



# SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

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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

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

### Video: Welcome/Family News

**Prayer** Blake Williams

**797** *Lord, We Come Before Thee Now*

**484** *You Are My All in All*

**Missions Moments** Nathan Gibbs  
Ted and Ellen Presley (Ecuador)  
Jennifer Welch (Haiti)

*Had it Not Been the Lord*

**Communion** Andrew Redmayne  
**Bread**  
**Cup**  
**Offering**

### Children's Church

**705** *A Common Love*

**The Rich Man's Table** Bradley Steele

*All Things are Ready*

**860** *There is a Habitation*

**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](http://www.uccabilene.org).*

## REFLECTIONS

**Brent Isbell**, Preaching Minister  
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**Welcome to UCC!** If you are visiting University Church today, perhaps traveling over Spring Break, we thank you for joining us in worship. We want to show hospitality to all our guests each week. Please do one thing for us: Fill out a **Connections Card** (white cards on the seat backs). You can use that little card to share 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. You can also complete this process at [uccabilene.org/card](http://uccabilene.org/card). If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to come back very soon!

**A Place for Everyone.** . In our current sermon series, we are focusing on stories in Luke about Jesus eating with people. Today in Luke 16 is a story about two men who led very different lives and end up in very different places. It involves need, greed, and, as you might guess, food and table. Your preacher today is **Bradley Steele**, our Young Adults Minister. Bradley and Becca are doing a great ministry with our growing *Gatherings* community. Soon Bradley will earn his M.Div. from ACU and join us as our full-time Associate Minister! Bradley's sermon: **The Rich Man's Table**. Our worship leader is **David Allen Sprott**.

Each week we are taking a short Missions Moment in worship to learn about upcoming short-term mission projects. Today's Missions Moment representatives are **Ted and Ellen Presley** and **Jennifer Welch**. What a great blessing to be part of a church that makes taking the Gospel to the world such a high priority. Remember that we will fund these trips with our **Missions Special Collection** on **March 26**. Our goal is to raise **\$56,000**. Please be planning and praying for a generous harvest!

**This week is Spring Break**, which means many of our people will be somewhere other than Abilene. So, on Wednesday evening, we will gather for a simple **Family Room Devotional** at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for some songs and prayers and readings.

**CLASS TIMES:**  
Sunday - 9 a.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

**WORSHIP TIMES:**  
Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
733 E. N. 16th Street  
Abilene, TX 79601

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[www.uccabilene.org](http://www.uccabilene.org)

### NURSERY FACILITIES

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

**ATTENDANCE:** **March 5, 2017**  
Worship - **416** Northern Oaks - **20**  
Bilingual - **42** Chisholm Place - **N/A**  
Coronado - **70** Silver Springs - **28**

**OFFERING:**  
**March 5** **\$20,566.20**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**Children's Worship Helpers:** Keagan C., Karla C. Lizzie B. and Alyssa G.

**Wednesday Night:** A teacher is needed for April and May on Wednesday nights in our two-year old class. Please contact Jennifer if you would be willing to teach this class.

**Mother/Daughter Fun:** Please mark your calendars for Friday, March 4 from 6:15-8:15 p.m. We will gather in the Family Room for snacks, games, crafts and fun! Each mother/daughter combo please plan to bring some of your favorite snacks and we will put them out for all to enjoy. Drinks will be provided.

*"I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws."*

- Psalm 119:7

## TRANSITIONS

**Joey Roberts**, Communications Minister  
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**Tonight** we will have a combined potluck in the MAC at 5 p.m.

**Next Week:** Next Sunday, March 19, the blue group will meet at the Lemmons' house, and the gold group will be at the Sprotts' house.

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

**Spring Break:** Because it is Spring Break, we will not have **Dwelling Place** or **Community Groups** this week.

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

## NEWS AND NOTES

We express our sympathy to the family of **Troy Morrow** who passed away last week. The memorial service was yesterday here at UCC.

Today is Fellowship Sunday, so there will be no 5 p.m. **Chapel Service** this afternoon.

Due to **Spring Break** next week, there will be no Ladies' Bible Class or Wednesday Night Supper on Wednesday, March 15.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
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**No Activity Tonight:** Because of Fellowship Sunday, we will not have an activity this evening.

**Almost-Lock-In Wednesday:** If you are here on Wednesday night, then come join us for an "almost lock-in" from 6 p.m.- Midnight in the Youth Center. We will have lots of organized activities, games, basketball/volleyball and free time too. Bring your Nerf dart gear (in case we get to play), athletic attire and \$5 to cover food costs. We will probably even have a movie to watch for those who'd rather do that. We could always use a bit of adult help, too, so let me know if you are willing to help.

**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 as soon as possible.

**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.

### Upcoming Dates:

- Almost-Lock-In: Wednesday, March 15
- Spring Retreat: March 31-April 2
- Senior Sunday: May 21

## NEWS AND NOTES

Longtime UCC member **Bea Speck** will turn 99 on March 15. Send cards to 213 Richmond Hill Drive, D-02, Asheville, NC 28806.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 8** for our **UCC Family Dinner**. Anyone wanting to host a dinner for 8-10 adults may contact Karen Southward or Liz Rottenberry. Childcare will be provided, and sign-ups for the meals will start next Sunday.

**Betty Self:** Church family, thank you so much for all the love you showed me and my family during the illness and loss of my dear sister, Liz. Your cards, visits and prayers were all such a blessing. I was overwhelmed with the outpouring of care and love. Thanks to everyone who prepared and served the wonderful meal for family and friends. God bless each and every one of you for your kindness and love.

**Elizabeth Shaw Family:** Thank you so much for the phone calls, visits, cards and especially the prayers that you sent to our mom, Elizabeth Shaw, during her illness, and for the kindness you showed to our family after her passing. We would also especially like to thank the University Church for the hospitality you showed our family and friends by hosting a meal for everyone who came from out of town for our mom's service. Your demonstration of unconditional love towards our family will always be a shining example to us of the kind of life our mom lived.

## 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.