



NEW SERMON SERIES

April 23, 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

Shout Hallelujah

Welcome/Family News Brent Isbell

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I Stand in Awe

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Sudden Turns Brent Isbell

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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 University Church! If you are a visitor, please fill out a Connections Card (found on the seat backs). It's pretty painless, but it helps us connect and say thank you for being our guest. You can use that multi-purpose card to share contact information, request prayers, or even let us know you have decided to be a member here at UCC. Just drop your filled-out card in the offering plate. You can also do this on your phone at uccabilene.org/card. Please, come back soon!

Reverse. Today we begin a new seven-week series. The story of the early Church is one of surprising reversals. Having just finished Luke's Gospel, let's spend a few Sundays in his sequel (Acts), focusing on how the community Jesus left behind changed the world by becoming a changed people. It's a fast road from Resurrection to Pentecost-50 days. Let's begin in Acts 5 with some disciples we hardly recognize. They are bold and full of faith. What? Where did this come from? Today's message: Sudden Turns. Our worship leader is Steven Moore.

Baby Blessing! We will take a few minutes today to dedicate the new life of Barrett Stephen Fangio. Proud parents are Topher and Marnie Fangio. What a great occasion when God's family welcomes children. Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

This Wednesday we continue our feature series with guest teacher Dr. Cliff Barbarick, Bible professor at ACU. This is week five of six. Cliff is sharing with UCC a class he taught last year at Hillcrest: Tackling a Taboo: Homosexuality and the Church. This is thoughtful material, and Cliff is doing a great job navigating a difficult subject with kindness and honesty. Join us at 7 p.m. in the Family Room.

Coming Events

- Singing Night - Tonight, 5 p.m. in the Chapel
Tackling a Taboo series conclusion - Wednesday, May 3
Mother's Day - Sunday, May 14
Senior Sunday - Sunday, May 21
CONNECT: Inter-Generational Night - Wednesday, May 24

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 - 448 Northern Oaks - 17
Bilingual - N/A Chisholm Place - N/A
Coronado - 73 Silver Springs - N/A

OFFERING:

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**Children's Worship Today:** Thank you to Jason Morris who will be leading Children's Worship for us today.

**Children's Church Helpers:** Keegan C., Karla C., Lizzie B., Alyssa G.

**Teacher Appreciation Dinner:** Invitations are in the mail for the Teacher Appreciation Dinner. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 6 from 6-7:30 p.m. We will enjoy a meal at Al's Mesquite Grill. If you need babysitting, please RSVP by Tuesday, May 2 to the church office or email *jenniferw@uccabilene.org*.

## TRANSITIONS

**Joey Roberts**, Communications Minister  
*joey@uccabilene.org*

**Today:** We will join Common Life Three for a potluck after morning worship. Therefore, we will not have small group tonight.

**Coming Up:** The gold group will be at the Sprotts' house, and the blue group is still in need of a host for the next two Sundays. The gold group will meet at the Gibbs' on Sunday, May 7.

## GATHERINGS

**Bradley Steele**, Young Adults Minister  
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**Tonight** we will meet at the Steeles' house (1451 Yeomans) at 5 p.m. for small group. We hope to see you there!

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

## 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).

**After Services Today:** We will have a potluck lunch with Common Life Group Three in the MAC this morning after our worship services.

**Senior Sunday:** Sunday, April 30 will be our college senior Sunday. If you are a senior or know of a UCC senior that should be honored, talk to Kyle.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Common Life Group Three:** This morning after worship, Common Life Group Three will meet for a potluck in the MAC.

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

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
*jason.craddock@uccabilene.org*

**Ultimate Frisbee and Hot Dogs Tonight:** Join us tonight from 5-7:30 for Ultimate Frisbee, Hot Dogs and a devo tonight starting off in the Youth Center. Bring \$3 for food if you can.

### Senior Sunday Breakfast Reception Help

**Needed:** On Sunday, May 21, we will be having a breakfast reception to honor our graduating high school seniors in the MAC at 8:15 a.m. Vicki Britten is coordinating the reception, and we are asking for volunteers to prepare a number of breakfast finger foods including: sausage-cheese baguette toast, pigs in blankets, fresh fruit; bite-size quiche tarts; and sweet rolls/pastries. If you are willing to help with one (or more) of these, please email Vicki at *brittenv@acu.edu*.

**2017 UYM Senior Class:** Dawson Graham (Clyde HS - grandson of Win and Roseann Martin); Lido Guzman (Abilene HS - daughter of Luis and Lido Guzman); Gerry Lara (Cooper HS - son of Gerardo Lara and Alma Lara); Cristian Villanueva (Abilene HS - son of Gustavo and Micaela Villanueva); and Derek Wu (Abilene Christian HS - international student staying with the Villanuevas).

**Summer Camp Trip:** As usual, we will be taking two groups to camps this summer during the same time period. The **Camp Blue Haven group** will leave on Saturday, June 10 and return Friday, June 23. The **Encounter group** will leave on Sunday, June 11 and return Saturday, June 17. We will get paperwork out soon in addition to what you have already received from the respective camps.

**HS Mission Trip:** Our HS Mission Trip will be July 13-21, and we will be going to McAllen. Our focus will be on helping Harvey Drive Church of Christ reach out to their community in a variety of ways, through putting on community events and service projects. We will be working over the coming months to shape exactly what that will look like, but it may be similar to many of the things we have been trying here at UCC. Part of our prep will be brainstorming for some of our own ideas to offer to them. Some of you may know **Abel Alvarez**, the longtime minister (27 years) at HDCC. In July 2016, Abel had the second kidney transplant of his life. Abel had struggled with health issues affecting his kidneys for many years, and his body had rejected his first transplant and tried to reject this most recent one as well. But now Abel is doing much better. We thought it would be helpful to him and to the congregation he serves to offer them a little boost through our own prayers, time, sweat and resources. We will even end our week with a day-trip down to South Padre Island to close out our time there. So, make plans to join us and invite a friend. Adults will also be needed, so if you are interested, please see Jason. Check out more about Abel's story on our UCC Youth Ministry Facebook page.

**Huddles Continue 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.. The **MS Huddle** will meet in the Youth Center.

## 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.