



NEW DIRECTORY PHOTOS COMING IN FEBRUARY

**STARTS NEXT WEEK - ROOM 107
SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS**

Jan. 29, 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

Welcome/Family News Paul Rotenberry

2 *We Praise Thee, O God*

3 *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*

4 *To God Be the Glory*

Prayers for the People Jason Morris

911 *Bring Christ Your Broken Life*

912 *Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary*

Communion Tom Milholland

Scripture: Ephesians 2:4-10

Bread

276 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Cup

129 *Amazing Grace*

Offering

Children's Church

113 *His Grace Reaches Me*

Feast of Forgiveness Brent Isbell

932 *O Heart Bowed Down with Sorrow*

977 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

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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Welcome! If you are one of our guests today at UCC, thank you for joining us! We hope you receive a friendly greeting among God's people here. Please do us an easy favor: Fill out one of our **Connections Cards** (white cards on the seat backs). You can use these cards to provide basic 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. That's all we ask of our guests. You can also complete a card at uccabilene.org/card. If you are looking for a church home, please come back soon. We'd love to welcome you into our family!

A Place for Everyone: Eating with Jesus in Luke. We are several weeks into a series in Luke's Gospel, giving special attention to stories about Jesus eating with people. Food and table fellowship (which in that world meant acceptance) is a big theme in Luke's story. From now until Easter, we are going to sit with Jesus and consider what it means to "break bread" with the Lord and with our neighbors. Today we come to an important story in Luke 7. It's a surprising dinner scene in which a sinful woman gets served mercy, and a bunch of proud religious folk get a taste of crow: **Feast of Forgiveness.** Our worship leader this morning is **Mark Tate.**

Wednesday Praise! This Wednesday night, 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 at 7 p.m. in the Family Room for *Wednesday Praise!*

NEW DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Starting next Sunday, Feb. 5, and running through the month of February, we will be taking new **UCC Directory Photos in Room 107.** We will NOT be using Lifetouch. We are doing this as an in-house project. A studio will be set up, and you can come either dressed up or in casual clothing. We want **EVERYONE** to get their pictures updated, so make plans to come either before, during or after class on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, or after Sunday morning worship. We will also have you check your member profiles to make sure your information is complete. We will release a new directory once we have everyone's picture and info. Thank you so much for your cooperation in making this update project a success!

WELCOME

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NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE: **January 22, 2017**
Worship - **396** Northern Oaks - **24**
Bilingual - **65** Chisholm Place - **N/A**
Coronado - **77** Silver Springs - **38**

OFFERING:
January 22 **\$14,130.44**

CLASS TIMES:

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

WORSHIP TIMES:

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

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Lunch Date: I am planning to visit with each Bible class and see who might enjoy me visiting their school to have lunch with them. If your child would like for me to visit, I will contact you to ask you to call the school to request permission for me to eat lunch with your child. For instance, if I go to Taylor Elementary, all children who have requested for me to have lunch with them will watch for me and come sit with me at the visitor's table after they get their tray. So, depending on schedules, your child may actually get to eat with other UCC children that day for lunch. I will plan to visit classes beginning in February, to start a sign up list. So the lunch dates will begin the last of February. If your child is home schooled, I am happy to plan a lunch around your schedule.

Substitute: If you would be willing to be a substitute in the nursery, or in a Bible class as a teacher or a helper, please let me know. Thank you in advance for being a servant to share the love of Jesus.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight for **small group** the green group will meet at the Huddlestons' (858 Avenue F), and the maroon group will meet at the Gibbs' (901 Washington Blvd.).

Next Week: We will have a combined Super Bowl small group in the MAC beginning at 5 p.m.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight we will meet for small group at our house (1541 Yeomans) for dinner and fellowship at 5 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
campus@uccabilene.org

Welcome! We extend a warm welcome to any college students here today.

Potluck: Today we will have a potluck in the MAC as part of Common Life Group Three after our morning worship service.

Sunday Class: Our Sunday class starts at 9 a.m. in MAC 503.

Dwelling Place, a time of fellowship, singing and discussion, meets on Sundays at 5:15 p.m. in MAC 503.

Community Groups: Our Community Groups meet on Wednesday Night at 6:45 p.m. at Judy Siburt's house (1657 Newcastle) and on Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. at the Arringtons' (2601 Garfield).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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JFF Tonight: It's the fifth Sunday of the month which means it's Just For Fun (JFF) night! So, come join us from 5-8 p.m. as we hang out in the Youth Center for free-time games, food and basketball. We will have shredded pork sandwiches for dinner. Bring \$3 for dinner if you've got it.

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. Invite a friend to join them for this time of sharing, prayer, study and fun.

Spring Theme: Our theme is CREDO (Latin for "I believe"). We are diving into the core principles of our faith. Last week we asked: "Does God exist?" This is foundational to everything else. This week we are taking a look at the Bible and its credibility (*credo* is the root of that word). Our goal is to end the semester by being able to state *exactly what* we believe. So make plans to join us!

Super Bowl Party - Feb. 5: Our annual Super Bowl party will be on Sunday, Feb. 5, and we are inviting all teens and families from 5-9 p.m. (or as soon as the game ends) for some food, games and football. We will have the football game in the theater and games in the other rooms. 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. Please let Jason know what you plan to bring so that we can buy the right amount of *extra* food.

NEWS AND NOTES

Common Life Three will have a potluck following the morning worship service today in the MAC.

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring **Roberta Isenhower** 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.

Ministry of MOMs will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 7 for its annual couples dinner at 6 p.m. in the Family Room. Childcare will be provided if necessary. Please respond to the invite.

Nick Barbato has been moved to The Oaks at Radford Hills, 725 Medical Drive, 79601, Room 26-B. He would appreciate cards and visits.

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

SHORT-TERM MISSION PROPOSALS

Those interested in submitting proposals for **short-term mission trips** this year need to submit a proposal to **Tim Archer** at timothyarcher@gmail.com or the church office by **Wednesday, Feb. 15**. The proposal should include details on the purpose of your trip, list of UCC participants and a detailed budget of expenses.

PRAYER LIST

UCC ELDERS

Jeff Arrington
Steve Austin
Richard Cox
Mark Hamilton
Eddie Mahanay
Paul Rotenberry
Kris Southward, chair
Mark Tate
James Thompson
Gustavo Villanueva

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