



# MISSION: POSSIBLE

OPERATION BLUE JEANS 2016 • AUGUST 14

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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

867 *To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way*

Welcome and Family News Bradley Steele  
Prayer for Neighbors and Family

Shout Hallelujah

We Fall Down

Communion Jim Clark

Scripture: John 13:3-15

Bread

383 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Cup

382 *Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?*

Offering

Operation Blue Jeans Special Collection

Kids Corner

Said I Wasn't

For the Least of These Brent Isbell

934 *Softly and Tenderly*

145 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Worship Leader Steven Moore

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited to pray with elders Jeff Arrington and Gustavo Villanueva in Room 101 at the close of our service.

Our Sunday morning service is broadcast live at [www.uccabilene.org](http://www.uccabilene.org).

## REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister  
[brent@uccabilene.org](mailto:brent@uccabilene.org)

**Welcome to University Church!** Are you are visiting today? Are you are looking for a church home? We're very glad you came! If it's convenient, we ask you to take a moment to fill out one of those white **guest registry cards** (they are located on the seat backs). Then, simply 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!

**Today is Operation Blue Jeans Sunday.** Look around and notice all the denim duds folks are wearing! Blue Jeans Sunday is something we do every August. We set aside a day to 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. Blue Jeans Sunday is an historic and vital ministry for UCC and our community. Many depend on our generosity, so please do all you can or boys and girls in our city. **Jim Clark** from CSC will be leading our communion and offerings today. Our worship leader is **Steven Moore**.

**Exiled: Living in God's Alien Nation.** Next week, we will begin a new fall sermon series based on 1 Peter. Start reading this short but powerful little New Testament letter. What does it mean to live as "strange" people in a hostile and challenging culture?

**Wednesday is our Back-to-School Cookout.** It's ACU Wildcat Week, and we are planning to fire up the grill and invite all of our neighbors here on the Hill to join us for **hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings!** We will start at 6 p.m. in the MAC and go until 8 p.m. Bring pencils, glue sticks and crayons to help our adopted school, Taylor Elementary. Bring paper towels and baby wipes to help our friends at Rainbow Bible School. This is a great opportunity to bring friends, co-workers, people who live on your street, even strangers, anyone who enjoys food and fellowship. It's also a great chance to help our community. We are preparing for a big crowd.

**Back-to-School Bless!** Next Sunday evening, **August 21** (following our regularly-scheduled 5 p.m. chapel service) we will host a special service **to bless all our students and educators.** It will be in the **Family Room at 6 p.m.** We will share communion. Several of our brothers and sisters will read Scripture and pray over our coming school year, which for many will begin the next morning. We did this last year, and it was wonderful. Everyone is welcome to join us!

### 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 - 342  
Bilingual - 36  
Coronado - 76

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Northern Oaks - 21  
Chisholm Place - 21  
Silver Spring - 29

### OFFERING:

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## NEWS AND NOTES

Former member **Pat Agnew** has been ill and is now in skilled nursery. He is in Stonemere Rehabilitation Center, 11855 Lebanon Road, Frisco, TX, 75035. If you can, please send him a card, he and his family would appreciate it.

University Church is trying to put together a **co-ed or men's softball team** to play in the Church League of the Abilene Slowpitch Softball Association. Games will be on Monday nights starting either the second or third week of September. If you are interested, there are sign-up forms at the Welcome Center. Please fill out the form and return them to the church office or email the information **Bradley Steele** at his email: [bradley@uccabilene.org](mailto:bradley@uccabilene.org). If you have any questions, please see Bradley.

**Church Community Builder Class:** Want to learn about the new church database called **Church Community Builder**? It's an interactive software package that is accessible from your computer, tablet or smart phone. So bring those items to Room 201 at 6 p.m. or at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, for a 45-minute hands-on training session where we will try to answer your questions and help you out with the basics.

**Harris Family:** "Thank you so much for the lovely ivy plant for Noble. He was sad when he could no longer attend your services, but very pleased when you brought the service to him at Chisholm Place. We appreciate what a great church family you have been to us through the years, and all your calls, cards, visits and encouragement."

**Foster's Home for Children:** "Thanks for your special investment. One of the fundamental lessons we teach children is to be thankful. That is a timeless lesson, whether one is seven or seventy years old. Our children are grateful for the sacrificial gifts you make on their behalf."

**Cherokee Home for Children:** "The support that you provide for the good of His children is changing lives. We at Cherokee Home for Children are blessed by the ability to see, first hand, the impact that is being had in the lives of the youth we serve. Two of our young men who have become Christians while at the Home have now expressed an interest in preaching. We are excited about the possibilities God has in store. Your gift is great appreciated."

## CLASS ON MEDIA MESSAGES AND CHILDREN

Dr. Jennifer Shewmaker will join us this morning and next Sunday, Aug. 21 during Bible Class in the Family Room to teach a combined class based on her book *Sexualized Media Messages and Our Children*.

Dr. Shewmaker, a psychology professor at ACU, takes a look at the consumption of sexualized media messages by children while teaching parents, teachers and professionals how to lessen the influence of said messages. Join us in the Family Room for this important topic.



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

This Wednesday, Aug. 17, we will host our annual Back-to-School Bash. We are asking all of our members to be there at 6 p.m. Our neighborhood guests have been invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. that way we have plenty of our members in the MAC to meet, greet and interact with any guests who might come to join us.

We are asking everyone to donate school supplies. For our friends at our adopted school (Taylor Elementary), you can bring crayons, pencils or glue sticks. For our friends at Rainbow Bible School, you can bring paper towels or baby wipes. Let's bless these two schools with our donations as both are starting a new school year. Make plans to join us and enjoy the hamburgers, hot dogs and fellowship!



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING - NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, Aug. 21, we will have our special Back-to-School Blessing service in the Family Room at 6 p.m.

In this special service, we will share communion and several of our brothers and sisters will read Scripture and pray over our coming school year, which for many will begin the next day. And for some, has already started. We invite all families, teachers and anyone else who wants to be a part of this special service as we bring the new school year to the feet of our God.



## TRANSITIONS

### *a ministry of 20s and 30s*

**Joey Roberts**, Communications Minister  
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**Tonight**, we will meet at the Sprotts' house (834 Elmwood Drive). Check out Facebook for food needs.

**Want to host small group?** Starting Sunday, Aug. 28, we have a clear slate for the fall hosting schedule. Go online and sign up, or tell **David Allen Sprott** or myself and we'll get you plugged in. If you want to host but don't think you can do so at your house...no problem. We can schedule something at the building, so don't let that hold you back from hosting. Our time of fellowship is always great and uplifting, so plan to join us this semester!

On **Sunday, Aug. 21**, we will join the Back-to-School Blessing in the Family Room at 6 p.m. Afterwards, we'll go as a group to Rosas and eat and fellowship together.

**Check out Facebook** to keep up with the latest on small group, women's lunch, men's lunch and other Transitions activities throughout the week.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**No Activity Tonight:** Because it's Fellowship Sunday, we will not have an activity tonight.

**Back-to-School Neighborhood Event:** Come join us on Wednesday night from 6-8 p.m. to share some food and meet some of our neighbors who you might go to school with.

**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 be meeting for small group at the **Steeles'** house (1451 Yeomans) 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.

**Wednesday** we'll be meeting at 6 p.m. in the MAC for the annual Back-to-School Bash.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Kyle Bowen**, Campus Ministry  
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We would like to extend a **warm welcome** to all our college students, especially any guests who are here with us today. If you are a college freshman, we extend a special welcome to you today! We hope and pray you are able to grow closer to Jesus during your time here in Abilene, and we hope we are a part of that growth.

**Sunday Bible Class:** Our Sunday morning class meets at 9 a.m. in MAC 503.

**Dwelling Place:** Dwelling Place is a time of fellowship, singing and discussion and meets on Sunday evening at 6 p.m. in MAC 503. However, we will not be meeting tonight, but we will resume next Sunday, Aug. 21.

**Community Groups:** Our community groups meet at various times during the week. Once the semester kicks off, we will let everyone know when and where these groups will get together.

**Coffee or Lunch:** If anyone would like to meet or have coffee with me, call or text met at 530-615-8188.

## WELCOME

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister  
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**Wednesday Night:** Please make plans to join us in the MAC for our last family night of the summer.

**Teachers:** We still need a few teachers on Wednesday night in the preschool and elementary area and a teacher on Sunday mornings in preschool. If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please contact **Jennifer** for more information.

**Classroom Volunteers:** An extra set of hands, lap and a listening ear is very helpful to our teachers in Bible class. If you would be willing to sit in a few weeks and help out, please call the church office.

*"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."*

- Ephesians 4:31-32

## STAY CONNECTED

University members and friends can now stay connected with UCC via Facebook and Twitter. Like the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/UCCAbilene](http://www.facebook.com/UCCAbilene), follow the UCC Twitter feed at [www.twitter.com/UCCAbilene](http://www.twitter.com/UCCAbilene) and also follow us on Instagram @UCCAbilene. You can also follow the UCC Campus Ministry, UCC Children's Ministry, UCC Gatherings and UCC Transitions and UCC Youth Ministry on all these platforms as well.

## UCC FAMILY LIBRARY

The **UCC Family Library** has a wide selection of reading materials and videos for all ages that are available to check out. The UCC Family Library is open on Sunday mornings from 8:45-10 a.m. and Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:15 p.m.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Aug. 9-Sept. 2

- AUG. 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  
Operation Blue Jean Sunday  
Fellowship Sunday  
NO 5 p.m. Chapel Service
- AUG. 17** 6-8 p.m. - Back To School Cookout, MAC
- AUG. 21** 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 - James Thompson - speaker, Brandon DeLano - song leader
- AUG. 24** 7 p.m. - Bible Classes
- AUG. 28** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC  
9 a.m. - Bible Classes  
10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, David Allen Sprott - worship leader  
5 p.m. Chapel Service - Singing Night
- AUG. 31** 7 p.m. - Bible Classes
- SEPT. 4** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC  
9 a.m. - Bible Classes  
10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, David Allen Sprott - worship leader  
5 p.m. Chapel Service - Brent Isbell - speaker, Brandon DeLano - song leader

## 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](mailto:joey@uccabilene.org).