



**NEW DIRECTORY PHOTOS
COMING IN FEBRUARY**

MORE DETAILS SOON!

January 22, 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.

WORSHIP

I Will Enter His Gates

Welcome/Family News Andrew Huddleston
Prayer Bradley Steele

Shout Hallelujah

790 *Lord, Take Control*

Communion Robert Brown

Scripture: John 6:48-51

Bread

83 *God is So Good*

Cup

83 *God is So Good*

Offering

God Has Smiled on Me

Children's Church

Jesus Lover of My Soul

Scripture: Luke 6:1-11 Steve Austin

Food for the Hungry Brent Isbell

3 *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*

Shepherd's Comments Kris Southward

2 *We Praise Thee, O God*

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 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 continue our series in Luke's Gospel, giving special attention to stories about Jesus eating and sharing food with folks. In Luke, if he's not eating, he just ate or is about to eat or maybe he's talking about food. From now until Easter, we are going to sit with Jesus, think about table fellowship, and consider what it means to "break bread" with the Lord, each other, and our world. Today we are in chapter six, where Jesus and his disciples get in some trouble with religious people for eating: **Food for the Hungry**. Our worship leader today is **Steven Moore**.

This Wednesday, we conclude with the third part of our class on **The Church as Sacrament**. Our teacher is **Wendell Willis**. Join us at 7 p.m. in the Family Room. **Conversations** class will also be finishing up a three-week study on **Understanding Islam** with guest teacher **Kelli Bryant Gibson** from ACU. Join us at 7 p.m. in MAC 501.

Wednesday Praise! Next **Wednesday, Feb. 1**, we invite all our UCC members from youth group up to join us in the Family Room to learn some new songs and enjoy singing together. We had three of these nights last fall, and each one added some new music to our weekly Sunday worship. Our worship leaders will be our primary hosts. Come join us again on February 1 for **Wednesday Praise!**

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 - **363**
Bilingual - **32**
Coronado - **84**

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Northern Oaks - **20**
Chisholm Place - **13**
Silver Springs - **30**

OFFERING:

January 15 \$13,863.37

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FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I want to thank the UCC family for their generous giving for 2016. Not only did the December giving keep us in the black for the year, but we achieved the annual giving goal of \$907,000! The 2017 budget has now been presented and approved by the elders, and copies are available at the Welcome Center. We are off to a wonderful start for 2017, and I am confident that we will serve the Lord effectively with our financial resources. I urge you all to join me in prayer for UCC's leadership and ministries.

- David Allen Sprott, Chairman

2017 UCC BUDGET

	2016 Actual	2017 Budget
Revenues		
Contributions	907,193	900,000
Rainbow Bible School/Building Use	76,437	72,400
Reserves	26,524	
Total Revenues	1,010,154	972,400
Expenses		
Ministries (LOFT, CSC, etc.)	93,598	97,950
Outreach (prison, bilingual, etc.)	37,778	38,924
Children, Youth, University	52,172	64,000
Facilities (buildings, utilities, etc.)	265,176	249,535
Personnel	482,806	450,387
Supplies (office/kitchen/worship/etc.)	39,916	45,925
Total Expenses	971,446	946,721
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	38,708	25,679

NEWS AND NOTES

Tonight's **5 p.m. Chapel Service** will be Singing Night. We are going to sing old songs from the book.

Betty Evans has moved to Oklahoma. Her new address is 44702 S. 34700 Road, Pawnee, Okla. 74058-3419.

Ladies' Bible Class will continue this Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Family Room.

The baby shower honoring **Jennifer Rasco Hoskins** will be TODAY 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 Dillard's and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

A hometown reception will be held to honor **Gloria Marie Carlson McQueen** and **Harvey George McQueen**, son of former UCC members **Ronnie and Julie McQueen** at the home of KB and Laura Massingill (650 College Drive) on Sunday, Jan. 29 from 1-3 p.m. Selections are at Amazon and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

FROM THE ELDERS - by Kris Southward, 2017 elder chairman

The UCC elders held their monthly meeting with ministry staff on January 15, 2017. There were numerous items discussed, among them:

- Prayer, by name, for those who were in the hospital/skilled nursing, for the Caffey/Bowman and Patterson families who recently lost loved ones; for those dealing with dementia and cancer; for the Hoskins, Weardens and Carvers who are expecting babies; prayers of thanksgiving for the Fangios on the recent birth of Barrett; for Bryan Castillo for his recent baptism; for our new State legislator Stan Lambert; and for ways to reach out to our neighborhood;
- Recognized, thanked, and prayed over the UCC Security Team for their tireless ministry to UCC;
- Finance Committee Chairman David Sprott reported good news that we met our giving budget for 2016 and coupled with a reduction in expenses reported a profit of \$38,708. In addition, David presented the 2017 budget that was adopted without change;
- Heard a recommendation by an ad hoc committee formed to look at the potential construction of a playground located in the youth center courtyard area for the benefit of our neighborhood and UCC young families. Requested additional information;
- Discussed an anonymous \$40,000 gift from a UCC family. Amount set aside in a reserve fund to be discussed next month;
- Discussed the potential lease of mineral interests UCC owns. Being reviewed by our attorney.

The elders are grateful for each of you and covet your continued prayers.

SANCTUARY

We are seeking to start a worship service that meets each Wednesday night, intended for both our neighbors and our members. If you are interested in helping with this community ministry in any way (leading worship, reading Scripture, prayer, Communion thoughts, etc.), join us at 6 PM on Wednesday, Jan. 25 in MAC 504 for an interest meeting.



TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight's Small Groups: The Green Group will meet at the Lemmons' (1842 North Fifth), and the Maroon Group will meet at the Gibbs' (901 Washington Blvd.).

Next Sunday the Maroon Group will meet at the Gibbs' (901 Washington Blvd.) and the Green Group will meet at the Huddlestons' (858 Avenue F).

Coming up: We will meet in the MAC on Sunday, Feb. 5 for a combined Super Bowl Party. We will put the game on in one of the classrooms, and eat and play games in the gym. More details to come soon.

We will be **reorganizing the small groups** starting Sunday, Feb. 12. Check out the Facebook Group for more info.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Game Show Tonight: Tonight at 5 p.m., join us for Game Show Night in the Youth Center. Tonight's game is **Who Wants to Be A Millionaire**. Each monthly GSN in the Spring, we will participate in a game show, and the message for the night will tie-in with our chosen game. It should be a lot of fun. So, invite a friend and brush up on your facts. Participants will be randomly chosen through a drawing before the game. We will also have dinner and finish at 8 p.m.

Huddles Continue Wednesday Night: This semester, we have a **HS Huddle** that is meeting at the home of **James and Mandy Scudder** located at 658 E N 22nd St, just a half-mile down Campus Ct. This Huddle will also 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**, **Daniel Austin** and **Alan Caffey** 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.

Upcoming Events:

- Super Bowl Party - Sunday, Feb. 5
- Area-Wide Youth Family Event - Sunday, Feb. 26 at Southern Hills

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Ministry Leader
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Welcome: We want to welcome all the college students here this morning.

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 for food, fellowship and worship.

Community Groups: Usually, we have Community Groups on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. at **Judy Siburt's** house (1657 Newcastle) and on Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the **Arringtons'** house (2601 Garfield).

Potluck: We will be having a potluck next week on Sunday, Jan. 29 as part of Common Life Group Three after church in the Family Room.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Wednesday Night Suppers continue through the semester (minus Spring Break) on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. This semester WNS will be free, but we do ask that if you are able, please make a donation of \$5 per adult to help offset the cost of this ministry. The upcoming menu is: 1/25 - Chicken; 2/1 - Pizza; 2/8 - Mexican Food; 2/15 - Burgers/Dogs.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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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.

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time."

- 1 Peter 5:6

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight: we will not be meeting for small group due to most of our group helping out at **Jennifer Hoskins'** baby shower.

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

Facebook Page: Make sure to check our Facebook group for more information.

STAY CONNECTED

University members and friends can now 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 and UCC Youth Ministry on all three platforms as well.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Nov. 20-Dec. 18

- JAN. 22** 8:20 a.m. - Prayers for Teachers, Room 213
8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC
9 a.m. - Bible Classes
10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, Steven Moore - worship leader
3 p.m. - Baby Shower for Jennifer Rasco Hoskins, 1941 Green Ridge Court
5 p.m. Singing Night, Chapel
- JAN. 25** 10 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room (Joey Roberts teaching)
5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Supper (Chicken)
7 p.m. - Bible Classes
- JAN. 29** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC
9 a.m. - Bible Classes
10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, Mark Tate - worship leader
3 p.m. - Wedding Shower for Roberta Eisenhower, 7 Hilliard Circle
5 p.m. Chapel Service - Bradley Steele - speaker, Brandon DeLano - song leader
- FEB. 1** 10 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room (Jenna Sprott teaching)
5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Supper (Pizza)
7 p.m. - *Wednesday Praise!*
- FEB. 5** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC
9 a.m. - Bible Classes
10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, Eric Lemmons - worship leader
5 p.m. Chapel Service - Brent Isbell - speaker, Eric Lemmons - song leader
- FEB. 8** 10 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room (Jenna Sprott teaching)
5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Supper (Mexican Food)
7 p.m. - Bible Classes
- FEB. 12** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC
9 a.m. - Bible Classes
10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, David Allen Sprott - worship leader
No 5 p.m. Chapel Service - Fellowship Sunday

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.