



July 9, 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

718 *We Shall Assemble*

Welcome/Family News Brent Isbell

Baby Blessing: Luke Wayne Hoskins  
Kris Southward

*We Love You With The Love of the Lord*

218 *Blessed Jesus*

365 *How Beautiful*

Communion Brady Bryce

Scripture: Romans 8:31-39

Bread

*Shine On Us*

Cup

*Shine On Us*

Offering

Scripture: Revelation 2:8-11

Andrew Redmayne

Habit 2: *Hanging Tough* Brent Isbell

936 *Lord, I'm Coming Home*

*Be Unto Your Name*

Worship Leader David Allen Sprott

*If you would like to have someone pray with you, or for you, please make your way to Room 101 at the end of service where there are UCC members waiting just for you.*

*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)

**Good Morning!** Are you visiting University Church today? If so, then you are a welcome guest! Thank you for joining us. Please fill out a **Connections Card** (white cards on the seat backs). Use that card to give us contact information, ask for prayers, or perhaps even let us know you want to be a member at UCC. Simply drop it in the collection plate when it comes around later. You can also fill out a card easily by going to [uccabilene.org/card](http://uccabilene.org/card). Please come see us again soon!

**Keep the Light On!** Today we continue our summer series based on the letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3. Each week, we are thinking about what it means to be a church that pleases Jesus in our world. We are identifying healthy habits to strengthen churches then and now. This morning, we come to the second of the letters (Smyrna) and **Habit 2: Hanging Tough**. Our worship leader this morning is **David Allen Sprott**.

Today we will take some time as a church family to bless one of our new arrivals—**Luke Wayne Hoskins!** Baby Luke's parents are **Garrett and Jennifer Hoskins**.

This Wednesday evening, **Stan Reid** will be our guest speaker. Stan is the president at Austin Graduate School of Theology. Many of us probably remember years back when Stan was a staff member here at UCC. Stan will continue our **Wednesday Summer Series** at 7 p.m. in the Family Room. Our 2017 theme is **Things That Matter**. We have asked our speakers to help us process subjects of great importance for the Kingdom. Stan's subject will be **Tradition Matters**. Come join us!

### Coming Events

- **Summer Series: Eddie Sharp** – Wednesday, July 19
- **Family Night No. 3 (Chips/Dips)** – Wednesday, July 26

#### 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>334</b>	Northern Oaks -	<b>N/A</b>
Bilingual -	<b>N/A</b>	Chisholm Place -	<b>14</b>
Coronado -	<b>66</b>	Silver Springs -	<b>35</b>

#### OFFERING:

July 2 **\$9,165.22**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
[jenniferw@uccabilene.org](mailto:jenniferw@uccabilene.org)

**Terrific Tuesday:** For children first through fifth who registered, Terrific Tuesday begins this Tuesday. Please meet in the MAC at 9 a.m.

**Wednesday Night:** We are in our second week of our series, **For Such a Time as This**, for girls first through fifth grade and **Raising Sons of Thunder**, for boys first through fifth grade. Just a reminder that the boys will meet upstairs in Room 219 and the girls will meet in Room 212. Pre-school through kindergarten will meet in the Big Room of the Early Childhood Center.

**Parents are attending the classes** and have signed up to teach. For example, if a mom has only boys, she is encouraged to attend the girls' class to participate. If you would be willing to help in the Early Childhood Center on a Wednesday Night during this series, please contact Jennifer Welch.

**Fall Schedule:** If you would like to volunteer to serve in a class as a helper or a teacher this fall; please email [jenniferw@uccabilene.org](mailto:jenniferw@uccabilene.org)

## TRANSITIONS

**Joey Roberts**, Communications Minister  
[joey@uccabilene.org](mailto:joey@uccabilene.org)

**Tonight:** We will meet at the Williams' house (6350 Summerhill Road) at 5:30 p.m. Check Facebook for more details.

**Next Sunday:** We will meet with the Children's Ministry at the Dive Spot (1701 Lytle Trail) at 5:30 p.m. and swim for an hour.

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

## GATHERINGS

**Bradley Steele**, Young Adults Minister  
[bradley@uccabilene.org](mailto:bradley@uccabilene.org)

**Tonight:** Tonight we will be meeting at the Browns' house (1450 Yeoman's Road, Apt. 1101) at 5 p.m. for small group. Hope to see you there!

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

## NEWS AND NOTES

We express our sympathy to the family of **Callie Mickey** who passed away on Thursday. Visitation is today, July 9, from 3-5 p.m. at Piersall Funeral Home (733 Butternut Street). A memorial service is set for tomorrow, July 10 at 1 p.m. in the UCC Chapel. Please be in prayer for this family during its time of loss.

**Mary Kate Rotenberry:** "Thank you so much for the thoughtful note and blanket. I am planing on using it in my apartment. I am glad my school career is over, and I look forward to seeing how the Lord uses me in the future!"

**Tony and Barbara Ash:** "Tony and I are overwhelmed by the Christian love and help sent our way since I broke my right ankle. So many kind UCC folks have provided prayers, encouragement, meals, cards and so many other thoughtful services to us. Our sincerest thanks to everyone. We love you."

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
[jason.craddock@uccabilene.org](mailto:jason.craddock@uccabilene.org)

**Sonic Tonight:** Join us at Sonic (on Judge Ely) for some volleyball and food from 5-7 p.m. Bring money for drinks and/or snacks.

**Wednesday Night:** Join us on Wednesday Night in the Youth Center from 7-8:30 p.m. for some fun games, devo and snacks. We will finish with some free time.

**Mission Trip and Paperwork:** We leave for Mission Trip on Thursday! There is a lot to do before then, but make sure to turn in your paperwork and money today! We will meet the UCC Portico on Thursday at 8 a.m. and then leave shortly thereafter. The cost of the trip is only \$30 per person! The focus of our trip will be helping the Harvey Drive congregation reach out to their community in a variety of ways, through putting on community events and service projects. We thought it would be helpful to their minister and to the congregation he serves to offer them a little boost through our own prayers, resources and Teen Power! We will end our week with a day-trip to South Padre Island to close out our trip.

**MS Mission Stay Hosts Needed:** Our MS Mission Stay has become one of the most fun activities of our whole summer! For those of you who are new to Mission Stay, we do mission work but we don't leave town. We do stay together though, so kids aren't sleeping in their own beds (making it feel like we are away). We will start Sunday night, July 30 and finish Wednesday night, Aug. 2. We will just have a good time on Sunday night, but on Monday-Wednesday we will work during the day and play at night. We are currently putting together projects for the week. We would love to have hosts for dinners, pools and sleeping. In the past, we have stayed in people's homes, but the past couple of years we have stayed in the MAC. If you are willing to be an overnight-host to approximately 10 boys or 10 girls to let sleep in your home and feed them breakfast for three days, please let Jason know. The same goes for hosting a dinner and/or pool time. The cost for MS Mission Stay is only \$20 for the week.

### Upcoming Dates:

- HS Mission Trip - July 13-21
- MS Mission Stay - July 30-August 2

## STAY CONNECTED

University members and friends can **stay connected** with UCC via Facebook and Twitter. Like the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/UCCAbilene](http://www.facebook.com/UCCAbilene), follow the UCC Twitter feed at [www.twitter.com/UCCAbilene](http://www.twitter.com/UCCAbilene) and also follow us on Instagram @UCCAbilene.

## SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS

<b>June 30-July 9</b>	Mexico Team
<b>June 30-July 11</b>	Costa Rica Team
<b>July 6-18</b>	Ecuador Team
	Johnny Estes to Zambia
<b>July 23</b>	Johnny/Angela Estes return
<b>July 29-August 7</b>	Cuba Team
<b>August 8</b>	James Estes returns
<b>Other Trips</b>	Sarah Dillinger to Thailand
	Shannon Que to Costa Rica

## 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.