



# BACK TO SCHOOL BLESS

## TONIGHT • FAMILY ROOM • 5 P.M.

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.

August 27, 2017

### WORSHIP

*We Shall Assemble*

**Family News/Call to Worship** Cheryl Bacon

*I Will Call Upon the Lord*

**Congregational Prayer** Bradley Steele

*Great Are You Lord*

**Communion** Kyle Bowen

**1 Corinthians 11:17-26**

**Bread**

**350** *When My Love to Christ Grows Weak*

**Cup**

**350** *When My Love to Christ Grows Weak*

**Offering**

**Missions Moment: Thailand** Sarah Dillinger

**Children's Church**

*The Greatest Commands*

**This is Us** Brent Isbell

*Had It Not Been the Lord*

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

**Worship Leader** Steven Moore

*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  
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**Welcome!** Are you visiting today? Are you a college student, maybe new to Abilene? Whatever brought you here this Lord's Day, we thank you for choosing to worship with us! University Church of Christ is a great place to call your spiritual home. Please fill out a **Connections Card** (on the seat backs). Simply drop your card into the offering plate when it comes around. You can also fill out a card online at [uccabilene.org/card](http://uccabilene.org/card). Please come back soon!

**Beautiful Mess: 1 Corinthians and the People of God.** Today we begin a new fall sermon series, looking at Paul's first letter to Corinth. It was one of the messiest church situations ever, wasn't it? Yet, the Corinthians God's holy church. We might have more in common with ancient Greeks than we'd first think. Today's message: **This Is Us**. Our worship leader today is **Steven Moore**.

**Adult Education Minute:** Today our adult classes came together at 9 a.m. to launch our new fall series: **Of Lands Lost and Found: The Old Testament and the People of God**. Special thanks to **Mark** and **Samjung Hamilton** for preparing this rich 13-week study. **Next Sunday:** Lesson 2: *It is Good: On Creation* (Read Gen. 1; Ps 104; Job 38). I encourage you to find a class and not miss this great series!

**Tonight: Back-to-School Bless.** This evening at 5 p.m. we are hosting our third **Back-to-School Bless!** This simple time of worship is designed to bless all our students and educators on the eve of a new year (tomorrow for many!). We will gather in the **Family Room at 5 p.m.** for communion, songs and prayers for our new school year. We will receive a special word of encouragement from **Vonnie Perry!** This is always a refreshing time, so please come join us!

New Wednesday menu! Starting this week, join **Tom Milholland** in the Family Room for his four-part **Modern Twists on the Parables** series. **Dena Counts** will be in MAC 501 with her four-part **Surviving Game of Thrones: Pursuing Peace in Relationships** series.

**I love this season of the year.** It's still hot, but fall feels close. I love the first day of class, fresh school supplies and the approach of football. I look forward to meeting my ACU freshman Bible class on Tuesday. I look forward to taking my two girls to begin their new school years (ATEMS HS, Craig MS). I look forward to preaching a new series and beginning my ninth year as your preacher here at University. I love this church and our leaders. I look forward to our strong future together in God's service.

### NURSERY FACILITIES

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

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>August 20, 2017</b>	<b>OFFERING:</b>	
Worship - <b>351</b>	Northern Oaks - <b>29</b>	<b>August 20</b>	<b>\$10,224.75</b>
Bilingual - <b>58</b>	Chisholm Place - <b>10</b>		
Coronado - <b>74</b>	Silver Springs - <b>36</b>		

### CLASS TIMES:

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

### WORSHIP TIMES:

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

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## FROM THE ELDERS

– by Kris Southward, 2017 elder chairman

The UCC elders held their monthly meeting with ministry staff on August 20, 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 **Agnes Stone**, **Phil Hoebelheinrich**, and for **Bradley Steele**'s family as they grieve their deep losses, for those families expecting babies, grateful for the daughter, **Aria Faith**, born to **Shona Watson**, for those dealing with dementia and cancer, and for many others;

- Received a report from **Blake Williams**, Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee on the proposed new playground. The site will be near the entrance to the Youth Center. The B&G Committee and the ad hoc Playground Committee worked together to establish the costs and installation plan for the UCC neighborhood playground. The funds for the playground will come from the oil lease money. The elders approved moving forward with this. We elected to have the company send a supervisor out to oversee us construct the playground, which we hope will be before Thanksgiving. We pray that this will be a step in reaching out to our neighborhood with a safe place for neighboring kids, and our kids, to play. We are exceedingly grateful for the hard work of these two committees;

- Set a one-time contribution for **World Christian Broadcasting** for Sunday, September 24, specifically recognizing the tremendous efforts of **Lowell** and **Earline Perry**, and their children, to this excellent work;

- Acknowledged the signing of a five-year lease with **Rainbow Bible School** for the lease of the Early Childhood Center, August 1, 2017-2022;

- Approved funding for **David** and **Jenna Sprott** to lead Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace classes beginning September 7-November 2 at UCC.

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*

## NOTES

**Carisse Berryhill:** "The family of Callie Mickey is so grateful for your prayers and support during her last months, for your fellowship for the last 13 years, for the cards, flowers and funeral visits and the food at the house and on the day of the funeral. You have demonstrated the communion of the Spirit of God to us, for which we give thanks not only to you, but to our Lord."

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Common Life Group One** will have a luncheon this morning after our worship service in the Family Room. All college students and other guest are invited to join them for lunch.

Due to the Back-to-School Bless Service tonight at 5 p.m. we will not have a **5 p.m. Chapel Service**.

The **Quilting Ministry** will meet on Monday, Aug. 28 at 9 a.m. in Room 208.

**Ladies Bible Class** is set to resume on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 10 a.m. in the Family Room. Women of all ages are invited to attend. Please see **Linda Ezzell** or **Sylvia McCaleb** if you have any questions.

Mentors and those interested in helping with **Ministry of MOMs** will have a gathering on Wednesday, Aug. 30 in the Big Room of the Early Childhood Center at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Bonjour! A very special dinner benefitting **The Goodness of God Orphanage** is set for Thursday, Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the MAC. Dinner is provided. For more information, and to RSVP to the event, please email **Jennifer Welch** at [jenniferw@uccabilene.org](mailto:jenniferw@uccabilene.org).

**Wednesday Night Suppers** is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, Sept. 6. We need three volunteers to help serve on the Chinese food nights. Please contact **Roberta Brown** at 676-8789 if you can help. **Vicki Britten** also needs one more volunteer for the hamburger/hot dog team. Please call her at 674-2610 if you can help.

Congratulations to **Charles** and **Linda Ezzell** on the birth of their grandson **Cooper Tex Ezzell** born on August 7 in Basel, Switzerland. He weighed nine pounds, six ounces. His parents are **Brian** and **Haylee Ezzell**, and his proud siblings are **Knox** and **Jensen**.

You are invited to celebrate 50 years of the **Christian Service Center** on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Abilene Convention Center. You can sign up to be a table sponsor, or you can purchase individual tickets at \$50 each. For more information, or to buy tickets, contact **Karen Dansby** at 673-7531 or [kdansby@cscabilene.org](mailto:kdansby@cscabilene.org).

**Jim Clark, Christian Service Center:** "Thank you University Church family for your generous donation of \$17,132. You will enable us to once more provide low-income Abilene students new school clothes and children's Bibles. Later this year, we'll provide new shoes for elementary school kids and \$25 vouchers to shoe stores for the middle school kids. You help make it possible for us to show the love of Jesus to kids and their families. To God be the glory!"

**Melinda Stone Gordon:** "We thank you for your many expressions of sympathy in our loss of mother. We appreciate the family meal that was provided for us. Even though I have not lived in Abilene for a while, I was incredibly blessed to grow up at University church and treasure the time I had there. May God continue to bless you as you bless others."

## TRANSITIONS

**Joey Roberts**, Communications Minister  
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We will not have small group **tonight**, but we will join the Back-to-School Bless Service in the Family Room at 5 p.m. Afterwards, perhaps we'll all go grab a bite to eat together.

**Next Sunday** we will split back into our two small groups. New groups have been designated, so check out the link on our Facebook group to see what group you are in, and to sign up to host small groups for the fall.

**Conversations Class does Conflict: *Surviving the Game of Thrones*:** How do you handle conflict in your family, marriage or workplace? Starting this Wednesday in MAC 501 at 7 p.m., **Dena Counts** will lead us on a four-week study on pursuing peace in relationships. We have invited the community to join this class. Bring a friend!

As most of the students and educators start classes tomorrow, I pray a special blessing that the students will be examples to their peers, and that the educators are reflections of Jesus to the students and co-workers! May God bless you in this new school year!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
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**Back-to-School Bless Tonight:** Join us tonight from 5-6 p.m. in the Family Room for our annual Back-to-School Bless for all of UCC. We will have several prayers over all of our students, teachers and parents as we begin this new school year. Afterwards, we will hang out in the Youth Center until 7 p.m. if you want to join us. We will have snacks and drinks, but no dinner. See you tonight.

**Wednesday Night:** Join us on Wednesday night from 7-8 p.m. for an activity in the Youth Center. We will have a Bible study and snacks afterward, and a little decompression after the first few days of school for most of you. It'll be a good time of being together!

**End of Summer Bash - Next Sunday, Sept. 3:** (Note: This is a correction from last week as I was a week ahead of where we were supposed to be.) It seems most of us are pretty maxed out for time and money for a trip, so we're going to do something different. Next Sunday, Aug. 27, we will have an End of Summer Bash at the Adventure Cove water park. We will be there from 3-6:30 p.m. (you may choose to go earlier), and then have a picnic at the park immediately following, with Karla's pulled-pork sandwiches. Families are more than welcome to come, but we will need to know if you are coming so we can have enough food. We will finish up at 7:30 p.m. We will take care of the food, but you will need to bring \$6 for the water park and any extra for snacks. So, get all your back to school preparation done early, and come join us!



### NEW CONVERSATIONS CLASS STARTS WEDNESDAY, MAC 501

Does unresolved conflict rule your family, marriage or workplace? Unhealthy conflict can make a life a little dramatic and stressful. This four-class series on Wednesdays will help participants understand not only what drives conflict, but learn skills to help permanently heal disputes in their families, marriages and workplaces. Join us and let's learn together.

**Wednesday, Aug. 30** - Beyond the Wall: Uncovering the Roots of Conflict

**Wednesday, Sept. 6** - Queen, Prince, Lord, Warrior? Conflict Personality Styles

**Wednesday, Sept. 13** - The Iron Throne: How Culture Influences Conflict

**Wednesday, Sept. 20** - Killing Dragons: Finding True Resolution to Disputes

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**FINANCIAL** *Peace*  
UNIVERSITY

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

A new **Financial Peace University** class will be offered on Thursday nights, beginning September 7 through November 2. The class will be from 6:30-8 p.m., and free babysitting will be offered. The cost is \$75, and you can sign up this morning in the Welcome Center. See **Jenna** and **David Allen Sprott** for to sign up.



Starting Sunday, Sept. 3, you are invited to a time of community worship at 8 p.m. in the UCC Chapel. This weekly service will include singing, prayer time, communion and more. Invite a friend and join us.



Starting Thursday Sept. 7, you are invited to a prayer gathering each Thursday at noon in the UCC Chapel. Join us, and bring a friend.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**Promotion Sunday:** Today our children start their new classes. Please be sure and take a minute to walk your child to class. Volunteers will be in the hallway to help you find the new class.

**Children's Worship Helpers:** K. Copher, D. Ice, E. Bryce, V. Zuniga.

**Nursery Volunteers:** If you would be willing to help in the nursery once a month, please contact **Jennifer Welch**.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Kyle Bowen**, Campus Ministry Leader  
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**Welcome:** We want to extend a warm welcome to any college student visiting today. Thank you for worshipping with us.

**Class Time:** Our Sunday morning class meets at 9 a.m. in MAC 503.

**Dwelling Place:** The Dwelling Place is a time of fellowship, singing and discussion. We meet on Sunday nights (beginning tonight) at 6 p.m. in MAC 503.

**Community Groups** (our small groups) will start next week. More information to come.

We hope to meet you, and if you need anything, contact our campus minister, **Kyle Bowen** at 530-615-8188.

## GATHERINGS

**Bradley Steele**, Young Adults Minister  
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**Tonight** we will be meeting in MAC 504 for small group at 6 p.m. 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

**Facebook Page:** Make sure to check our Facebook group for more information.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR - August 27-September 10

<b>AUG. 27</b>	<b>PROMOTION SUNDAY</b> 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, Steven Moore - worship leader noon - Common Life One Luncheon, Family Room 5 p.m. - Back-to-School Bless Service, Family Room
<b>AUG. 28</b>	9 a.m. - Quilting Ministry, Room 208
<b>AUG. 30</b>	7 p.m. - Bible Classes
<b>SEPT. 3</b>	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, Gene Linder - song leader 8 p.m. - Sanctuary Worship Service, Chapel
<b>SEPT. 6</b>	10 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Supper (Chicken) 7 p.m. - Bible Classes
<b>SEPT. 7</b>	noon - Ask. Seek. Knock. (weekly open prayer time), Chapel 6:30 p.m. - Financial Peace University (see page 3 for more info)
<b>SEPT. 10</b>	8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, Jacob Groves - worship leader No 5 p.m. Chapel Service (Fellowship Sunday)

## PRAYER LIST

### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:

If you have a submission for the weekly bulletin, please submit to Joey by noon on Wednesdays. You may call him at 673-6497 or email [joey@uccabilene.org](mailto:joey@uccabilene.org).