



Jan. 8, 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

8 *Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing*

66 *Doxology*

Welcome/Family News Brady Bryce
Prayer for Our Family and World

810 *Listen to Our Hearts*

Come to the Table

Communion Ron Smith
Scripture: Luke 5:27-32
Bread
922 *Jesus Paid it All*
Cup
922 *Jesus Paid it All*
Offering

Children's Church

Lord, Reign in Me

He Sits in Strange Places Brent Isbell

All Things Are Ready

1009 *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

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 an elder.

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

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
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Welcome! If you are visiting University Church today, thank you for being our guest! We hope you discover a warm and friendly spirit among God's people here. Please do us a small favor: Fill out one of the **Connections Cards** (white cards on the seat backs). You can use your card to provide information, request prayers, or even let us know you want to be a UCC member. Then simply 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 hope you will come back again very soon. We'd love to have you become part of our family here!

Today is about starting new things! After the holidays, we resume our usual schedule today and kick off a new sermon series called **A Place for Everyone: Eating with Jesus in Luke**. Jesus does a lot of eating and attending dinner parties in Luke's Gospel. We will use the period between now and Easter to think about table fellowship and what it means to "break bread" with the Lord, with each other, and with our world. Today is our introduction: **He Sits in Strange Places**. Our worship leader this morning is **Eric Lemmons**.

Also, our adult Bible classes are beginning a new curriculum set today based in Jesus' **Sermon on the Mount**. Big thanks to all our teachers and class coordinators for your faithfulness. Special thanks to our Adult Teaching Committee for building this series. Our writers were **Mac Ice**, **Sandra Milholland** and **Chris Willerton**.

This Wednesday, we start a three-week class on **The Church as Sacrament**. Our teacher is **Wendell Willis**. Join us at 7 p.m. in the Family Room.

Conversations class also begins a three-week set this Wednesday on **Understanding Islam** with **Kelli Bryant Gibson** from ACU. Join us at 7 p.m. in MAC 501.

Calendar Notes:

- **Youth Winterfest in Arlington** (January 13-15)
- **UCC Office Closed** (Monday, Jan 16 - MLK, Jr. Day)
- **ACU classes resume** (Tuesday, Jan. 17)
- **Wednesday Night Suppers resume** (Wednesday, Jan. 18)
- **Wednesday Praise!** (Wednesday, Feb. 1)

WELCOME

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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:	January 1, 2017
Worship - 308	Northern Oaks - 15
Bilingual - 27	Chisholm Place - 15
Coronado - 64	Silver Springs - 39

OFFERING:
January 1 **\$12,434.08**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Church Helpers: Carla C., Keagan Copher, Bridgette W., Ella I.

The Giving Tree: Many individuals were blessed this last week by the warm gloves, mittens and scarves from The Giving Tree. Thank you, UCC family, for blessing so many of your neighbors here in Abilene.

Winter Fun: On Saturday, Jan. 28, children three years old through kindergarten are invited to come and play from 10 a.m. to noon. We will meet in the Early Childhood Center.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight for **small group** the green group will meet at the Sprotts' (834 Elmwood Drive), and the maroon group will meet at 5 p.m. in the Family Room.

Conversations Class: We will start a new three-week series on **Understanding Islam** with **Kelli Bryant Gibson** from ACU. Join us at 7 p.m. in MAC 501.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight we will meet for small group at the Browns' house (check the UCC Gatherings Facebook group for the directions). We will meet at 5 p.m. for dinner and fellowship.

Wednesday, we will meet at 7 p.m. for coffee, dessert and Bible study in MAC 504.

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

NEWS AND NOTES

We express our sympathy to the family of **Mitch Caffey** who passed away last week. His funeral was Friday.

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

Common Life One will have a potluck following the morning worship service next Sunday, Jan. 15 in the Family Room.

Common Life Two will have a potluck following the morning service on Sunday, Jan. 22 in the Family Room. The meat (pork loin and ham) will be provided. Here's what you should bring: Last names A-G (salad), H-R (vegetable) and S-Z (dessert).

You are invited to a baby shower honoring **Jennifer Rasco 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 (3202 S. Willis Street, #325, Abilene, TX 79065-6650). The family has asked for prayers for her and the entire family.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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New Youth Intern: I am very proud to introduce our youth new intern, **Crysta Cook**, who we are very excited to have working with us from now through August. If you don't know Crysta, she grew up here at UCC as the daughter of **Lyndel** and **Melody Cook**. Crysta was a strong leader when she was in the youth group, and that quality has continued into her college years as well. She is a currently a senior at ACU majoring in history education, and she will be graduating in May. Make sure to welcome Crysta as soon as you can.

Activity Today: At 5 p.m., we will meet in the Youth Center to get to know Crysta, have some Q&A, play some games, eat dinner and have a devo. Please bring a couple of dollars to help cover food costs. Invite a friend to join you.

Winterfest Deadline Today: Since I was behind with getting the paperwork out to everybody, the deadline for paperwork and payment has been **extended through today**. The paperwork is on the Youth Center desk and has been emailed out as well. 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.

Huddles Begin Wednesday: Huddles are back! This semester, we will have a **HS Huddle** that will meet at the home of **James** and **Mandy Scudder** (658 E N 22nd St.), just a half-mile down Campus Court. Joining the Scudders to lead this Huddle will also be **Rusty Towell** and **Crysta Cook**. The **MS Huddle** will meet in the Youth Center again with **Jason Craddock** and **Daniel Austin** leading. Everyone is asked to think of someone they can invite each week to join them for this time of sharing, prayer, study and fun. Our hope is that the HS Huddle will become too big and that we will need to come up with a new plan. So let's make that happen!

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Ministry leader
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Welcome! We welcome any college students here today.

Schedule: Dwelling Place and Community Groups resume on Sunday, Jan. 22. Our Sunday class begins at 9 a.m. in MAC 503, Dwelling Place at 6 p.m. on Sundays and our Community Groups meet on Wednesday Night at Judy Siburt's house at 7 p.m. and Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the Arringtons' house.

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.

PRAYER LIST

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Monday, Jan. 9
9 a.m. - Quilting Ministry

Wednesday, Jan. 11
7 p.m. - Bible Classes

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