



Dec. 4, 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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Let Us Worship the Father

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Christmas Road Trip: Jerusalem Brent Isbell

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Shout Hallelujah

Worship Leader Steven Moore

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
brent@uccabilene.org

Welcome to UCC! If you are visiting today, we certainly hope you find a warm, friendly sense of hospitality here. Please do us a favor: Take a minute to fill out a **Connections Card** (white cards on the seat backs). You may use these cards to provide contact information, request prayers or tell us you want to be a UCC member. Then drop your Connections Card in the offering plate. **You can also do this online at uccabilene.org/card.** If you need a new church home, we invite you to come back again very soon!

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Last week, we began a short series called **Christmas Road Trip**. Each week, we are looking at the amazing story of God's entering a broken world through Jesus, and we are doing this by thinking about travel. The first Christmas was all about travel—Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem, then to Egypt, then back to Nazareth. The wise men came from the East. Angels came from heaven above. Even the shepherds went looking for the newborn Messiah. God's Incarnation in his Son Jesus Christ is a long road trip through history, and we will be thinking about some of these amazing road stops each Sunday. Welcome to the journey! Today we travel to the Temple and back with a priest named Zechariah: **Road to Jerusalem**. Our worship leader today is **Steven Moore**.

This Wednesday night, we will finish up our Family Room series with **Tom Milholland**. Life is about relationships, and Tom has been doing a great job helping us think about how we create and maintain healthy relationships with God, self and others. This week: **Relationship with Our Neighbors**. Come at 7 p.m. and join us for this rich study!

Calendar Notes:

- **Have a Holly, Jolly Christmas Party** (December 11, 5 p.m. in the MAC)
 - A-R last names bring salads, vegetables
 - S-Z last names bring desserts
- **John Ortberg Videos: Who is This Man?** (Family Room, 7 p.m.)
 - December 14, 21, 28 and January 4
- **UCC Office Closed** (Dec. 23, 26; Jan. 2)
- **No 9 a.m. classes/10 a.m. worship only** (December 25)
- **No 9 a.m. classes/10 a.m. worship only** (January 1)

FEED THE HUNGRY

Thank you to University Church for its continued generosity toward the Christian Service Center and Feed the Hungry. Because of you, the CSC can continue to assist the poor in Abilene. God blessed the CSC with more than 90 bags of groceries and over \$8,700 through this year's Feed the Hungry campaign. If you haven't had the chance to give, you can still drop a check in the collection plate, or bring it to the church office. Just earmark the check "Feed the Hungry." Thank you again for your generosity!

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:	November 27, 2016
Worship - 356	Northern Oaks - 29
Bilingual - 72	Chisholm Place - 14
Coronado - 79	Silver Springs - 39

OFFERING:
November 27 \$11,824.37

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Church Helpers: Darby I., Lorena Z., Gerry L., Chris R. and Bridgette W.

Holiday Shopping Night: Parents enjoyed a night out Friday night, and we enjoyed Christmas games and pizza. We had a full house and we want to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the youth who made this night possible. You did a great job helping and playing with the kids.

Christmas Fun: This Tuesday, Dec. 6, children in first and second grade are invited to come to the Family Room from 5:30-7:15 p.m. Please plan to bring your supper in a sack, and we will enjoy dinner together and a fun Christmas project. We will leave the Family Room for our Christmas project and return by 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday Night Caroling: On Wednesday night, Dec. 7, our children kindergarten through fifth grade will go caroling. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend and enjoy this special time. We will divide up and go to some homes where I have made arrangements to visit. If your child needs to be in a car seat, please plan to drive them in your vehicle.

Christmas Fun: Children third grade through fifth grade are invited to come Tuesday evening, Dec. 12 from 5:30 to 7:30. Please plan to bring your supper in a sack, and we will enjoy dinner together and shall I say a little "elf magic."

Silver Spring Visit: Next Sunday, Dec. 11, children first through fifth grade will go to Silver Spring to sing and worship. We will load the UCC bus at 10 a.m. and return to the building by 11:15 a.m.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Small groups return tonight with the green group going to the Huddlestons' (858 Avenue F), and the maroon group will meet at the Bowmans' house (642 Green Valley Drive).

Caroling: Join the children's ministry for caroling the next couple of Wednesdays. See above.

Christmas Party: The UCC Christmas Party will be the next Sunday, Dec. 11.

Check out **Facebook** for more activities and info. like men's lunches, women's lunches, Bible class information and more.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Ministry leader
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Christmas Party: Tonight, we will have our Christmas party at the Arringtons' house (2601 Garfield), and then we will go to the Vespers Christmas concert. Meet at MAC 503 at 5 p.m. to carpool.

Community Groups: We won't have Community Groups this week because of finals.

Coffee: Want to have coffee with me? Call me at 530-615-8188.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Devo, Dinner and Games Tonight: Tonight, from 5-7:30 p.m., we will have a devo together before having Mexican Stack for dinner and some free time. Invite a friend to join us.

North Pole Picture Show on Friday: Friday, Dec. 9, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., UCC will be hosting a showing of *Home Alone* (edited for content) as part of our annual **North Pole Picture Show** series. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend, so that we can support our outreach to our neighbors. We will even have a little "REEL Faith-ification" (a new word I just made up) at the end as we encourage our families during the holiday season. Jennifer and Jason could certainly use some help keeping popcorn and drinks replenished. If you can help, please let Jason know.

Wednesday Night: We will resume our separate Huddles for all guys and girls, starting off in the Youth Center for both groups. These studies have given us a chance to grow closer, pray over each other and talk about issues that relate specifically to guys and girls. So take this opportunity to get plugged in and make it a time that we can all bring our friends.

Six Flags Holiday in the Park: The response to our Holiday in the Park survey was quite positive. So, we are making official plans to go on Saturday, Dec. 17 for all youth ministry students and families. The cost will be \$30 per ticket. We will take UCC vans and/or bus, but you may choose to drive your own car as well. I will need payment for your teen, family and friends by **NEXT SUNDAY, Dec. 10** so we can get all the transportation lined up and buy tickets. I am excited about this trip, so please let me know who plans to attend.

Christmas Event Schedules: Christmas concert season is upon us! The Craddocks (and maybe others) love coming to see Christmas concerts, whether for band, ballet, orchestra or choir, so please let us know when your event is, and we will try our hardest to be there.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight, we will not have small group.

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

NEWS AND NOTES

A diaper shower for **Marnie Fangio** will be hosted this afternoon from 2:30-4 p.m. at the home of **David Allen and Jenna Sprott** (834 Elmwood Drive). The Fangios are having a boy.

Congratulations to **Freddy and Jami Islas** who had a baby boy last Tuesday. He weighed 10 pounds, one ounce and all are doing well.

Tonight's **5 p.m. Chapel Service** will feature **Brent Isbell** as the speaker and **David Allen Sprott** as the song leader.

The **Quilting Ministry** will meet tomorrow morning, Dec. 5 at 9 a.m. in Room 208.

PRAYER LIST

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, Dec. 4

9 a.m. - Bible Class
10 a.m. - Worship
2:30 p.m. - Diaper Shower
5 p.m. - Chapel Service

Monday, Dec. 5

9 a.m. - Quilting Ministry

Tuesday, Dec. 6

5:30 p.m. - 1st/2nd Fun

Wednesday, Dec. 7

7 p.m. - Bible Classes
7 p.m. - Caroling

Submit your bulletin items to Joey Roberts before noon on Wednesday.