



CHILDREN'S HOME

SPECIAL COLLECTION

June 5, 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

162 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Welcome/Family Prayer Brent Isbell

Video Family News

647 *Soldiers of Christ, Arise*

736 *To Christ Be True*

Communion Chris Willerton

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23

Bread

288 *Fairest Lord Jesus (1,2)*

Cup

288 *Fairest Lord Jesus (3,4)*

Weekly Offering

Children's Home Special Collection
Russell Heil, Arms of Hope

Children's Church

749 *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*

The Struggle is Real Brent Isbell

Had It Not Been the Lord

469 *Faith is the Victory*

Benediction

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 elders Mark Tate and James Thompson.

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, we hope we get the chance to meet you and your family 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!

Special Offering for Children's Homes. Speaking of offering plates...Once a year at UCC, we collect a special gift for the children's homes we support. **Today is the day!** These groups do great work for families and children, and they depend on us to come through every year. I hope you have been praying and preparing to give. Take note that we will have two offerings today—first our regular weekly collection, then the Children's Home Special will be the second. Let's all dig deep and make it a great year for our children's home partners!

Gear Up! Today we kick off a new sermon calendar, devoting our summer to thinking about preparing for spiritual warfare. We will be using Paul's well-known "armor of God" text for a series of messages I'm calling **Gear Up!** Belt. Flak jacket. Boots. Helmet. Sword. Are you ready? Let's start with introductory challenges from Ephesians 6, acknowledging first of all simply that **The Struggle is Real.**

Summer Wednesdays. This week we will take a break from our adult class speaker series **The Church Has Left the Building** so we can share our first **Family Night** of the season! Join us at 7 p.m. in the MAC for **homemade ice cream and desserts.** Bring a freezer of your favorite homemade flavor (mint chocolate chip is mine). We will award a few fantastic prizes for various chilly categories. You are also welcome to bring a pan of brownies or cookies or something else sweet. Invite your friends and neighbors! Family Nights are lots of fun (not to mention delicious)! Next week, on June 15, **James Thompson** will resume our speaker series in the Family Room.

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Family Night: Ice Cream!** (June 8)
- **Terrific Tuesdays** (June 14 for K-fifth grade)
- **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 -	406	Northern Oaks -	19
Bilingual -	54	Chisholm Place -	13
Coronado -	81	Silver Springs -	41

OFFERING:

May 29 **\$12,600.16**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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VBS: Thank you to the many volunteers who made VBS successful this year. It takes many hands and many different talents to pull together this special time for our kids and visiting kids. Thank and blessings to all.

Terrific Tuesday: This outreach day of fun will begin, Tuesday, June 14. For five weeks on Tuesday mornings, children who are going into first grade through fifth grade are invited to the MAC from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will enjoy hanging out together, crafts, games and lunch. To sign up, please go to the website. Spread the word to your neighbors!

Nursery Volunteers: If you would be willing to help in the nursery some this summer, please contact Jennifer Welch (jenniferw@uccabilene.org).

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight, Transitions will meet at our house (2309 Homestead Place). We have also invited Gatherings to join us. Check out Facebook for what to bring.

We will meet at the **Williams'** house on Sunday, June 12. More info to come. Also, we still need someone to host small group on June 19. Let me or **David Allen** know if you want to host. On June 16, let's meet at ACU for *Zootopia*. More info later.

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

Today is our **Children's Home Special Collection** Make sure and visit each of the booths set up in the auditorium this morning before or 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.

Join us for the **5 p.m. Chapel Service** this evening. **Jason Craddock** will be the speaker and **Eric Lemmons** will be leading singing.

The **Ladies' Quilting Ministry** will meet **Monday, June 6** at 9 a.m. in Room 208.

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**, so bring 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.

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**.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Welcome New Sixth Graders: Today is the day we bring our new sixth graders into the youth group! What an exciting time of year it is to see many new faces in the group, and we want to extend a warm "welcome" to all of you and your families. We are in for a long and exciting adventure together. We will learn, serve, worship, laugh, cry (sometimes) and have lots of fun together! So come join us, and don't be afraid, for we will walk beside you every step of the way. Glad you're here!

Devo and Free Time Tonight: Tonight, Jason will be speaking in the chapel so we will all join the chapel service at 5 p.m. Some of our guys will help during the service as well. If you're interested in helping, please let Jason know. Afterward we will have dinner together (around tables!) and further welcome our new youth group members. We will then have some free time in the Youth Center until 8 p.m.

Camp Paperwork Due Tonight: Encounter and Blue Haven paperwork needs to be turned in directly to Jason **TONIGHT** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center.

BLAST on Tuesday: We will meet Tuesday at 9 a.m. for a service project. Wear work clothes and closed-toe shoes for the service time. For the afternoon, please bring a sack lunch, a swimsuit, towel and \$5 because we will be going to the Albany City Pool until 3 p.m.

Wednesday Night in the MAC: This Wednesday, join the first Family Night in the MAC at 7 p.m. We can sit together and hang out. Come join us!

REEL Faith Thursday: We jumped the gun this past week saying we would watch *Zootopia* when it wasn't released yet. Plus a lot of people were out of town. So we are gonna kick-off REEL Faith again for this summer with *Zootopia* (PG) in the Youth Center Theater from 7-9:30 p.m. 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! Families are welcome.

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.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight we will be meeting for small group with the Transitions group. We will meet at the **Roberts'** house (2309 Homestead Place).

On **Thursday**, June 9, 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.