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OPERATION BLUE JEANS 2016 • AUGUST 14

July 31, 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

797 *Lord, We Come Before Thee Now*

Welcome/Family News Jason Craddock

Lord Most High

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Prayer Kris Southward

781 *Thank You, Lord*

Communion Andrew Huddleston

Scripture: Psalm 65:1-4

Bread

478 *Nearer, Still Nearer*

Cup

478 *Nearer, Still Nearer*

Offering

Video: Operation Blue Jeans

827 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Our Lifeline is Prayer Bradley Steele

Before the Throne of God Above

23 *Our God, He is Alive*

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 Paul Rotenberry and Kris Southward.

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

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
brent@uccabilene.org

Welcome to University Church! Are you are visiting? Are you are looking for a church home? Whatever brings you our way today, we're very glad you came! Please take a minute to find and fill out one of those white **guest registry cards** (they are located on the seat backs). When you're done, just drop your card into the offering plate when it's passed. We invite you to come back and visit us again soon. Everyone needs a spiritual community, and University Church is a great place to call home.

I'm taking some vacation time right now, so **Bradley Steele** will be speaking today. Bradley is our Young Adults Minister and a fine preacher. He will be continuing our summer **Gear Up!** series, using the "armor of God" in Ephesians 6 to help us stand strong for God against enemy forces. We're almost done, but not quite. There's one last component to talk about (Ephesians 6:18-20): **Our Lifeline is Prayer**. The worship leader this morning is **David Allen Sprott**.

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 **Tim Archer** will join us to talk about **Missions and Modern Movements**. Tim works with Herald of Truth and has authored the recently-released book *Church Inside Out*.

Mark Your Calendars:

- **Missions & Restoration People, Mac Ice** (August 10, 7 p.m.)
- **Operation Blue Jeans** (Sunday, Aug. 14)
- **Wildcat (Welcome) Week** (August 16-20)
- **First day of school at ACS** (Monday, Aug. 14)
- **Family Night: Back-to-School Bash** (Wednesday, Aug. 17)
- **Back-to-School Bless Service** (Sunday, Aug. 21 at 6 p.m.)
- **First day of school at AISD/ACU!** (Monday, Aug. 22)

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: July 24, 2016

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| Worship - | 316 | Northern Oaks - | N/A |
| Bilingual - | 30 | Chisholm Place - | 14 |
| Coronado - | 103 | Silver Springs - | 30 |

OFFERING:
July 24 **\$15,305.80**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Wednesday Night: Please make plans to join us this Wednesday night, Aug. 3. We will meet in the MAC at 6:50 p.m. and put together some snack bags. We will then go to Hendrick Hospital to hand these out and visit any of our members who might be in the hospital.

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.

"What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"
- **Romans 8:31**

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight, our small group will meet at the **Bowmans'** (642 Green Valley Drive). Check out Facebook for more information on what to bring.

Next week, we will meet in the MAC 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*. Check out Facebook for more details.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight, we will have small group at our house (1451 Yeomans) beginning at 5 p.m.

On **Thursday**, Aug. 4, 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**? If not, search Gatherings at UCC and find more information.

NEWS AND NOTES

St. Clair Family: "Thank you for making our mom feel like such a special part of your church family. We appreciate the food, cards and prayers during this time. We know mom is happy and pain free. She truly loved going to church here. Love and blessings to all."

Friends of Felix and Catherine Thomas are donating an electric wheelchair to UCC in case someone needs to borrow it for a period of time. If you would like to help finance this donation, call **Jill Bailey Hoebelheinrich** in the church office. Or if you need to borrow it, call the office to see if it's in use.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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MS Mission Stay Starts Tonight: Tonight at 5 p.m., our annual Middle School Mission Stay begins! We will meet at the Youth Center at 5 p.m. and then go to home of Mark and Celia Tate for a cookout, swimming, games and an opening devo. Bring your luggage, bedding and toiletries to the Youth Center, and bring or wear your swimsuit and once everybody arrives, we will take off over there together. We have a great week of service and fun planned! We have several service projects planned during the days of Monday through Wednesday and late-afternoon/evening plans for fun and craziness. We will close each evening with a devo where we talk about our theme. We will conclude on Wednesday night after our wrap-up session at 7 p.m. in the Youth Center, which will be open for all families and teens.

Wednesday Night: Come join us from 7-8 p.m. in the Youth Center on Wednesday for a time of worship and wrapping up our MS Mission Stay. Come support our MS students by seeing all that they did during their week serving their community and building relationships with each other.

REEL Faith Special Edition: On Thursday, ACU will be showing *The Jungle Book* (PG) on their front lawn and we are going to join them... for REEL Faith...kinda. We will meet at 7 p.m. in the Youth Center and talk about some of the themes in the movie and have a pre-movie Bible study discussion. Then we will walk over and get a spot on the lawn for the movie. Feel free to bring some money for the food trucks or bring something of your own. Also, bring a blanket or camp chair to sit in. Afterwards, you can be picked up next to Jacob's Dream at 11 p.m. Families are welcome to join us, and we could use the help, too.

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.

PRAYER LIST

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - July 31-August 7

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| JULY 31 | 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship, Bradley Steele - speaker, David Sprott - worship leader 5 p.m. Chapel Service, Jeff Arrington - speaker, Eric Lemmons - song leader |
| AUGUST 3 | 6:50 - Children's Ministry meet in MAC 7 p.m. - Bible Classes |
| AUGUST 7 | 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, Mark Tate - worship leader 5 p.m. Chapel Service, David Sprott - 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.