



Current Sermon Series

July 17, 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

103 *He Has Made Me Glad*

#### Welcome/Family News/Prayer

Bradley Steele

538 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

324 *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?*

#### Communion

Lance Tolar

Scripture: Luke 23:39-47

##### Bread

382 *Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?*

##### Cup

383 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

#### Offering

480 *Blessed Assurance*

#### Kids Corner

##### *Our Helmet is Salvation*

Brent Isbell

*Salvation Belongs to Our God*

452 *Standing on the Promises*

#### Worship Leader

Steven Moore

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 University Church!** Are you are visiting today? Maybe you are looking for a church home? Whatever brought you our way, we're glad you're here! Please take a minute to fill out one of those white **guest registry cards** (they are located on the seat backs). When you're finished, simply drop your card into the offering plate when it's passed by later in the service. We hope you will come back and visit us again very soon. Everyone needs family, and UCC is a great place to call home.

**UCC on the mission field.** Today, our high school group and sponsors are working on the Navajo reservation at **Kinlichee, Ariz.** We have a group that left Friday to serve in **Cuba.** We have another group in **Haiti.** If it looks like we're short-handed today, it's for the best of reasons!

Let's continue our summer **Gear Up!** series, focusing on preparing for spiritual warfare. Belt? Check. Breastplate? Check. Boots? Check. Shield? Check ... Today, let's pick up our fifth piece of armor, making sure our heads are covered: **Our Helmet is Salvation.** Our worship leader this morning is **Steven Moore.**

Speaking of **Steven Moore,** in addition to leading our worship, he will be joining me this morning for a special edition of **Kids Corner** (Ms. Jennifer is in Haiti today). As many of us know, Dr. Moore recently published a fantastic children's book called **Theodore Thumbs,** and he has graciously agreed to read it to us all during Kids Corner time today!

#### **The Church Has Left the Building: Missions and the People of God.**

This week, we continue our Wednesday summer series in the Family Room at 7 p.m. This week, **Richard Wright** returns to teach the second installment of his two-part class on **Missions and Early Christianity.**

#### Mark Your Calendars:

- **Missions & Early Christianity, Richard Wright** (July 20, 7 p.m.)
- **Missions & Caring for the Poor, Jim Clark** (July 27, 7 p.m.)
- **Missions & Modern Movements, Tim Archer** (August 3, 7 p.m.)
- **Missions & Restoration People, Mac Ice** (August 10, 7 p.m.)
- **Operation Blue Jeans** (Sunday, Aug. 14)

#### 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 -	335	Northern Oaks -	24
Bilingual -	52	Chisholm Place -	16
Coronado -	102	Silver Springs -	21

#### OFFERING:

July 3	\$21,210.96
July 10	\$12,482.67

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**Haiti:** This morning, Lord willing, as you read this I am riding a "tap-tap" on my way to **The Goodness of God Orphanage** for our morning of worship. I should be bumping along, experiencing the haze and smells of the morning air in Port A Prince. The streets are crowded and busy, and individuals are walking with their Bible in hand on their way to church. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to work, love play and share the good news with these children and workers.

**Children's Worship Bag:** A bag is available for children three years old through kindergarten at the Welcome Center. A children's bulletin is available for older children first through fifth grade also at the Welcome Center.

**Wednesday Night:** On Wednesday, July 20 we will meet in the ECC big room from 7 to 8 p.m. We will enjoy an activity of making cards and sending notes to some of our UCC members who are sick or homebound.

*"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'"*

- Matt. 16:24

## TRANSITIONS

**Joey Roberts**, Communications Minister  
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**Today**, our small group will meet right after worship in the Family Room as we host the Japanese students in conjunction with the Friends and Families class. Spread out while we are in there and meet these students and make them feel welcomed!

Next week, we will meet at our house, and then we'll be at the **Bowmans'** on July 31. We still need someone to host on August 7 before the **Sprotts** host on August 14.

Check out Facebook for more activities and info.

## NEWS AND NOTES

UCC member **Wilma Marshall** will be turning 90 on July 27. In lieu of a birthday party, the family is suggesting birthday cards may be sent to her at the address below. She will enjoy reading them so much! Thank you! Wilma Marshall, University Place, 1250 E.N. 10th, Apt. 321, Abilene, TX 79601.

**International ministry right here in Abilene:** Your family can have a strong Christian influence on a Chinese high school student by being a host family next year. For details, please contact **Ted and Ellen Presley** by email at [ted\\_presley@eli360.com](mailto:ted_presley@eli360.com) or call **Erik Presley** at 325-260-5288.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Mission Trip:** This week, 22 of our teens and adults are working in the Navajo Reservation in Gallup, N.M. as we put on two VBS events and outreach into the communities. Please pray God's blessings in our work and fellowship, as well as safety in our travels.

**No Activity Today:** Because of the high school mission trip, there's no activity tonight.

**New Facebook Page:** We have discontinued the use of our Facebook *Group* "UYM Teens" and have started a Facebook *Page* instead called "UCC Youth Ministry." So, go visit the page, "Like" it and change your notifications so you see when updates take place. Let Jason know if you have any issues.

**Changes this week:** Also due to mission trip, we will not have BLAST or REEL Faith.

**Wednesday Night Class:** Come join us from 7-8 p.m. in the Youth Center Wednesday for a time of fun, worship and Bible study. Joey Roberts will be leading our time together.

**MS Mission Stay:** Our Middle School Mission Stay will be from Sunday, July 31 to Wednesday, Aug. 3. This year we will be staying in host homes, and as usual we will be working in our Abilene community. We will have service projects during the day, and we will play in the evening. There will be no cost for the event. All new sixth graders through entering ninth graders are welcome. Please let Jason know if your student plans to attend.

## GATHERINGS

**Bradley Steele**, Young Adults Minister  
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**Tonight**, we will be meeting at 5 p.m. in the UCC Chapel for the Sunday night worship service, followed by a meal in MAC 504. Please bring an appetizer if you can.

On **Thursday**, July 21, we will meet at 6:30 p.m. to share a meal together. Check our Facebook group for more information.

## PRAYER LIST

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR - July 17-27

<b>JULY 17</b>	8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, Steven Moore - worship leader 5 p.m. Chapel Service, Bradley Steele - speaker, Eric Lemmons - song leader
<b>JULY 13</b>	7 p.m. - Bible Classes
<b>JULY 24</b>	8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, Eric Lemmons - worship leader 5 p.m. Chapel Service, Singing Night
<b>JULY 27</b>	7 p.m. - Bible Classes

### 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).