



2017
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jan. 1, 2017

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

66 *Doxology*

Welcome/Family News Joey Roberts
Call to Worship

Let Us Worship the Father

Shout Hallelujah

Prayer for Past Blessings Mark Hamilton

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How Deep the Father's Love For Us

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383 *Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross*

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Children' Church

860 *There is A Habitation*

The Kingdom is Here Bradley Steele

916 *What A Day That Will Be*

23 *Our God, He is Alive*

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 an elder.

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

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
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Happy New Year! Welcome to University Church on this first day of a brand-new 2017. Maybe you are with us while visiting family or just passing through Abilene today. Whatever the circumstances, we hope you find a warm greeting and leave with a blessing. Do us a favor: Fill out one of the **Connections Cards** (white cards on the seat backs). You can use your card to provide contact information, request prayers or even tell us you want to be a UCC member! Then simply drop your Connections Card in the offering plate later. Or do this online at uccabilene.org/card. If you need a new church home, we invite you to come back again very soon. We'd love to have you with us!

Bradley Steele is preaching this morning. As most of you know by now, Bradley is our Young Adults Minister at present and will transition into a full-time Associate Minister role here after he graduates from ACU in May. We are very excited about sharing the future with Bradley and Becca Steele! Our worship leader today is **Mark Tate**. Next week we resume normal schedules and kick off a new sermon series in the **Gospel of Luke**. Our adult Bible classes will also start a new curriculum next Sunday based in Jesus' **Sermon on the Mount**.

This Wednesday, we will conclude our Family Room video series called **Who is This Man?** This week is the final installment-**Three Days That Changed the World**. Join us at 7 p.m. Next Wednesday-Jan. 11-Wendell Willis will start a three-week class in the Family Room on **The Church as Sacrament**. In MAC 501, *Conversations* class begins three weeks on **Understanding Islam** with **Kelli Bryant Gibson** from ACU

UCC New Year's Prayer: *God of goodness, we come before you as a community of believers, women and men, old and young, different in so many ways. We all want to know and practice your will. Forgive us our sins. Forgive us for the times we've failed you and the world around us. In 2017, lead us to new places, far and near. Show us people to serve. Like your Son, send us to places of danger and opportunity. Help us find you at work in our own backyard and join you, offering hospitality to others. May strangers become friends. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Calendar Notes:

- **UCC Office Closed** (Monday, Jan. 2)
- **UCC Office Closed** (Monday, Jan 16 - MLK, Jr. Day)

CLASS TIMES:

Sunday - 9 a.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.

NURSERY FACILITIES

For your convenience, nursery facilities are available during worship in the Early Childhood Center.

ATTENDANCE:

Worship - 386	December 25, 2016
Bilingual - 31	Northern Oaks - 25
Coronado - 52	Chisholm Place - 14
	Silver Springs - 56

OFFERING:

December 25 \$35,443.63

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Children's Church Helpers: Carla C., Keaton Copher, Bridgette W., Ella I.

The Giving Tree: The Giving Tree will remain in the foyer of the portico until Sunday, Jan. 22. Please feel free to add gloves and scarves, or take some gloves and scarves to bless someone on a cold day. The individuals who have received an item from the Giving Tree have been very appreciative. Thank you for making it possible.

"I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High."

- Psalm 7:7

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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We will not have **small group** this week. Enjoy the holiday with your family! We will return to our regularly scheduled small groups next Sunday, Jan. 8.

Conversations Class: We will not have Conversations Class this week. Join the video series in the Family Room at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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

NEWS AND NOTES

Church Office: Please note the church office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 2. The office will resume regular hours on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Service Opportunity: Fifty students from Harding University will be here for a Christian College choral clinic on January 6-7. Please consider keeping two, three or four students on Friday and Saturday night. You will pick students up each night at 9 p.m., feed them breakfast the next morning and then return them to campus. Please email or call Liz Rotenberry (669-9115 or rotenberryl@acu.edu) to let her know how many students you can bless.

You are invited to a baby shower honoring **Jennifer Hoskins** on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 3 p.m. at the home of Karen Southward (1941 Green Ridge Court). The Hoskins are expecting a boy. Selections are at Target and Walmart, or you can give Amazon gift cards.

Willa B. Patterson has moved to Wisteria Nursing Care, Room 325. The family has asked for prayers for her and the entire family.

Royce and Pam Money: "Thank you all for the prayers and flowers during Royce's stay at the hospital. He is pain free and recovering fast. We are grateful for your care and concern. Blessings at this holiday season."

Charlie and Peggy Marler: "The Marlers send their thanks to UCC for the Christmas motif tumblers."

Card Ministry: Don't forget you can pick up cards in the Welcome Center and send some love.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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No Activity Today: We will be pausing our Sunday night activities during the holidays and will resume on January 8.

No Wednesday Night: We will also be pausing our Wednesday night small groups until January 4, when we will meet as a combined group in the Youth Center.

Winterfest - January 13-15: This will be our fifth year to attend Winterfest, which has become one of our most attended activities. Winterfest is a *huge* youth conference that happens in January each year, with *thousands* of teens attending. We will leave on Friday afternoon (1/13) and drive straight to the convention center. We will stay in a hotel on Friday and Saturday night. The cost of the conference, which includes transportation, hotel and conference registration is only \$50, so save your Christmas money. The deadline for payment is *this Wednesday, Jan. 4* (hard deadline). Paperwork is available on the desk in the Youth Center.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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We will not be meeting tonight for small group. **Small Group** will resume on January 8, and **Wednesday Night Bible Study** will resume this Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Check out our **Facebook** page (search *UCC Gatherings*) for more events and info.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Ministry leader
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Happy New Year! We welcome any college students here today.

Limited Schedule: Because of Christmas break, we will be on a limited schedule. We will resume on Sunday, Jan. 8 in MAC 503.

FAMILY LIBRARY

The **UCC Family Library** has a wide selection of reading materials and videos for all ages. 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.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Coming Soon: Watch for information about a UCC Directory update. We won't be using Lifetouch, but we will still take pictures and need your updated family information. More info will come in the next two weeks.

STAY CONNECTED

University members and friends can **stay connected** with UCC via Facebook and Twitter. Like the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/UCCAbilene, follow the UCC Twitter feed at 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 as well as the UCC Youth Ministry on all these platforms as well.

PRAYER LIST

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, Jan. 1
10 a.m. - Worship

Wednesday, Jan. 4
7 p.m. - Bible Classes

Sunday, Jan. 8
8:45 a.m. - Donuts/Coffee
9 a.m. - Bible Class
10 a.m. - Worship
5 p.m. - Chapel Service

Wednesday, Dec. 21
7 p.m. - Bible Classes

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