



MISSION: **POSSIBLE**

OPERATION BLUE JEANS 2016 • AUGUST 14

August 7, 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 Brent Isbell

278 *Victory Chant*

469 *Faith is the Victory*

Congregational Prayer Steve Austin

193 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Communion Walt Worgull

Scripture: Revelation 19:11-16

Bread

337 *Hallelujah! What a Savior*

Cup

337 *Hallelujah! What a Savior*

Offering

749 *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*

The Fight Belongs to the Lord Brent Isbell

Salvation Belongs to the Lord

755 *God Be with You*

Worship Leader Mark Tate

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 James Thompson and Mark Tate.

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 today? Are you looking for a church home? 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. Please come back and visit us again soon. Get to know us. University is a great place to call home!

Gear Up! All summer, we have focused on preparing for spiritual warfare, using Paul's "armor of God" in Ephesians 6 to help us get ready to stand strong. Today, let's go to 1 Samuel 17 for one last equipment check and share some final thoughts about this battle we face: **The Fight Belongs to the Lord**. Our worship leader is **Mark Tate**.

Next week is Operation Blue Jeans. Don't forget to wear your denim duds to church Sunday morning! OBJ Sunday is when we collect a special second offering to help our partners at the **Christian Service Center** provide new school clothes and supplies for hundreds of children and their families in Abilene. OBJ is an historic and vital ministry for UCC and our community. Many depend on us, so please be as generous as possible for boys and girls in our city. **Walt Worgull** will be telling us more about OBJ during our offering time today.

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

This week, we conclude our **Wednesday summer series** in the Family Room at 7 p.m. On this final week, our own **Mac Ice** will join us to talk about **Missions and Restoration People**.

Mark Your Calendars:

- **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 Cookout** (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)

Finally, today marks the end of seven years for the Isbell family being at UCC. Thank you. I wake up every morning proud to be your friend and preacher. We look forward to year eight. Peace to your house.

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 -	317	Northern Oaks -	21
Bilingual -	45	Chisholm Place -	14
Coronado -	84	Silver Springs -	38

OFFERING:

July 31 **\$15,522.03**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Worship: We start back this morning with our time of worship for children three years old through those entering kindergarten. Our schedule will be a little different while we make some changes for fall. If you would like to volunteer to help, we can always use extra smiles, laps, song leaders and storytellers. Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer.

Wednesday Night: This next Wednesday night will conclude our D6 summer together. Please make plans to enjoy a family potluck, volleyball and a time of sharing about family devotion ideas this Wednesday in the MAC from 6-8 p.m.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight, our small group will meet in the **MAC** beginning at 5 p.m. Check out Facebook for more information on what to bring.

Next week, we will meet at the **Sprotts'** before joining the **Back to School Blessing** at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 21 in the Family Room.

Sign up to host small group: We will begin the fall schedule of small groups on Sunday, Aug. 28. Sign up online or let **Joey** or **David Allen** know if you are willing to host (either at your house or the church building or elsewhere).

NEWS AND NOTES

Jim Clark, Christian Service Center: "This week, the UCC youth group helped us tremendously at the Service Center in organizing our warehouse. They were a whirlwind of energy and such great kids. I also appreciate Jason and Brittany in their leadership. All of you helped us more effectively show low-income folks the love of Jesus. Christ shines in you!"

From John, Angela and James Estes: We want to express our appreciation to our UCC family for the love and support bestowed upon us during the past months. We have returned from a successful Zambia Medical Mission, serving 13,606 patients and baptizing over 160 people. We appreciate your prayers and support as we strive to serve the precious people in Zambia. Thanks you also for the cards, prayers and love shown to our family during the illness and passing of Angela's sister, **Sue Clovis Conaway**. Some times there are no words, just tears and the hope of eternal life, which sustains us in times like these. Because of our loving church family, this burden has been easier to bear. Thanks to those who have visited Angela's mother, **Evie Clovis**, who has moved from St. Marys, W.Va. to Chisholm Place. She appreciates your love and support also. Please continue to pray for our family, especially Sue's husband, **Randy** and their children.

Church Softball Team: We are trying to put together a co-ed or men's softball team to play in the Church League of the Abilene Slowpitch Softball Association on Monday nights starting in September. If you are interested, there are sign-up forms at the Welcome Center. Return them to the church office.

Agnes Stone is celebrating another birthday and will be 102 on Tuesday, August 9. Birthday greetings can be sent to 3202 S. Willis #403, Abilene, TX 79605.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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MS Mission Stay T-Shirts: T-Shirts will be available this morning. If you have not gotten yours yet, please see **Brittney**.

Free Time Tonight: The Youth Center will be open for free time from 6-8 p.m. We will have drinks, but no food will be served. So, eat before you come or bring something with you.

Wednesday Night: Come join us from 7-8 p.m. in the Youth Center on Wednesday for a time of worship, fun and Bible study. Do you tweet? Do you snap? Do you do social media or just stalk others on there? Let's talk about it!

Summer Recap and Intern Appreciation: On Sunday, Aug. 21, before the Back-to-School Blessing, we will take some time to recap our summer and thank **Brittney** for all of her work. Our meeting time will be from 4-6 p.m.

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. for dinner and fellowship. The main dish will be provided. Please check our Facebook group to sign up to bring a side.

On **Thursday**, Aug. 11, 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 - August 7-14

- 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, Joey Roberts - song leader
- AUGUST 10** 7 p.m. - Bible Classes
- AUGUST 14** 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
No 5 p.m. Chapel Service

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.