



July 24, 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/Call to Worship

Brent Isbell

449 *Thy Word*

Ancient Words

Family Prayer

James Thompson

153 *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down*

155 *Highest Place*

Communion

Brady Bryce

Scripture: Hebrews 4:12-16

Bread

Be Thou My Vision

Cup

Be Thou My Vision

Offering

749 *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*

Our Sword is God's Word

Brent Isbell

452 *Standing on the Promises*

Shout Hallelujah

Worship Leader

Eric Lemmons

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited in Room 101 at the close of our service to pray with elder Eddie Mahanay along with his wife, Carole.

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

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister

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Welcome to University Church! Are you are visiting? Are you are searching for a new church home? Whatever brings you our way today, we're very glad you're here! It is our prayer and aim that every guest receives a warm greeting and a strong sense of God's presence among his people. Would you do us a favor? Please take a minute to find and fill out a **guest registry card** (cards are located on the seat backs). When you're done, just drop it into the offering plate when it's passed later. That's all we ask! We invite you to come back and visit again soon. Everyone needs spiritual family, and this is a great place to call home.

Gear Up! Let's continue our summer sermon series, focusing on preparing for spiritual warfare. Each week, we have been using Paul's "armor of God" text (Ephesians 6:10-20) to help us get ready to stand strong for God against enemy forces. We're almost completely suited up, but we still have a couple of key items to get in place. Today, let's make sure to pick up our only genuine weapon or fighting piece: **Our Sword is God's Word**. Our worship leader this morning is **Eric Lemmons**.

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. We are trying to think in fresh ways about what it means to be people sent by God "into all the world." This week, our friend **Jim Clark** from the Christian Service Center will join us. Jim's topic will be **Missions and Caring for the Poor**.

Mark Your Calendars:

- **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)
- **Wildcat (Welcome) Week** (August 16-20)
- **Family Night: Back-to-School Bash** (Wednesday, Aug. 17)
- **First day of school!** (Monday, Aug. 22)

CLASS TIMES:

Sunday - 9 a.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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NURSERY FACILITIES

For your convenience, nursery facilities are available during worship in the Early Childhood Center.

ATTENDANCE:

Worship -	329	Northern Oaks -	22
Bilingual -	38	Chisholm Place -	14
Coronado -	79	Silver Springs -	N/A

OFFERING:

July 17 **\$11,669.75**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Wednesday Night: Please make plans to join us this Wednesday night, July 27 at the Nelson Splash Pad at 6:50 p.m. Be sure to bring your own snacks and drinks. See you there!

Haiti: Please keep us in your prayers as we will be traveling back from Haiti on Tuesday.

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.

"My shield is God Most High, who saves the upright in heart."

- Psalm 7:10

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight, our small group will meet at our house (2309 Homestead) at 5:30 p.m. We are having brisket sandwiches, so check Facebook to see what's left to bring. See you there!

Next week, we will meet at the **Bowmans'**. We still need someone to host on August 7 before the **Sprotts** host on August 14.

On **Thursday, Aug. 4**, we will meet together at ACU and watch the Movie on the Hill, *Jungle Book*. More details later.

Check out Facebook for more activities and info.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight, we will not have small group, but we will resume next Sunday, July 31 at our house (1451 Yeomans).

On **Thursday**, July 28, we will meet at 6:30 p.m. to share a meal together. Check our Facebook group for more information.

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.

Catherine Thomas is moving to live with her daughter near Seattle. Her new address is: 36836 Third Avenue S.W., Federal Way, WA 98023. She will keep the same phone number (325-672-3623).

A NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

As we pass the halfway mark of 2016, **we would like to express our deep appreciation** for the many ways you support the various ministries at UCC, including your financial support. While our budgeted giving was \$43,000 behind budget at June 30, 2016 (we were \$87,000 behind budget this time last year), our actual contributions less actual expenses reflect a net deficit of \$13,000, which is within a few hundred dollars of where we were this time last year. In the summer, our contribution typically decreases due to travels, while many of our expenses increase (higher utilities, youth mission trips, etc.). We want you to know UCC has been blessed with savings for times such as this, for which we are grateful to God.

In addition, you have given \$50,000 for our short term missions and \$19,000 in support of children's homes in 2016. Did you know that in 2016 over 50 UCC individuals have gone, or will go, on one of the many short term mission trips and/or youth mission trips?

In 2016, through your support, **UCC has helped 25 different families in need** of financial help (for bus passes, food, hotels, gas, home repairs, utilities, etc.). We have also been able to keep our buildings in excellent shape even after large, damaging rains over the past year or so.

You help the works in Russia, Cuba, Costa Rica, the Christian Service Center, our local prisons, Lou Seckler's Harvest Ministry, Texas International Bible Institute, children's/youth/college/young-adults ministries...the list could go on and on. However, **it could not go on and on without you.** On behalf of the UCC Elders we simply, and humbly, want to say, **"Thank You!"**

If you are presently experiencing financial difficulties please let us know...**we want to help.** You can contact one of the elders, ministry staff or go to Room 101 after the worship service.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Check Email/Social Media: Check your email and social media for up-to-date information about youth group activities.

PRAYER LIST

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - July 24-31

JULY 24	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
JULY 27	6:50 - Children's Ministry at Nelson Splash Pad 7 p.m. - Bible Classes
JULY 31	8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship, Bradley Steele - speaker, David Spratt - worship leader 5 p.m. Chapel Service, David Spratt - speaker, Gene Linder - song leader

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.