



Exiled

LIVING IN GOD'S ALIEN NATION

Sept. 18, 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.

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810 *Listen to Our Hearts*

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Video Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9-12

Keegan Copher, Carole Mahanay,
Derek Bowman, Dylan Worgull

Alien Nation Brent Isbell

We Declare That the Kingdom of God is Here

Shout to the North

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 some of our elders.

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

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
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Welcome to UCC! If you are visiting with us today, thank you! Some of us may be in Abilene to take in **ACU Summit**, which kicks off tonight. Please do us a quick favor by filling out one of those **guest registry cards** (white cards found on the seat backs). Use those cards to ask for prayers, place membership or communicate anything you need. Then simply drop your card into the offering plate when it's passed. Please come back soon. We'd be happy to welcome you into the UCC family!

Exiled. This fall, we are sharing a sermon series called *Exiled: Living in God's Alien Nation*, working our way through **1 Peter** as a resource. This week, we come to a key set of verses in chapter two. If we are aliens and outsiders in our society, how on earth do we make a difference? How do people who hold little power or influence reach out to neighbors who operate with very different values and morals? Do we try to get laws changed to go our way? Overthrow the powers-that-be? Just pray? Give in? You might be surprised at what Peter recommends! Today's sermon: **Alien Nation** (2:9-12). Our worship leader this morning is **Eric Lemmons**.

Summit Schedule. There will be no 5 p.m. chapel tonight due to ACU Summit. We encourage everyone to participate in as many of the Summit offerings as possible. Tonight's opening speaker is **Jerry Taylor**.

The Kingdom and the Powers: Politics and the People of God. This week, we will conclude our Wednesday night series in the Family Room at 7 p.m. **Mac Ice** will teach one last extra session on the relationship between politics and Restoration history. ACU Summit ends mid-day Wednesday, so we will have a full mid-week menu here at UCC, minus Wednesday Night Supper, which will resume next week.

Wednesday Praise! On **Wednesday, Sept. 28**, we are inviting all our UCC members from youth group up to join us in the Family Room to learn some new songs and simply enjoy singing together. Our worship leaders will be our primary hosts. Come sing with us!

Next Sunday, Sept. 25, UCC will have some special guests! At 9 a.m., we will host a combined adult class in the auditorium taught by **Tony Fernandez** from Cuba (translation by **Tim Archer**). Then, in the next hour, **Igor Egirev** from Russia will preach in our worship assembly. Don't miss this big day! Both these UCC mission partners are great men with great reports to bring us about what God is doing in their home countries.

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 - 458
Bilingual - 52
Coronado - 65

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Northern Oaks - 14
Chisholm Place - 18
Silver Springs - 29

OFFERING:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Nursery Information: Beginning next Sunday, a new nursery brochure will be available for parents of children three and under. Please be sure and pick one up from your child's Bible class teacher, or as you leave today you can pick one up from the Welcome Center. There is a slight change in the drop-off and pick-up procedure to ensure the safety of your child while they are in our care. Also, we love for you to visit after church, but please be considerate of our nursery volunteers and pick up your child first. If you have any questions or concerns about the new policies or brochure, please contact Jennifer Welch, and she will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Game Night: Our families and the Bible class of Gene Linder and Don Faver are invited to bring their favorite games and snack foods on Saturday, Sept. 24. We will gather in the family room from 5-7 p.m. for snacks, games and fellowship. Please make plans to join us.

Mr. Gatti's Pizza Fun: Children third through fifth grade are invited to meet Tuesday evening, Sept. 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Room. We will leave for Mr. Gatti's to enjoy pizza, fellowship and a few games. Parents can pick up at 7:30 p.m. at the Family Room. Each child will need to bring \$7 for their food and extra money if they would like to play games.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight, our small group will meet at the Williams' house (6350 Summerhill Road) at 5 p.m. Check Facebook to see what's needed.

Next week, we will meet at the **Roberts'** house. We'll meet at the **Sprotts'** the following Sunday.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Ministry leader
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Welcome: Good morning, college students. We welcome any visitors here today.

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

Dwelling Place: On Sundays, we meet at 6 p.m. in MAC 503. The Dwelling Place is a time of fellowship, singing and discussion.

Community Groups: Our Community Groups meet Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at Judy Siburt's house (1657 Newcastle) and on Thursday night at 9 p.m. at the Arringtons' house (2601 Garfield).

NEWS AND NOTES

Wednesday Night Supper will NOT serve this week but will return next Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Peggy Marler: "Thank you to Lyndel, Barry and Ron for their quick efficient aid when I fell in the church parking lot Sunday. I have a broken nose, raccoon-looking eyes and many bumps and bruises, but I am on the comeback. Thank you to those who came by the ER and to those who made phone calls checking on us. God is good, and so are the members of UCC."

Harry Rowands: "I received flowers due to my procedure. We appreciate your thoughtfulness."

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Reel Faith Tonight: Let's watch a movie! *Captain America: Civil War* came out this past Tuesday, and since it is timely and has some good messages about standing firm in the face of opposition and how (or how not) to handle conflict, we thought we would make it a fun Reel Faith night! Since there will not be any activities at the building, we will start the movie at 5 p.m. and finish at 8 p.m. in the Youth Center Theater. We will have snacks, popcorn and drinks but will not serve dinner, so you may want to bring your own. Invite a friend and come join us.

Wednesday Nights through September: Continuing this Wednesday through Wednesday, Oct. 5, we will have separate Huddles for all guys and girls. We will start off in the Youth Center for both groups. We will have a chance to grow closer together, pray over each other, and talk about issues that relate especially to guys and girls. Let's make this a chance to get plugged in and a time when we can all bring our friends to be a part of this with us. If we like how it's all going, we might even keep this setup longer.

The Girls Study is being led by **Carla Copher-Robinson, Laura Ice** and **Karla Craddock**. The girls are working through a study called *Wild About You* authored by Angela Thomas. The study helps teen girls to learn how God views them as unique, beautiful girls who he pursues passionately because he loves them deeply. This is a great opportunity for our girls to grow closer together as they spend time studying and discussing God's purpose and love for them.

The Guys Study is being led by **Jason Craddock** and **Rusty Towell**. The guys are working through a series of video shorts called *Killing Lions* by John Eldredge and his son, Sam Eldridge. The series features John Eldredge and his sons as they go on an adventure into the deserts outside Moab, Utah. We are hoping this series will open up conversations and adventurous spirits in our teen guys

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. See Facebook to sign up to bring food.

On **Wednesday**, we will be meeting at 7 p.m. for coffee, dessert and Bible Study in MAC 504.

On **October 28-30**, Gatherings will be going on a weekend retreat to Glen Rose. Go with us!

Have you joined the Gatherings' **Facebook Group**? If not, search Gatherings at UCC and find more information.

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.