



May 14, 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

15 *Step by Step*

Welcome/News Video TBA

Morning Prayer Topher Fangio

144 *O Worship The King*

Cornerstone

As the Deer Thirsts

Communion Jerry Riggs

Scripture: Mark 14:22-25

Bread

18 *Faithful Love*

Cup

18 *Faithful Love*

Offering

Flowers for Moms

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18 Kyle Bowen

Unexpected Choices Brent Isbell

448 *The Greatest Commands*

Responsive Benediction: Psalm 121:7-8

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.

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
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Welcome to University Church. Are you visiting today? If so, thank you for joining us in worship. Please fill out a **Connections Card** (on the seat backs). It helps us connect and say thank you for being our guest today. You can use that card to share contact information, request prayers, or even let us know you have decided to be a member here at UCC. Just drop it in the offering plate (or do it online at uccabilene.org/card). We hope you will come back again very soon!

Happy Mother's Day! The second Sunday of May usually brings a few more folks to church, for some reason! Moms are always able to get us to do things we might not otherwise do, right? Let's be honest, moms are very important, and we love them a lot! We will honor our moms this morning with some simple flowers from our children. We want to honor the mamas, grandmas and special women who show us Jesus. We also acknowledge that Mother's Day can be a difficult holiday for those who aren't moms or cannot be moms; for those who have lost mothers or children; for those who experience heart-breaking family relationships; and more. Not everybody gets to live a Hallmark card life. Today our love goes out to all our sisters, particularly those having a tough day.

Reverse. Today is week four of our seven-week Reverse series. The story of early Christians is the story of surprising transformations. We are spending a few Sundays in Acts, focusing on how the community of Jesus changed their world by being changed themselves. It's a fast fifty-day road from Easter to Pentecost. Today we're in Acts 11 as Peter tells how God changed his "menu"! Just when we think we have God figured out, he surprises us by revealing his heart for the unexpected. Today: **Unexpected Choices.** Our worship leader today is **David Allen Sprott.**

This Wednesday we conclude our short series with **James Thompson** and **What Does it Mean to Be Saved by Grace?** Join us at 7 p.m. in the Family Room.

Coming Events

- **Senior Sunday** - Sunday, May 21
- **CONNECT: Inter-Generational Night** - Wednesday, May 24
- **Summer Family Night No. 1** - Wednesday, May 31 (Ice Cream)

WELCOME

Garrett and Jennifer Hoskins

Luke (11 weeks old)

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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 -	391	Northern Oaks -	14
Bilingual -	55	Chisholm Place -	N/A
Coronado -	70	Silver Springs -	22

OFFERING:

May 7 \$17,753.07

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Happy Mother's Day

A halo that reflects a life of a wisdom, kindness and caring. Eyes that sparkle with pride and show how much she believes in you.

Shoulders that have been slept on and wept on and carried a world or two. Arms that never run out of hugs. Hands that know just when to hold on and when to let go. A mind filled with amazing things, from fairy tales to family tales and long-ago stories of you. A smile that can jump right into your heart and warm you faster than hot chocolate. A heart of gold that holds more love than you can possibly imagine.

- Author Unknown

VBS: If you would be willing to volunteer for VBS this year, there are many different areas where individuals are needed. Please contact Jennifer if you are willing to help.

VBS Registration: If your child is planning to attend VBS, please go to uccabilene.org/VBS to register.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight: We will have a combined potluck tonight at 5 p.m. in the Family Room. Bring your favorite dishes, and let's fellowship together.

Next Week: The blue group will meet at the Williams' house, and the gold group will meet at the Bowmans' house.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight we will meet at the Steeles' house (1451 Yeomans) at 7 p.m. for small group and dessert only. 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
campus@uccabilene.org

Welcome: We would like to extend a warm welcome to any college students with us today.

Summer: For the duration of the summer, there will be no Dwelling Place or Community Groups.

Class: College students are invited to join the Gatherings class in MAC 504 on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

NEWS AND NOTES

A come-and-go reception honoring **Jeff** and **Linda Arrington** will take place on Sunday, May 21 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the UCC Youth Room. The Arringtons are leaving Abilene to move to Montgomery, Ala., where Jeff will serve in a new role as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Faulkner University. Come join us as we express our love, appreciation and best wishes for their new endeavors!

Wednesday Night Suppers have concluded for the semester.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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No Activity Tonight: We will not have an activity tonight, so do something extra special for your mom today instead! She most certainly deserves it!

Senior Sunday-Next Week: Next Sunday, May 21, at 8:15 a.m., we will begin Senior Sunday with a breakfast reception in the Family Room. This will be our congregation-focused time for members to congratulate our seniors, peruse their table exhibits, drop off gifts and enjoy breakfast together. At the close of worship, we will recognize our seniors by name and pray over them and their families. That evening, from 6-7:30 p.m., we will have a smaller, more intimate dinner for seniors, their families and the youth group. Please make plans to join us on Sunday as we honor our HS graduates who once played on our stage as toddlers, but will now be walking across a different one.

Senior Sunday Breakfast Reception Help Needed: **Vicki Britten** is coordinating the senior breakfast 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 or call her office at (325) 674-2610.

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); **Travis Towell** (Abilene HS - Son of Rusty and Amy Towell); **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 be getting 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. Some things might be similar to what we have done here at UCC. We'll brainstorm together in preparation. 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 interested, please see Jason.

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. Bring your friends for this time of sharing, prayer and fun.

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.