



CHILDREN'S HOME

- FOSTER'S HOME OF STEPHENVILLE
- ARMS OF HOPE
 - BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME
 - MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME



- CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE
- CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

SPECIAL COLLECTION - TODAY

June 25, 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

162 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Welcome/Family Prayer Bradley Steele
Video Family News

324 *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?*

Communion Gene Linder

Scripture: Matthew 26:26-29

Bread

288 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Cup

288 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Offering

Children's Homes Video

Special Offering for Children's Homes

Children's Church

290 *Shine, Jesus Shine*

Shine, Jesus, Shine! Brent Isbell

947 *Jesus is Tenderly Calling*

979 *I Am A Poor Wayfaring Stranger*

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
brent@uccabilene.org

Welcome! Are you visiting today? If so, we appreciate you joining us. Please fill out a **Connections Card** (on the seat backs). Use this card to give us contact information, ask for prayers, or even tell us you want to be a member at UCC. Just drop it in the offering plate later (or do it online at uccabilene.org/card). Please come back and see us again very soon!

Keep the Light On! Today we begin a new sermon series based on the letters to the churches in Revelation 2 and 3. We are going to think about what it means to be a church that pleases Jesus. We will identify seven healthy habits to strengthen churches then and now. This morning, we will introduce our series the way John introduces Revelation—with a vision of the Risen Jesus: **Shine, Jesus, Shine!** Our worship leader this morning is **Mark Tate**.

Special Offering for Children's Homes. Once a year at UCC, we collect a special gift for the children's homes we support. **Today is the day!** These groups do great work for families and children, and they depend on us to come through every year. I hope you have been praying and preparing to give. Take note that we will have **two** offerings today—first our regular weekly collection, then the Children's Home Special will be the second. Let's all dig deep and make it a great year for our children's home partners!

Things That Matter. This Wednesday night, we will take a one-week break from our Wednesday Summer Series to have our second **Family Night** out in the MAC. Join us at 7 p.m. for **watermelons and cantaloupes!** Family Nights are simply about good food and fellowship for our church family. They are also a good opportunity to invite people, so grab a friend or neighbor or co-worker and bring them to the MAC for some sweet, sticky, delicious fun!

Coming Events

- **Family Night No. 2 in the MAC** - Wednesday, June 28
- **Church Office Closed** - Tuesday, July 4
- **Summer Series: Jarrod Robinson** - Wednesday, July 5
- **Summer Series: Stan Reid** - Wednesday, July 12

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 -	352	Northern Oaks -	18
Bilingual -	60	Chisholm Place -	12
Coronado -	68	Silver Springs -	42

OFFERING:

June 18 **\$9,165.22**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Worship Helpers: Darby Ice, Chris Roggendorff, Lorena Zuniga.

Starting next week, **Children's Worship** will take a break and return on Sunday, August 20.

Wednesday Night: We will enjoy a Family Night in the MAC this week. Be sure and join us for some watermelon and fellowship.

Terrific Tuesday: Children first through fifth grade can enjoy fun, games and fellowship on Tuesdays July 11, 18 and 25 from 9-11:45 a.m. For your child to attend, you must register them online at uccabilene.org. Registration will close on Friday, July 7.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
joey@uccabilene.org

Tonight: We will meet at the Gibbs' house (901 Washington) at 5 p.m. There are still a few open Sundays for this summer, so check out the Facebook page for details.

Next Sunday: Next Sunday, we still need a host, so let me know if you can host and where.

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 meet at the Steeles' house (1451 Yeomans) at 5 p.m. for small group.

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

Check out our **Facebook** page (search *UCC Gatherings*) for more events and info.

NEWS AND NOTES

Watermelon Eatin' and Seed-Spittin' Fun: This Wednesday is our next **Family Night** at 7 p.m. Join us for melons and fellowship in the MAC.

Everyone is invited to the **July 4th Hillcrest Neighborhood Parade** beginning at 10 a.m. at the corner of Campus Court and Bacon. Decorate your bike, walk, wave your flag, drive your antique car or sit and watch. Homemade ice cream, cookies and visiting will follow in the Hillcrest gym afterwards. Contact **Liz Rotenberry** for more information.

SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS

May 31	James Estes to Zambia
June 16-23	Welches to Haiti
June 19-30	Towells to Honduras
June 28	Angela Estes to Zambia
June 30-July 9	Mexico Team
June 30-July 11	Costa Rica Team
July 6-18	Ecuador Team
	Johnny Estes to Zambia
July 23	Johnny/Angela Estes return
July 29-August 7	Cuba Team
August 13	James Estes returns
Other Trips	Sarah Dillinger to Thailand Shannon Que to Costa Rica

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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BLAST Service Projects Needed: BLAST is our regularly scheduled teen service project during the summer. We are currently looking for work projects that can help out people in our neighborhood and our church. If you are aware of someone in need, or you yourself could use some help with a one-time project (painting, cleanup, yard work, pantry/shed/garage organization, etc.), then please let Jason know. Before you say, "Well I need this done, but I don't want to bother the nice teens," let me offer a couple of things. One, they are not that nice (just kidding they are actually really nice). Two, part of developing a Christ-like identity and strong faith is learning to serve others inside and outside the church. You letting us help you with something you are not able to do alone would be quite beneficial to shaping the faith of these growing Christian teens. So, please email Jason if you know of something that we could do to serve.

Fun Devo and Hangout Tonight: Join us tonight from 5-8 p.m. for a fun devo followed by dinner and free time in the Youth Center as we all enjoy being back together after camp. Bring \$2 to help cover the cost of pizza.

BLAST on Tuesday: We will meet Tuesday at 9 a.m. and prepare to visit some of our members in their homes. We will start off by baking some cookies to take with us to enjoy with our hosts. For the afternoon, bring a sack lunch, \$6, a swimsuit, towel and sunscreen as we go to Adventure Cove, Abilene's new water fun facility.

Wednesday Night Family Night: Our month Summer Family Night will be this Wednesday, and we will enjoy some watermelon, canteloupe and honeydew as well as some fun together for the whole congregation. Afterward, the Youth Center will be open until 9 p.m. to hang out with the youth group.

REEL Faith Thursday Night: This week's REEL Faith feature will be the 2016 version of *Ben Hur*. What made the original book interesting, as well as its numerous cinematic adaptations, is how one's life can be forever changed by unexpected encounters with Jesus and the message of the Gospel; and this will be the focus of our time and discussion as well. The event will be from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and we will provide popcorn, drinks and candy.

HS Mission Trip and Paperwork: Our HS Mission Trip will be July 13-21, and we will be going to McAllen. We need to know who is going by next Sunday, July 2, so we can make all the necessary travel arrangements. All paperwork and payment is due the following Sunday, July 9. The cost of the trip is only \$30 per person. Our focus will be on helping the Harvey Drive Church of Christ reach out to their community in a variety of ways, through putting on community events and service projects. Part of our prep will be brainstorming for some of our own ideas to offer to them. We will even close our week with a day-trip down to South Padre Island to close out our time there. Make plans to join us and invite a friend. Adults will also be needed, so contact Jason if you can go.

PRAYER LIST

UCC ELDERS

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.