



July 16, 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

*How Great is Our God*

**Welcome/Family News** Blake Williams  
**Congregational Prayer**

**715** *The Church's One Foundation*

*Cornerstone*

**Communion** Mac Ice

**Bread**

**315** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**Cup**

**315** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**Offering**

**846** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

**Scripture: Revelation 2:12-17** Lance Tolar

**Habit 3: Keeping Faith** James Thompson

**540** *O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink*

**853** *When We All Get to Heaven*

**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 with us this morning? If so, then you are an honored guest! Thank you for coming. 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 tell us you want to be a member at UCC. Just drop your card in the collection plate when it comes around later. You can also fill out a card online at [uccabilene.org/card](http://uccabilene.org/card). Please come see us again soon!

**Keep the Light On!** I am out of town today, but we will continue our summer sermon series in the letters to the churches of Revelation. One of our elders, **James Thompson**, is graciously filling in for me today. Each week in this series, we are thinking about what it means to be a church that pleases Jesus in our world. We are identifying seven healthy habits to strengthen churches then and now. This morning, we come to the third letter (Pergamum) and **Habit 3: Keeping Faith**. Our worship leader this morning is **David Allen Sprott**.

This Wednesday evening, a dear friend to many—**Eddie Sharp**—will be our guest speaker. Eddie preached here at University Church for twenty-eight years before moving to Austin (University Avenue) in 2008. Many of you will want to say hello and catch up with Eddie and Annette and their family. Eddie will continue our Wednesday Summer Series theme **Things That Matter**. We have asked all our speakers to help us think about subjects of great importance for God's people. Eddie's subject will be **Kingdom Matters**. Come join us at 7 p.m. in the Family Room!

### Coming Events

- **Summer Series: Eddie Sharp** – Wednesday, July 19
- **Family Night No. 3 (Chips/Dips)** – Wednesday, July 26
- **Summer Series: Nathan Burrow** – Wednesday, Aug. 2
- **Summer Series: Carson Reed** – Wednesday, Aug. 9
- **Operation Blue Jeans** – Sunday, Aug. 13

#### 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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[www.uccabilene.org](http://www.uccabilene.org)

#### NURSERY FACILITIES

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

#### ATTENDANCE:

Worship -	<b>358</b>	Northern Oaks -	<b>36</b>
Bilingual -	<b>45</b>	Chisholm Place -	<b>6</b>
Coronado -	<b>60</b>	Silver Springs -	<b>N/A</b>

#### OFFERING:

**July 9** **\$13,405.31**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister  
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**Fall Schedule:** If you would like to volunteer to serve in a class as a helper or a teacher this fall, please e-mail [jenniferw@uccabilene.org](mailto:jenniferw@uccabilene.org).

**Family Night:** We will enjoy one more swim night at the Dive Spot next Sunday, July 23. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. and be done at 7 p.m. Make plans to enjoy this time of swimming and fellowship.

**Terrific Tuesday:** We enjoyed our first Terrific Tuesday last week. We will meet this Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the foyer of the MAC and enjoy activities in the Youth Center later that morning.

**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.

## TRANSITIONS

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

**Today:** Join us for lunch as we help host the Japanese students today. We will not have small group tonight.

**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  
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**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.

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

## NEWS AND NOTES

The **Quilting Ministry** will meet on Monday, July at 9 a.m. in Room 208.

The **Christian Service Center** was given several sturdy moving boxes. If you need some, please call Jim Clark at 673-7531.

Mark your calendars for our next **Family Night** of the summer: **July 26**. We will have chips, dips and other finger foods. Make plans to join us, bring some yummy goodies and enjoy the fellowship. We'll meet at 7 p.m. in the MAC.

## FAMILY LIBRARY

The **UCC Family Library** has a wide selection of reading materials and videos for all ages that are available to check out. The UCC Family Library is open on Sunday mornings from 8:45-10 a.m. and Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:15 p.m.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**No Activity Tonight:** Since so many of us are out of town on Mission Trip, we will not have an activity tonight.

**Wednesday Night:** Join us on Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. in the Youth Center for a small devo and an activity.

**Mission Trip This Week:** We left on Thursday with 30 people on our mission trip to McAllen. We are partnering with the Harvey Drive Church of Christ in their work with their community. That is why our section is a little empty this week. We ask for your prayers that the Lord will bless our work and that we may shine brightly for the Kingdom this week. We will be back on Friday.

**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, August 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 host a dinner and/or pool time for 15 teens please let Jason know. The cost for MS Mission Stay is only \$20 for the week. Please let Jason know by July 26 if you plan to attend.

### Upcoming Dates:

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

## CHILDREN'S HOMES

Thank you to everyone who gave to the **Children's Homes Special Collection**. Our total is \$23,280. The money is split between the five homes UCC supports: Christian Homes of Abilene, Cherokee Home for Children, Foster's Home for Children and Arms of Hope (Boles Home and Medina Children's Home).

## 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

**July 6-18** Ecuador Team  
Johnny Estes to Zambia  
**July 23** Johnny/Angela Estes return  
**July 29-August 7** Cuba Team  
**August 8** James Estes returns  
**Other Trips** 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.