



NEW DIRECTORY PHOTOS

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SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

February 26, 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.

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Nathan Gibbs (Costa Rica)

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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 to UCC! If you are visiting University Church today, we thank you for coming our way. We want to show hospitality to all our guests. Please do us an easy favor: Fill out one of those **Connections Cards** (white cards on the seat backs). Use that card to share your contact information, update family news, request prayers, or perhaps even let us know that you want to be a member here at UCC! Then simply drop your card into the offering plate, and you're done. You can also complete this process at uccabilene.org/card. If you are searching for a church home, we hope you will come back very soon!

A Place for Everyone: Eating with Jesus in Luke. We are in a sermon series working through the Gospel of Luke. From now through Easter, we are focusing on stories about Jesus eating with people. Today we come to Luke 14, where Jesus is once again the dinner guest at a Pharisee's house. By now, many themes are familiar—Sabbath conflict, questions, awkward exchanges with the hosts. But this time something is new: Inviting outsiders to the table. He also suggests taking a back seat! This story is full of teaching. Today: **Trading Places**. Our worship leader today is **Steven Moore**.

Missions are near the heart of this church. Beginning today, we will get weekly information about upcoming short-term mission projects from group representatives. These adventures will truly take UCC all over the world! We will be funding these trips with our annual **Missions Special Collection** on **Sunday, March 26!** Be planning and praying.

Wednesday, we finish our series **New Testament Postcards**, looking at the one-chapter letters. We wrap up with **Jude**, and **Wendell Willis** will teach. Join us at 7 p.m. in the Family Room. **Conversations** class will conclude its dialogue about **Race, the Church and Today** with **Steven Moore** teaching. Join us at 7 p.m. in MAC 501.

Coming Soon!

- **CONNECT: Making Inter-generational Connections Within Our Church** (Wednesday, March 8, MAC, 7 p.m.)
- **Spring Break** (March 13-17)
- **Family Room Devotional** (Wednesday, March 15)
- **Missions Special Collection** (Sunday, March 26)

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:

Worship -	406	Northern Oaks -	N/A
Bilingual -	N/A	Chisholm Place -	N/A
Coronado -	79	Silver Springs -	33

OFFERING:

February 19 \$12,757.78

FROM THE ELDERS

– by Kris Southward, 2017 elder chairman

The UCC elders held their monthly meeting with ministry staff on February 19, 2017. Numerous items were discussed and prayed over, among them:

- Prayer, by name, for those who were in the hospital/skilled nursing, for **Naoma Parks** and **Betty Self** who have recently lost loved ones, for those dealing with dementia and cancer, for the **Hoskins**, **Wearden** and **Carver** families who are expecting babies, prayers of thanksgiving for the renewal through baptism for **Cheryl Ballard**, and for our church members;
- Recognized, thanked, and prayed over **Lenis Zuniga**, **Alma Lara** and **Ellen Presley** (in absentia) for their dedication to overseeing Wednesday Night Suppers each week, where they serve 150 or more each Wednesday evening;
- Added 2018 Elder-Chair elect, **Gustavo Villanueva**, to check-signing card;
- Adopted policies regarding the request of funds amongst UCC members by those who receive support for short-term missions and those ministries who receive funds through the normal UCC budget process;
- Discussed appropriate uses of uccabilene.org e-mail accounts;
- Discussed proceeds from land lease that was finalized a few weeks ago. Results to be shared with congregation on February 26;
- Shared an article from Sam Eaton, *59 Percent of Millennials Raised in a Church Have Dropped Out – And They're Trying to Tell Us Why*, for thought and consideration.

As always, the UCC elders are grateful for each of you and covet your continued prayers, just as we remember you in our prayers.



CONNECT

Mark your calendars for **CONNECT**, Wednesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the MAC. **CONNECT** is a night at UCC where will we interact

and fellowship with people from different generations. This event will be for first grade and up. There will still be classes for nursery through kindergarten. Look for more information to come!

MISSIONS SPECIAL

Mark your calendars for the **Missions Special Collection** on **Sunday, March 26** as we prepare to send several UCC members on short-term

missions all over the globe. Please be in prayer as to how you can help make this effort a success.

NEWS AND NOTES

Have you taken your **directory picture**? No? Then go do so right after worship this morning in Room 107!

Tonight's **5 p.m. Chapel Service** will be led by **Brent Isbell** and **David Allen Sprott**.

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

Wednesday Night Suppers continues on Wednesdays in the MAC from 5:45-6:45 p.m. The meal is free, but if you can pay \$5 per adult plate, that would help fund the meals.

A member is in need of a **good, used treadmill**. If you have a working treadmill you would like to give, please let the church office know.

Congratulations to **Garrett** and **Jennifer Hoskins** on the birth of their son, **Luke Wayne Hoskins**, on Monday. He weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. The proud great-grandmother is **Marianna Rasco**.

Marianna Rasco: "Young at Heart: Thank you to all who make the delightful event so great! I am remiss in not writing previously, but I must let you know this year how much I enjoy the whole day."

The Paine Family: "Thank you for all expressions of kindness and compassion that you showed our family at the passing of our mother. Billie loved her time at UCC, and we understand why. We praise God for presence in Abilene and rejoice in the work you do locally and around the world. You certainly blessed our family and friends who gathered at your building. Blessings and thanks."

The Marshall Family: "Thank you all so very much for providing the meat and bread at the family luncheon following Wilma Marshall's funeral service. Everything was so delicious and very much appreciated!"

The Willa B Patterson Family: "Thank you so much for all your kindness and support after the death of Willa B. The meal was wonderful, and your help is greatly appreciated."

Cathy Chisholm: "To the beautiful Christians of Young at Heart: Thank you so very much for the Christmas gift bag and the beautiful poinsettia you gave to me after your Christmas celebration. Not only did I enjoy the lovely poinsettia during the holidays, every item in the gift bag was just perfect. I appreciate your prayers for me and your remembering me in this very kind way."

The Tolar Family: "Thank you for the basket of treats you sent our family at the time of Elijah's surgery. Your visits, calls, cards and especially prayers show us what it really is to be the family of God. We are so blessed to walk with you."

Naoma Parks: "How beautiful are the feet that carry folks to visit, the hands that bring food, the fingers that write cards, the hearts that share pain, the friends that sit to give a needed break for doing chores, the hearts that raise prayers for one who is near death. My sincere thanks to the many who were such a comfort during a somewhat lengthy and painful time. God bless you all. Thanks also for the potted plants. I've so much to be thankful for."

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight's Small Groups: The Blue Group will meet at the Williams' (6350 Summerhill Road), and the Gold Group will meet at the Bowmans' (642 Green Valley Drive).

Next Sunday we will have our first Family Supper Sunday where we are charging families to either invite a family to your house for food and fellowship, or meet at a restaurant. So take the time to get to know another family you don't know as well, either a Transitions family or some other family at church. Let's get to know our brothers and sisters here at UCC.

Coming up: Intergenerational Night in the MAC on Wednesday, March 8 (see left page for details). A combined potluck on Sunday, March 12 (more details to come). Small groups on Sunday, March 19 and much more.

Check out the Facebook Group for more info on get-togethers, small groups, Bible classes and more.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Area-Wide Youth Family Event Tonight: Tonight, Southern Hills is hosting a Youth Family Night with food trucks and featuring Christian comedian Paul May. The cost will be \$10 per person (or \$30 per family) for the comedian and food will be separate. The comedian will start around 6 p.m. but we will meet at the Youth Center at 4:30 p.m. to drive over together and get food from the food trucks. We will come back to the Youth Center at 7:45 p.m. or you may be picked up from Southern Hills.

Spring Retreat: Our Spring Retreat will be March 31-April 2. We will be going to Camp Butman and our theme will be *Escape*. We will have a ton of fun with big activities, high ropes course, engaging high-production sessions, a movie, free time, some meaningful quiet time, a campfire cookout, times of worship and a couple of surprises, too. It's going to be great, and we are very excited about it. So, make plans to come and invite a friend or two to join us as well. I want everybody to join us so don't let cost be an issue (we can help). If you are an adult and would like to come help us put this on, please talk to Jason as soon as possible.

Spring Theme: Last Sunday we continued our Spring theme, CREDO (latin for "I believe"), as we took an in-depth look at The Trinity according to Scripture, with special attention given to the insufficiency of well-intentioned metaphors and object lessons. This week we will be discussing the oft-neglected member of the Trinity: the Holy Spirit and his work in our lives. Our goal is to end the semester by being able to state *exactly what we believe*. So make plans to join us each Sunday morning for the study and Wednesday nights for deeper discussion. Invite a friend to join us.

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.). The **MS Huddle** will meet in the Youth Center. Invite a friend to join them for this time of sharing, prayer, study and fun.

Sign Up for CRADtalks: You've all heard of TEDtalks with the tagline, "ideas worth sharing." Well, CRADtalks are "conversations worth having." During these conversations there will not be a lot of small talk (just a little), but we will dive into the spiritual life, offering some coaching, strategies and building each student up. Our goal is to leave with a plan for growing deeper in relationship with God and praying over anything you may want prayer for. So far, all of our talks have been terrific and we look forward to more. Karla and I meet together with the girls (or minus Jason), and Jason meets with the guys (or plus Karla). So, please let me know when you can get together, and we will set up for some time at Sonic, over coffee or somewhere else.

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).

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Worship Together: Today, children first through fifth grade are invited to join me in the bilingual service. I will be seated near the back for anyone who would like to join me.

Children's Worship: Children's Worship will resume on Sunday, March 12.

Lunch Buddies: I enjoyed eating with our children this last Thursday at Taylor Elementary. I plan to eat with all of our UCC children who have asked me to visit their school. This is always a very fun time to interact with our kids in their school environment.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School will be Friday and Saturday, June 2-3 for children four years old through fifth grade. Our theme this year will be "Camp Out," and our time together will be centered around John 8:12, "I am the light of the world." Please make plans to have your child join us for this adventure.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight: we will be meeting at the Browns' house for small group (1450 Yeoman's Road, Apt. 1101) at 5 p.m. Hope to see you there!

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 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 – Feb. 26 - March 15

FEB. 26	8:30 a.m. – Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 8:45-10 a.m. – Pictures for Directory, Room 107 9 a.m. – Bible Classes 10 a.m. – Worship, Brent Isbell – speaker, Steven Moore – worship leader 11-11:15 a.m. – Pictures for Directory, Room 107 5 p.m. Chapel Service – Brent Isbell – speaker, David Sprott- song leader
MARCH 1	10 a.m. – Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room 5:45 p.m. – Wednesday Night Supper (Chicken) 6:45-8:15 p.m. – Pictures for Directory, Room 107 7 p.m. – Bible Classes
MARCH 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 – Bradley Steele – speaker, Gene Linder – song leader
MARCH 8	10 a.m. – Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room 5:45 p.m. – Wednesday Night Supper (Pizza) 7 p.m. – CONNECT (for everyone first grade and older), MAC
MARCH 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
MARCH 15	10 a.m. – Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room 5:45 p.m. – NO Wednesday Night Supper 7 p.m. – Family Room Devotional

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.