



May 21, 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**

227 *On Zion's Glorious Summit*

**Welcome/News Video**

**Elders' Announcement and Prayer**

Kris Southward

*Had it Not Been the Lord*

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**Communion** Paul Roggendorff

**Scripture: John 15:9-17**

**Bread**

315 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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**Offering**

**Children's Church**

258 *The New Song*

**Amazing Detours** Brent Isbell

535 *The Glory-Land Way*

**Blessing for UCC High School Seniors**

Jason Craddock

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

**REFLECTIONS**

**Brent Isbell**, Preaching Minister  
[brent@uccabilene.org](mailto:brent@uccabilene.org)

**Welcome to UCC.** Are you visiting today? If so, thank you for joining us in worship. Please fill out a **Connections Card** (on the seat backs). Use that card to share contact information, ask for prayers, or even let us know you have decided to be a member here at University. Just drop it in the collection plate later (or do it at [uccabilene.org/card](http://uccabilene.org/card)). Please come back and join us again soon!

**Senior Sunday 2017.** Today we honor six UCC high school graduates. These young people are very much our shared sons and daughters. Earlier we had a celebratory breakfast reception for them. This morning in worship we will take some time to call their names, present each a Bible and pray over this important time in their lives and the lives of their families. May God bless each one!

**Reverse.** Today is week five of our seven-week series, spanning the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost. We are spending these Sundays in Acts, focusing on how the community Jesus left behind changed their world by becoming changed people. Today we're in Acts 16, where Luke tells us about the time the Apostle Paul had one travel plan, but God issued him a surprising new route to the home of a woman named Lydia: **Amazing Detours.** Our worship leader today is **Eric Lemmons.**

**CONNECT this Wednesday!** This Wednesday is our second CONNECT night this spring. At 7 p.m. we will all (first grade and up!) gather in the MAC for one hour of relationship-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. Like our last CONNECT night (March 8), we will play games, sing, watch a special video and spend a few minutes simply getting to know each other better. When you arrive, just find a table and try to sit with people you don't know or don't know well. Try to sit with someone from another age group or class. Don't worry about it. We'll give instructions about what to do! This will be fun, and we believe it pleases God when his people come together across generations.

**Coming Events**

- **CONNECT** - Wednesday, May 24, 7 p.m. in the MAC
- **Summer Family Night No. 1** - Wednesday, May 31 (Ice Cream)
- **Vacation Bible School** - June 2-3
- **Summer Adult Speaker Series begins** - Wednesday, June 7
- **Children's Home Special Offering** - June 25

**CLASS TIMES:**

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

**WORSHIP TIMES:**

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

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**NURSERY FACILITIES**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

Worship - <b>443</b>	Northern Oaks - <b>18</b>
Bilingual - <b>67</b>	Chisholm Place - <b>12</b>
Coronado - <b>74</b>	Silver Springs - <b>38</b>

**OFFERING:**

**May 14** **\$13,440.79**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
*jenniferw@uccabilene.org*

**Children's Church Helpers:** Keegan Copher, Karla Ciriaco, Lizzie Bryce and Alyssa

**VBS Volunteer Needs:** If you would like to volunteer for VBS, here are a few areas where help is needed; registration help from Friday evening and Saturday morning, lunch help on Saturday at noon, station positions on Saturday from 12:45-1:30 p.m. (kids will come and play a game at your station).

**VBS Cookies:** Homemade cookies are needed for our picnic on Saturday, June 3. You can drop off your homemade cookies at the church office on Friday, June 2 between 8 a.m. and noon. Thank you in advance for this special treat for the children at Vacation Bible School.

## TRANSITIONS

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

**Tonight:** The blue group will meet at the Williams' house (6350 Summerhill Road), while the gold group will meet at the Bowmans' (642 Green Valley Drive).

**Next Week:** The blue group will meet at the Kings' house, and the gold group will meet at the Roberts' house.

Check out **Facebook** for more activities and info, including sign-ups for summer small groups.

## GATHERINGS

**Bradley Steele**, Young Adults Minister  
*bradley@uccabilene.org*

**Tonight** we will not have small group. We look forward to getting together again next week!

**Wednesday** we will meet at 7 p.m. in MAC 504 for Sanctuary. Join us 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  
*campus@uccabilene.org*

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

**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 today 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!

The **Quilting Ministry** will meet in the morning at 9 a.m. upstairs in Room 208.

Join us for **CONNECT** this Wednesday in the MAC at 7 p.m.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**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).

**Today is Senior Sunday:** Today we begin Senior Sunday with a breakfast reception in the Family Room at 8:15 a.m. This will be our congregation-focused time where members will be encouraged to come visit with and congratulate our graduating seniors, visit their table exhibits, drop off gifts and enjoy breakfast together. All of the food is being prepared by our own UCC members! What a blessing it is to have such a loving church family. At the close of worship, we will recognize our seniors by name and pray over them and their families at the front of the auditorium. Then in the evening, from 6-7:30 p.m., we will have a smaller, more intimate dinner for seniors, their families and the youth group.

**Briefcases Needed:** If you have a briefcase(s) that Jason may use for a week from June 10-18, please let him know. It is needed for a class, but it is in no danger of being damaged.

**YM Promotion Sunday:** Promotion for new sixth graders will be Sunday, June 4 during class time. Current fifth graders will begin in their normal class upstairs, and some of the youth group teens will ceremonially go upstairs to greet you and bring you down to the Youth Center. Parents are invited as well. We will make this a wonderful time of getting to know you and let you know what the Youth Ministry is all about. We are super excited to have you in the group, and we welcome you with open arms.

**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 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 meet 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.

## 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.