saturday, June 4, we will go to Strawn, Texas for a day of skeet-shooting followed by chicken-fried steak at Mary's Cafe. Please let Bradley know if you're interested.

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](mailto:joey@uccabilene.org).