



New Sermon Series

Jan. 15, 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

3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Welcome/Family News Prayer Joey Roberts

Blessed Be Your Name

61 Be Exalted, O God

62 I Exalt Thee

Communion Bread Cup Offering Ted Presley

742 When Upon Life's Billows

Kids Corner

As the Deer Thirsts

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13 Kyle Bowen

Wilderness Menu Brent Isbell

291 The Great Physician

How Great is Our God

Worship Leader David Allen Sprott

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 one of our guests today at University Church, thank you for joining us! We hope you find a friendly reception among God's people here. Please do us a favor: Fill out one of those **Connections Cards** (white cards on the seat backs). You can use your card to provide contact information, request prayers, or even let us know you want to be a UCC member. When you're done, just drop your card into the offering plate. You can also do this online at uccabilene.org/card. If you are searching for a new church home, we hope you will come back again soon. We'd love to welcome you into our UCC family!

A Place for Everyone: Eating with Jesus in Luke. Today we pick up the new series we started last week. Have you noticed how Jesus does a lot (I mean a lot!) of eating in Luke's Gospel? If he's not eating, he's coming from eating or going to a meal or talking about food. Well, between now and Easter, we are going to work our way through Luke, eating with Jesus, and thinking about table fellowship and what it means to "break bread" with the Lord, each other and our world. Today we come to chapters 3-4: **Wilderness Menu.** Our worship leader this morning is **David Allen Sprott.**

This Wednesday, we continue 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 be midway through a three-week study on **Understanding Islam** with **Kelli Bryant Gibson** from ACU. Join us at 7 p.m. in MAC 501.

Many of our youth group members are out today. They have been at Winterfest in Arlington and will be returning this afternoon.

Welcome back, college students! ACU resumes classes this Tuesday, and we are glad to have our UCC campus group back in town.

The UCC office will be closed Monday, Jan. 16 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. We will reopen Tuesday.

Calendar Notes:

- **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)

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 8, 2017
Worship - 437 Northern Oaks - 29
Bilingual - N/A Chisholm Place - 12
Coronado - 71 Silver Springs - 49

OFFERING:
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Prayer Time: Here at University, we are blessed to have many individuals who share their time and gift of teaching with our children. On Sunday, Jan. 22, we will take the opportunity to come together and pray for our teachers, students and our ministry here at UCC. Feel free to join us upstairs in Room 213 for a time of prayer and blessing from 8:20- 8:40 a.m.

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 Lemmons' (1842 North 5th Street), and the maroon group will meet at the Bowmans' (642 Green Valley Drive).

Conversations Class: We will continue the 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 our house (1451 Yeomans) for dinner at **5 p.m.** We will provide the chili. Please bring a side or dessert (check the UCC Gatherings Facebook group for signups). Additionally, if you are interested in watching the Cowboys-Packers game, please feel free to come on over early at **3:30 p.m.** The game starts at 3:45 p.m.

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.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Ministry leader
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Welcome! We extend a warm welcome to 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. Community Groups will resume next week as well.

FOR SALE

University Church of Christ has four cemetery plots for sale that have been donated to the church. There are two sets of two in the Garden of Faith area at Elmwood Memorial Park. If you, or someone you know, are interested in these burial plots, please contact **Jill Bailey Hoebelheinrich** at the church office.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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No Activity Today: Since we have been at Winterfest all weekend, we will not have an activity today.

Huddles Continue Wednesday: 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. This Huddle will be led by **Rusty Towell**, the **Scudders** and **Crysta Cook**. The **MS Huddle** will meet in the Youth Center again with **Jason** and **Karla 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!

Super Bowl Party - Feb. 5: Our annual Super Bowl party will be on Sunday, Feb. 5, and we are inviting all teens and families to join us from 5-9 p.m. (or as soon as the game ends) for some food, games and football. As always, we will have the football game in the theater and games in the other rooms with the game playing in the background. We will have lots of pizza and snacks, so invite a friend(s) to join us. We will also give out prizes during halftime for the best snacks, so plan to bring something awesome. Please let Jason know what you plan to bring so that we can buy the right amount of extra food.

Activity Schedules: If you or your kids have any activities (school or otherwise) coming up, please let Jason know so we can plan to make it out to support them.

NEWS AND NOTES

We express our sympathy to the family of **Willia B Patterson** who passed away last week. Her funeral was Friday.

Common Life One will have a potluck after worship today, Jan. 15 in the Family Room.

Ladies' Bible Class resumes this Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. 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).

Common Life Three will have a potluck following the morning worship service on Sunday, Jan. 29 in the MAC.

You are invited to a baby shower honoring **Jennifer Rasco Hoskins** *NEXT* Sunday, Jan. 22 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.

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring **Roberta Eisenhower** on Sunday, Jan. 29 at the home of **Sylvia McCaleb** (7 Hilliard Circle) from 2-3:30 p.m. Selections are at Dillards and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

PRAYER LIST

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, Jan. 15
8:45 a.m. - Donuts/Coffee
9 a.m. - Bible Class
10 a.m. - Worship
5 p.m. - Chapel Service

Wednesday, Jan. 18
10 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Class
5:45 p.m. - WNS
7 p.m. - Bible Classes

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