



**NEW DIRECTORY PHOTOS
ALL THIS MONTH**

LAST DAY! COME TO ROOM 107.

March 5, 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

47 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Video: Welcome/Family News

Prayer Daniel Barcroft

608 *He Gave Me a Song*

113 *His Grace Reaches Me*

Missions Moments Rusty Towell (Honduras)
Shannon Que (Costa Rica)
T (Thailand)

In Christ Alone

Communion Steven Moore

Bread
Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cup
Father

Offering

823 *Lead Me Gently Home, Father*

Hard to Swallow Brent Isbell

112 *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

Let Us Be Faithful

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
brent@uccabilene.org

Welcome! 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 focusing on stories about Jesus eating with people. Today we come to Luke 15 and some very well-known Scripture. Jesus' critics continue grumbling about his table manners: He welcomes sinners and eats with them (v. 2). Jesus' response is famous. Let's try to hear it with fresh ears. Today: **Hard to Swallow**. Our worship leader today is **Eric Lemmons**.

Mission work is the heart-beat of UCC and has been for many years. Each week we are taking a **Missions Moment** to learn about upcoming short-term mission projects. Today's mission group representatives are Rusty Towell (Honduras), Shannon Que (Costa Rica) and Sarah Dillinger (Thailand). Not everyone can be a missionary who travels, but all of us can partner with these teams and their work. We will fund these trips with our Missions Special Collection on Sunday, March 26! Our goal is \$56,000. Please plan and pray!

CONNECT: Making Inter-generational Connections in Our Church. This Wednesday is an event we are calling CONNECT. At 7 p.m., we will all (first grade and up!) gather in the MAC for an hour of intentional community-building across generations. We have very few events for the whole church to gather as one body to have fun and learn about each other. We will play some games, watch a special video we've prepared, and just spend a few minutes getting to know each other. When you arrive at the MAC, find a table and try to sit with people you don't know. Try to sit with someone from another age group or class. Don't worry! We'll give you instructions about what to do! This will be fun, and we believe it pleases God when his people come together to build faith across generations. See you Wednesday night in the MAC!

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: February 26, 2017
Worship - 314 Northern Oaks - 20
Bilingual - 75 Chisholm Place - N/A
Coronado - 67 Silver Springs - 47

OFFERING:
February 26 \$12,243.41

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Worship Helpers: Ella I., Ashlen P., Tea' J., Bicky and Kate Tolar.

Lunch Buddies: I visited Ward elementary this week. What fun it is to have opportunity to visit with our kids in their school setting and hear about their friends and what is on their mind and heart.

Wednesday Night: We have been blessed to have **Madison Pamplin** teaching our two-year-old class on Wednesday evenings this semester. Madison has grown up in this church and now attends ACU. She has been faithful and excited to teach in the summer for the children's ministry. I would like her to have a break from teaching before the summer term begins. If you would be able to teach the two-year-old Wednesday night class in April and May please let me know. If you would be willing to teach one month, let me know. Thank you!

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight we will have our first family supper night. We are encouraging people to invite someone to your home (or to a restaurant) and get to know them better.

Next Week: We will have a combined potluck in the MAC at 5 p.m. More details to come.

Check out **Facebook** for more activities and info.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight we will meet for small group at the Steeles' house (1451 Yeomans) for dinner and fellowship at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, we will meet at **7 p.m.** in the MAC for an all-church activity.

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

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Minister
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Sundays: Our Sunday **class** starts at 9 a.m. in MAC 503. **Dwelling Place**, a time of fellowship, singing and discussion, meets on Sundays at 6 p.m. in MAC 503.

Community Groups: Our Community Groups meet on Wednesday Night at 7 p.m. at Judy Siburt's house (1657 Newcastle) and on Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the Arringtons' (2601 Garfield).

Retreat: Our retreat will be March 31 to April 2, so be watching for more details soon.

NEWS AND NOTES

The **Quilting Ministry** will meet on Monday, March 6 at 9 a.m. in Room 208.

Ministry of MOMs meets Tuesday, March 7. Please respond to the invite.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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REEL FAITH Tonight: It's the first Sunday of the month so we are going to have REEL Faith tonight! Tonight's movie is the great-for-all-ages, existential classic, *WALL-E*. We will be continuing our conversation we started this morning as we talk about what it means to be human. Deep stuff, but we will jump right in (no cannonballs)! We will start at 5 p.m. and pause for pizza when it arrives. If you can, bring \$3 to cover the cost of food and bring a friend, too.

Wednesday Night Connect: This Wednesday, we will join the congregation at 7 p.m. in the MAC for an intergenerational event where those of all ages can interact and fellowship together. Don't take this as a night off, come and join us as we celebrate the blessings that come from multiple generations of faith. It's more important than you know.

No Huddles Wednesday: Because of Connect, we will not meet this week. Next Week is Spring Break, so we will have a combined Huddle in the Youth Center on March 15.

Spring Retreat: Our Spring Retreat will be March 31-April 2. We will be going to Camp Butman, and our theme will be **Escape**. The total cost is \$40 per person or \$35 per person if there are two or more attendees from one family. Also, we will be offering the \$25 for any friends you bring who are not regular attendees. 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.

Sign Up for CRADtalks: You've heard about CRADtalks: "conversations worth having." So, please let Jason know when you can get together, and we will set up for some time at Sonic, over coffee or somewhere else.

Spring Theme: Our theme is CREDO (Latin for "I believe"). We are diving into the core principles of our faith. Make plans to join us!

LEASE ANNOUNCEMENT

Many decades ago, UCC received a gift from an estate of a mineral interest in far West Texas. Recently, we were approached about leasing those interests, and we came to an agreement through our oil and gas attorney. A few weeks ago, we deposited a check for just over \$761,000, for which we are exceedingly grateful to God. The elders have begun discussing how to use these funds. We believe this is a significant investment in our future. We respectfully ask these funds not adversely affect our regular contribution for our weekly ministry needs or special contribution requests. Rather, we want to use this money to take care of the needs within our church and to advance the Kingdom, whether that be in our own church family, our community or around the world. This gift was made to us as a church, so we ask you pray and be exceedingly grateful to God for this gift. If you feel you have an idea on how to use this gift, please share it with the elders within the next few weeks. We are excited about our future and ask for your prayers, just as we pray for you.

- The UCC Elders

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.