



September 3, 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.

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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.

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
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Welcome to UCC! Are you a visitor today? Some may be visiting family or passing through town on this Labor Day holiday weekend. Some of you are college students or new to Abilene. We thank you for choosing to worship with us! University Church of Christ is a great church with a long, strong history and a wonderful family to call your spiritual home. Guests, please fill out a **Connections Card** (on the seat backs). Use that card to share contact information, ask for prayers, or perhaps let us know you want to be a member at UCC. Simply drop your card into the offering plate later, or you can fill out a card at uccabilene.org/card. Please come back very soon!

Beautiful Mess: 1 Corinthians and the People of God. Today we continue our new fall sermon series, looking at Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. It was a messy church situation, but God still thought of them as his "saints." Amazing! Squabbling. Selfish. Arrogant. Proudful. Divided in competing group. There were so many problems, but Paul tells them right up front that the solution is not far away. In fact, they are tripping all over it. Maybe we do too? Today's message: **Stumbling Over the Answer.** Our worship leader today is **David Allen Sprott.**

Adult Education Minute: Today our adults went back to "in the beginning" for the second week of our fall series **Of Lands Lost and Found: The Old Testament and the People of God.** If you're not attending one of our adult classes, we encourage you to jump in and not miss any more! **Next Sunday, Sept. 10: Lesson 3: The Patriarchs and Matriarchs** (Read Genesis 12-50).

Coming Events

- **UCC Office Closed: Labor Day** – Monday, Sept. 4
- **Modern Twists on Parables No. 2 (Family Room)** – Wednesday, Sept. 6
- **Surviving Game of Thrones No. 2 (MAC 501)** – Wednesday, Sept. 6
- **New Bibles for New Kindergarteners** – Sunday, Sept. 10
- **Special Offering: World Christian Broadcasting** – Sunday, Sept. 24

HARVEY HELP

Hurricane Harvey left death and devastation and human needs that will extend years into the future. The UCC elders want you to know that we know and care, and we know you do, too. We are closely researching how we can help. We have good contacts in the flood zones. For the present, there is now a fund set up at UCC for those who want to donate. Please bring your contribution to the church office or give it to a staff member or elder. Please mark your checks "Harvey Relief." Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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 - 433	Northern Oaks - N/A
Bilingual - N/A	Chisholm Place - 8
Coronado - 80	Silver Springs - 30

OFFERING:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Worship Helpers – Marisol and Jacob Groves, M. Trammell.

Wednesday Night: This Wednesday night our children first through fifth grade will begin their 10 week "Mission Study" with our Costa Rica team. Children, remember to work on the following scripture, "*Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*" –Matthew 28:19

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

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
joey@uccabilene.org

Tonight: We start our new small groups tonight. The teal group will meet at the Gibbs' house (901 Washington Blvd.) at 5 p.m. The purple group will meet at our house (2309 Homestead Place) at 5 p.m.

Small Group Hosts: We still need several spots filled for hosting small groups this semester. Please go to the Facebook page and click the link to sign up.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight: Tonight we will be meeting at the Steeles' house (1451 Yeomans) 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.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Minister
campus@uccabilene.org

Welcome: We would like to extend a warm welcome to any college students with us today.

Class: Our Sunday morning class begins at 9 a.m. in MAC 503.

Dwelling Place, a time of fellowship, worship and discussion, meets at 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Community Groups, our small groups, will start this week, so if you are looking for a community, contact Kyle Bowen about how to join a community group.

This Friday, Sept. 8, we will be playing miniature golf at Play Faire Park. We will be carpooling, so meet at MAC 503 at 7 p.m. to ride over there together and save gas.

We hope to meet you, and **if you need anything**, call our Campus Minister Kyle at 530-615-8188.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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End of Summer Bash Today: Today, we will have an End of Summer Bash at the Adventure Cove water park. Summer traditionally ends on Labor Day, so we are still good for this one last Sunday. 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 inside.

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!

NEWS AND NOTES

You are invited to a time of community worship called **Sanctuary** tonight at 8 p.m. in the UCC Chapel. This weekly worship service will be a special service geared towards our neighbors and members. Make plans to join us.

Wednesday Night Suppers are scheduled to begin this Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 5:45 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults and free for college students and younger. We need three volunteers to help serve on the Chinese food night. Please contact **Roberta Brown** to help.

Beginning Thursday, Sept. 7, everyone is invited to join us for a **weekly community prayer time** each Thursday at noon in the UCC Chapel. This is open to both members, friends and neighbors.

Bonjour! A very special dinner benefitting **The Goodness of God Orphanage** is set for this Thursday, Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the MAC. Dinner is provided. Please RSVP by Monday by e-mailing jenniferw@uccabilene.org.

The **Haitian Christian Foundation** extends an open invitation to anyone who would like to join its annual event on Friday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the UCC Family Room. A special presentation will be given about the Center for Biblical Training in northern Haiti. Call 325-677-0033 or email hcfcbt@gmail.com to RSVP by Monday, Sept. 11.

Financial Peace University: A new Financial Peace University class will be offered each Thursday night, beginning September 7 through November 2. The class will be from 6:30-8 p.m., and free babysitting will be offered. The class is \$75, and you can sign up at the Welcome Center today. For more information, email **David and Jenna Sprott**.

On **Saturday, Sept. 16**, UCC will celebrate with Abilene Christian during the opening of the new on-campus football stadium. UCC is going to have a tailgating area inside the ACU mall area from 4:30-5:30 p.m. We will have hamburgers and the fixings, so make plans to join us, even if you don't plan on going to the game. Make plans to join us.

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.