



July 30, 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

47 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

In Christ Alone

Welcome/Family News Video

Congregational Prayer Tophier Fangio

851 *I'll Fly Away*

852 *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*

Communion Andrew Huddleston

Bread

176 *Lamb of God*

Cup

176 *Lamb of God*

Offering

Faithful

Scripture: Revelation 3:1-6 Garrett Hoskins

Habit 5: Staying Alert Brent Isbell

988 *I'll Be List'ning*

490 *It Is Well with My Soul*

Worship Leader Eric Lemmons

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.

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
brent@uccabilene.org

Welcome! Are you visiting with us today? If so, we are very grateful for you coming our way and sharing worship time with us. If you will, please fill out a **Connections Card** (small white cards on the seat backs). Use that card to share your contact information, ask us for prayers, or perhaps even let us know you want to be a member at UCC. Then drop your card in the offering plate when it comes around. Another option is to fill out a card online at uccabilene.org/card. Please come back soon!

Keep the Light On! We will continue our summer series working through the letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3. Each week, we are asking 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 fifth letter (Sardis) and **Habit 5: Staying Alert**. Our worship leader today is **Eric Lemmons**.

This Wednesday evening, **Nathan Burrow** from Hillcrest will continue our summer series 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. This week, Nathan's subject will be **Forgiveness Matters**. Come join us Wednesday at 7 p.m.!

Coming Events

- **Summer Series: Nathan Burrow** - Wednesday, Aug. 2
- **Summer Series: Carson Reed** - Wednesday, Aug. 9
- **Operation Blue Jeans** - Sunday, Aug. 13
- **Summer Series: Danny Sims** - Wednesday, Aug. 16
- **Family Night No. 4: Back-to-School Bash** - Wednesday, Aug. 23

NEW ADULT CURRICULUM

The adult classes will start a new series on Sunday, Aug. 27. We will meet for a combined Bible class in the auditorium that Sunday at 9 a.m.

The congregational study will be called **Of Lands Lost and Found: The Old Testament and the People of God**. We will discuss the basic storyline of the Old Testament as a people's quest for God, and ultimately, to equip our ourselves for that same quest. Thank you to **Mark** and **Samjung Hamilton** for writing the material for us. The series will run 12 weeks, beginning in classes on Sunday, Sept. 3. Please make plans to join us for this special class as we kick off the new adult Bible class curriculum.

CLASS TIMES:

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

WORSHIP TIMES:

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

NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE:

Worship - 258	Northern Oaks - 26
Bilingual - 48	Chisholm Place - 12
Coronado - 68	Silver Springs - 39

OFFERING:

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FROM THE ELDERS

– by Kris Southward, 2017 elder chairman

The UCC elders held their monthly meeting with ministry staff on July 23, 2017. Numerous items were discussed and prayed over, among them:

- Prayed, by name, for those who are in the hospital/skilled nursing, for the families of **Callie Mickey** and **Ed Brown** who have recently passed on to their sweet heavenly home; for those families expecting babies; for success of recent youth and adult summer mission trips and for upcoming mission trips; for those dealing with dementia and cancer, and for many others;
- Discussed **attendance** and **giving** averages comparing 2017 to prior years;
- Discussed a one-time contribution for **World Christian Broadcasting** in September of this year specifically recognizing the tremendous efforts of **Lowell** and **Earline Perry**, and their children, to this excellent work;
- Discussed ways to **welcome visitors** to UCC through the Welcome Center, greeters, visitor packets, personal contact, etc.;
- Discussed some **family members** who have financial needs above their means and how we can help;
- Determined to have a **retreat** in the September/October timeframe as we look forward to 2018;
- Decided that it is time to begin a **new elder-selection process** with that process starting the first of 2018. Details of how that process will be implemented will be discussed at our next meeting. Last elders process culminated in May, 2011;
- Discussed that it has been two years since we published our views of men's and women's roles in the **worship service** (May, 2015), where we have been since then, the changes made, and where that leads us for the future;
- Discussed that the committees working on the **proposed new playground** are diligently working on cost estimates and hope to have those to us very soon.

As always, the UCC elders are grateful for each of you and covet your continued prayers, just as we remember you in our prayers.

**A list of UCC elders can be found on page four*

UCC FAMILY LIBRARY

The **UCC Family Library** has a wide selection of reading materials and videos for all ages that are available to check out – from biographies, fiction, non-fiction, youth books, children's books and bilingual books. The UCC Family Library is in the main building and is open Sunday mornings from 8:45-10 a.m. and Wednesdays from 6:45-8:15 p.m.

NEWS AND NOTES

Tonight's **5 p.m. Chapel Service** will feature **Lou Seckler** as the speaker and **Eric Lemmons** as the song leader.

The **Quilting Ministry** will meet on Monday, July 31 at 9 a.m. in Room 208.

Do you have free time and a heart for service? If yes, **ACU Summit** would love to hear from you! ACU Summit has two paid temp positions open for the Summit event, Sept. 17-20: Childcare Coordinator and Transportation/ Shuttle Service Coordinator. Work expectations are three and a half days during the event, plus planning time prior to Summit. Please email summit@acu.edu with your interest, questions or to request a job description.

The family of Agnes Stone has a **lift chair** they would like to donate to someone at UCC who needs it. If you, or someone you know, needs the lift chair, please let the church office know.

Operations Blue Jeans is set for Sunday, Aug. 13. Please start praying now as to how you can help the Christian Service Center with this worthwhile cause.

The **Back-to-School Bash** will be Wednesday, Aug. 23 from 5:30-8 p.m. More details will come later. However, we need people to meet for a **Cross+Walk** on Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 6 p.m. We will pass out information about the Back-to-School Bash and more. Make plans to join us.

Shawn Hull, Cherokee Home for Children: "I am so grateful for the generosity that you show to God's children. Your support helps to provide safe, consistent and loving Christian care to children who are making memories here at Cherokee Home for Children. You are making it possible for children to create lifelong memories in a Christ-centered environment that they would otherwise never have experienced. Thank you so much for touching the lives of His children."

UCC GIVING

Dear UCC Family,

I am reaching out to you to update you on our regular giving and expenses. Often in the summer months, our giving decreases. Many members leave for summer mission efforts, study abroad programs and vacations. However, it is important that we do all that we can to "keep the home fires burning" during this busy time of year. Last year at about this time, our expenses exceeded our giving by about \$13,000. This year at this time, that number has climbed to \$43,000. While we did receive a large check for a donated mineral interest, that money has been dedicated to various projects and not to the regular budgeted expenses. Let's all do what we can to catch up on covering our expenses. If you would like to give online, there is a link at the bottom of the UCC home page (www.uccabilene.org). If you would like to set up an ACH bank account withdrawal, please see the form on the opposite page.

Blessings to you all.

David A. Sprott, Finance Committee Chair

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight: We will meet at the home of Mark and Celia Tate at 5 p.m. We will swim and eat, so bring your own towels and check the Facebook page to see what to bring to eat.

Next Sunday: Next Sunday, we will have a cookout at our house (2309 Homestead Place). We will meet at 5 p.m., so check out Facebook next week for more details about food

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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facebook.com/groups/uymteens

MS Mission Stay Starts Today: MS Mission Stay is here! We are excited about another year with this great event filled with service and fun! This year, we will be doing a lot of painting, so start digging out the old clothes that you don't mind messing up. We will start on Sunday night at 5 p.m. as everyone drops off their things at the MAC and gets their sleeping areas set up. Then, it's off the Isbells' house for pizza and swimming. We will be staying in classrooms in the the MAC, so everyone will need to bring a sleeping bag with a pad or an air mattress (we have a few extras if needed). The rest of the week's schedule and a packing list was sent out via email, text and Facebook, but if you still need it, let Jason know. We will finish on Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Youth Center with an end-of-week video. So make plans to join us.

Wednesday Night: Join us on Wednesday night from 7-8 p.m. as we watch the MS group's end-of-week video from Mission Stay. It will be a great way to encourage them, as well as have some snacks afterwards!

Intern Appreciation Night - Next Sunday: As they wrap up their time with us this summer, next Sunday we will have a time of celebrating our two wonderful interns, **Daniel** and **Crysta**. We will go from 5-8 p.m. in the Youth Center. So make plans to join us and invite a friend.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight we will be meeting at the **Steeles'** house (1451 Yeoman's Road) 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.

Don't forget to join us for class on **Sunday mornings** at 9 a.m. in MAC 504.

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

GIVING CHEERFULLY

Perhaps you miss a few Sundays each year, and you need to make up your contribution. Maybe you would like to set up your contribution to be **withdrawn on a regular basis** so, if you are gone or forget your checkbook, your contribution to God's work here at UCC is not forgotten. If so, *fill out this form and put it in the collection plate or mail it to the church office.*

I authorize University Church of Christ to withdraw funds as checked below:

Regular contribution \$ _____ per week or month. *(Please circle one.)*

Special contribution \$ _____ (one time).

Please choose automatic withdraw from a bank account or payment by credit card.

Bank account No. _____ Bank routing No. _____

Credit Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Signature _____

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Wednesday Night: We will continue our boys and girls series for children first through fifth grade this Wednesday night. The boys and fathers will meet upstairs in Room 219, and the girls will meet upstairs in Room 212. Children in preschool up to kindergarten will meet in the Early Childhood Center in the Big Room.

Fall Teachers: If you would be willing to teach our first or second grade class on Sunday mornings this semester, please contact **Jennifer Welch**.

Children's Worship: This year if you would like to help in Children's Worship, please plan to attend a training session. Please plan to attend either, Sunday, Aug. 6 from 4:30- 5:15 p.m., or Wednesday evening, Aug. 9 from 6:15-7 p.m. We will gather upstairs in the children's worship room. Helpers must be going into sixth grade before they are eligible to help in children's worship.

"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

- Psalm 139:23-24

STAY CONNECTED

University members and friends can stay connected with UCC via Facebook and Twitter. Like the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/UCCAbilene, follow the UCC Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/UCCAbilene and also follow us on Instagram @UCCAbilene. You can also follow the UCC Campus Ministry, UCC Children's Ministry and UCC Youth Ministry on all three platforms as well. The UCC Transitions and Gatherings groups also have Facebook pages to keep up-to-date with small group meetings, member needs, special announcements and much more. Also, do you get the Daily News emails? If not, email Joey Roberts at joey@uccabilene.org to sign up.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR - July 30-August 23

- JULY 30** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC
9 a.m. - Bible Classes
10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, Eric Lemmons - worship leader
5 p.m. Chapel Service - Lou Seckler - speaker, Eric Lemmons - song leader
- JULY 31** 9 a.m. - Quilting Ministry, Room 208
- AUGUST 2** 7 p.m. - Bible Classes
- AUGUST 6** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC
9 a.m. - Bible Classes
10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, David Sprott - worship leader
5 p.m. Chapel Service - Brent Isbell - speaker, Gene Linder - song leader
- AUGUST 9** 7 p.m. - Bible Classes
- AUGUST 13** **OPERATION BLUE JEANS SUNDAY**
8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC
9 a.m. - Bible Classes
10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, Eric Lemmons - worship leader
No 5 p.m. Chapel Service - Fellowship Sunday
- AUGUST 16** 7 p.m. - Bible Classes
- AUGUST 20** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC
9 a.m. - Bible Classes
10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, Mark Tate - worship leader
5 p.m. Chapel Service - Bradley Steele - speaker, Brandon DeLano - song leader
- AUGUST 23** 5:30 p.m. - Family Night: Back-to-School Bash

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.