



August 13, 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

19 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Welcome/Family News

Prayer for Neighbors and Family
Lyndel Cook

382 *Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?*

383 *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*

Communion Jim Mitchell

Mark 14:17-25

Bread

234 *Worth Is the Lamb*

Cup

179 *He Is Lord!*

Weekly Offering

Special Offering: Operation Blue Jeans
Jim Clark

290 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

If the City Prospers Brent Isbell

828 *Instruments of Your Peace*

860 *There Is a Habitation*

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 today? If so, thank you for choosing to worship with us! Please take a minute to 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 University Church. Simply drop your card into the offering plate when it comes around. Another option is to fill out a card online at uccabilene.org/card. Please come back soon!

Today is Operation Blue Jeans Sunday. Look around and notice all the denim folks are wearing! Blue Jeans Sunday is something we do every August and have for many years. We set aside a day to collect a special second offering to help our partners at the **Christian Service Center** provide new school clothes and shoes and Bibles for hundreds of children and their families in Abilene. Blue Jeans Sunday is an important service to our community, and many people we will never know will depend on our generosity. Please do all you can to help boys and girls in our city start school well. **Jim Clark** from CSC will be leading our special OBJ offering time today. Our worship leader is **Eric Lemmons**.

This Wednesday night before classes, we will host a **Cross+Walk** to distribute invitations for our neighbors on the Hill to join our Burger Bash, a class series on dealing with family conflict, and more fall events. If you're willing to do a little walking, meet us at 6 p.m. in the MAC.

Afterward, **Danny Sims**, formerly the executive director at Global Samaritan Resources, will wrap up our Family Room **Things That Matter** summer series. Our speakers have helped us process subjects of great importance for the Kingdom. This week, Danny's subject will be **Cooperation Matters**. Come join us Wednesday at 7 p.m.!

Coming Events

- **Neighborhood Cross+Walk** – Wednesday, Aug. 16, 6 p.m.
- **Summer Series: Danny Sims** – Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m.
- **Back-to-School Bash** – Wednesday, Aug. 23
- **Fall Study Kickoff** – Sunday, Aug. 27: All adult classes meet in the auditorium at 9 a.m. for an orientation to our fall curriculum.
- **Back-to-School Bless** – Sunday, Aug. 27: UCC's annual start of school blessing service at 6 p.m. in the Family Room.

CLASS TIMES:
Sunday - 9 a.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

WORSHIP TIMES:
Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.

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NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE: Aug. 6, 2017
Worship - 382 Northern Oaks - 31
Bilingual - 70 Chisholm Place - 13
Coronado - 73 Silver Springs - N/A

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Early Childhood Center: We are excited that the Early Childhood Center is almost finished with new flooring and paint. To give everything time to set and dry, the building is closed today and the Bible classes that meet in that building are meeting upstairs this morning. The nursery located in the back of the auditorium is being used as the nursery for this Sunday.

Children's Worship: If you would like to help in Children's worship this year and did not attend one of the training sessions last week, I will have one more training on Sunday, Aug. 20 right after church. Plan to meet in the foyer by the Welcome Desk.

Promotion Sunday: On Sunday, Aug. 27, children will change classes to begin their new year in their Bible class. What an exciting Sunday. Helpers will be in the hallways to help direct parents and kids to their classes.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight: We will meet at the Bowmans' house at 5 p.m. (642 Green Valley Drive). Check the Facebook page to see what you need to bring.

Next Sunday: We will be hosted by the Sprotts for small group. Stay tuned for more information and details.

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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This morning we will join Transitions in the Family Room for Bible class.

Tonight: Tonight we will be meeting at the Groves' house (689 E.N. 18th) 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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No Activity Tonight: There will not be any activity tonight because of Fellowship Sunday.

Wednesday Night: Join us on Wednesday night from 7-8 p.m. for an activity in the Youth Center.

Fat Lady Sings Trip: Because of our new, longer summer, we want to do a fun day-trip before school starts back, but I want to choose the best date for the group. We didn't get around to it last week, so please send Jason your August dates that you are busy so we can try to make plans.

NEWS AND NOTES

Remember today is **Operation Blue Jeans Sunday**, so please be in prayer as to how you can help with this wonderful cause.

Today is **Fellowship Sunday**. We will not have a 5 p.m. Chapel Service.

You are invited to a baby shower celebrating the birth of **Aria Faith**, newborn daughter of **Shona Watson**, at the home of June Estes (2309 Lincoln Drive) on Sunday, Aug. 20 from 2-3:30 p.m. Aria is the granddaughter of **Tim Watson** and great granddaughter of **Jo Watson**. **Sophie Watson** is the proud big sister! Shona is registered at Wal-Mart.

The **Back-to-School Bash** will be Wednesday, Aug. 23 from 6-8 p.m. 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.

School Supplies: We will once again be donating school supplies to our adopted school (Taylor Elementary) as part of our Back-to-School Bash. Please bring scissors, glue sticks, markers and/or plastic pencil boxes. The supplies will be delivered to Taylor.

A new *Conversations Class* will begin Wednesday, Aug. 30 and run for four weeks. The class will be called **Surviving the Game of Thrones: Pursuing Peace in Relationships**. **Dena Counts**, an instructor of communication at ACU, will lead the class on how we deal with conflict within our families, jobs and culture. We are inviting our neighborhood to join us for these classes.

PRAYER LIST

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - August 13-23

AUGUST 13 OPERATION BLUE JEAN 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

AUGUST 16 6 p.m. - Cross+Walk, MAC

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, David Sprott - worship leader

5 p.m. Chapel Service, Bradley Steele - speaker, Brandon DeLano - song leader

AUGUST 23 6 p.m. - Back-to-School Bash, MAC

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.