



SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION • MARCH 26

March 19, 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

3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Video: Welcome/Family News

Prayer Steve Austin

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Missions Moment Brent Isbell
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Offering

691 Make Me New

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Watching Our Waiting Brent Isbell

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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 to University Church! If you are visiting today, we thank you for joining our worship assembly. We always aim to offer hospitality to all our guests. 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 even let us know that you want to be a member here at UCC! Simply drop your card into the offering plate. You can also fill the card out online at 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 we come to Luke 17, where Jesus calls his followers to a very challenging level of discipleship. They hear his words and ask him to increase their faith. But Jesus says it's not about more faith. It's about seeing ourselves as servants who simply do what we are expected to do! Today's message: **Watching Our Waiting**. Our worship leader is **Mark Tate**.

Each week we are taking a short **Missions Moment**. Today's Missions Moment representative is **Andrea Archer** (Cuba). It is a blessing to be part of a church that wants to carry good news to the ends of the earth! Remember that we will fund these trips with our **Missions Special Collection** next Sunday, **March 26**. Our goal is to raise **\$56,000**. Please be planning and praying for a generous harvest!

New Wednesday Class. This week we begin a new mid-week class with guest teacher **Dr. Cliff Barbarick**, assistant professor of New Testament at ACU. Cliff is going to be with us the next several weeks, sharing with University Church a well-received series he shared last year with his home church (Hillcrest): **Tackling a Taboo: Homosexuality and the Church**. This is good material, and Cliff is an excellent teacher. Join us as at 7 p.m. in the Family Room as he challenges us to think and study through a sensitive and important subject.

MISSIONS SPECIAL COLLECTION - SUNDAY, MARCH 26

The goal for our Missions Special Collection is \$56,000 to help send these groups around the world to spread the Good News:

- **Ecuador** (Ted and Ellen Presley)
- **Zambia** (Johnny, Angela and James Estes)
- **Honduras** (Rusty, Cecily, Ensley and Travis Towell; Tarrence Price)
- **Costa Rica** (Nathan and Rosario Gibbs; Francisco and Tere Becerra; Bradley and Rebecca Steele; Jacob and Marisol Groves; and Katrina Karnes)
- **Haiti** (Roger and Jennifer Welch)
- **Mexico** (Gustavo and Micaela Villanueva; Luis and Lido Guzman; Roberta Brown; Lynette Austin; and Alma Lara)
- **Cuba** (Tim and Andrea Archer; Daniel Austin; Madison Pamplin)
- **Thailand** (Sarah Dillinger)
- **Costa Rica** (Shannon Que)

NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE:	March 12, 2017	OFFERING:	
Worship - 372	Northern Oaks - 13	March 12	\$15,249.83
Bilingual - 41	Chisholm Place - N/A		
Coronado - 70	Silver Springs - N/A		

CLASS TIMES:

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

WORSHIP TIMES:

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

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Mother/Daughter Fun: Mark your calendars for Friday, March 24 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.

Children's Worship: Children's Worship will resume next week.

Wednesday Night: This Wednesday night, there will be a sign-up sheet in the two-year old Bible class. Parents will need to sign up to teach one or two times during the month of April and May. Thank you!

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight: The gold group will meet at the Sprotts' house (834 Elmwood) and the blue group will meet at the Lemmons' house (1842 N. Fifth).

Next Week: Next Sunday, March 26, we will join the children's ministry for an event. Watch for more details soon.

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. Hope to see you there!

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

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. We will be meeting in MAC 503 at 5 p.m. and leave at 5:30 p.m. We will arrive back at 11:30 a.m. Sunday morning. The cost is \$35, but if the cost is going to be prohibitive, see Kyle.

NEWS AND NOTES

Join us for the **5 p.m. Chapel Service** today where **Bradley Steele** will speak and **Brandon DeLano** will lead singing.

Ladies' Bible Class (Family Room, 10 a.m.) and **Wednesday Night Supper** (MAC, 5:30-6:45 p.m.) return this Wednesday.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Devo Tonight: Tonight we will have a devo and a little bit of free time from 5-7 p.m. We will not have dinner, but we will have some snacks.

Huddles Resume Wednesday: Huddles will resume this Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. The **HS Huddle** meets at the home of **James and Mandy Scudder** located at 658 E N 22nd Street, just a half-mile down Campus Court. The **MS Huddle** will meet in the Youth Center. Everyone is asked to think of someone whom 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!

Spring Retreat Paperwork Due Wednesday: Our Spring Retreat will be March 31-April 2. We will be going to Camp Butman, and our theme will be **Escape**. Retreat paperwork is available on the Youth Center desk and is due **Wednesday, March 22**. 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. 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!).

Sign Up for CRADtalks: You've heard about CRADtalks: "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.

Upcoming Dates:

- Spring Retreat: March 31-April 2
- Senior Sunday: May 21

FAMILY DINNER

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 8** for our **UCC Family Dinner**. The dinner will include adults, middle and high school students as well as college students. Supervised childcare will be provided for babies through fifth graders. You will be able to sign up to attend or host a meal this morning after our worship service. See one of the ladies standing around the auditorium to sign up. We want everyone of our members to take part in this event as we try to learn more about each other by growing new relationships or rekindling old ones. For more information, see Liz Rotenberry.

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.