



October 8, 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

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Family News/Call to Worship Blake Williams

689 *Be Still My Soul*

Congregational Prayer Bradley Steele

Before the Throne of God Above

Communion Steve Austin

1 John 4:7-12

Bread

383 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Cup

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Offering

Kids Corner/Missions Moment: Haiti
Jennifer Welch

828 *Instruments of Your Peace*

1 Corinthians 8 Sandra Milholland

Conscience Con Carne Brent Isbell

And Can It Be?

Mighty to Save

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
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Welcome! If you are visiting today, thank you for joining us. University Church is a great family with a long, strong history and a bright, hopeful future. We always appreciate guests coming our way. Please take a minute to fill out a **Connections Card** (on seat backs). Use these cards to share information, ask for prayers, or let us know if you want to be a UCC member. Drop your card in the offering plate later, or fill out your card online at uccabilene.org/card. Please, come back soon!

Beautiful Mess: 1 Corinthians and the People of God. This fall, we are sharing a sermon series out of Paul's first letter to Corinth. Today we come to chapter 8. The Corinthian Christians have a lot of questions for Paul, and some are about eating meat sacrificed to idols. That's not something I've wrestled with this week. How about you? Yet, maybe we all have! The bigger issue here is conscience and freedom inside the Christian community. These are still pretty practical and relevant matters, right? Our message this morning is **Conscience Con Carne**. Our worship leader is **Eric Lemmons**.

Before the sermon today, **Jennifer Welch** and I will invite all our children up front for **Kids Corner**. This month, Ms. Jennifer will share a **Missions Moment** testimony and tell us about how she saw God at work during her recent trip to Haiti. Kids, get ready to join us!

Adult Education Minute: Today our adult classes studied **Israel For and Against the Prophets** in this seventh week of our series **Of Lands Lost and Found: The Old Testament and the People of God**. We invite you to join us next Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for **Lesson 8: Israel as the Praying Community** (Read ahead in Psalms 8, 32, and 80).

This Wednesday night we continue our current classes. In the Family Room, **Tim Archer** will teach the second of three weeks on **Until Christ is Formed in You**. And in Conversations (MAC 501), **Josh Brokaw** from ACU shares the second of three classes discussing **It's God's Creation: Who Cares?** Please find a mid-week class and jump in!

Coming Events

- **Until Christ is Formed In You #2 (Family Room)** - Wednesday, Oct. 11
- **It's God's Creation: Who Cares? #2 (MAC 501)** - Wednesday, Oct. 11
- **Tailgates-N-Treats** - Sunday Night, Oct. 29, 5:30-7 p.m.
- **Feed the Hungry** - Sunday, Nov. 19

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 - 394	Northern Oaks - 22
Bilingual - 81	Chisholm Place - 13
Coronado - 65	Silver Springs - 40

OFFERING:

Oct. 1 **\$19,706.77**

HURRICANE HARVEY HELP

- by the UCC Caring Committee

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. There are several ways to help.

HARVEY MONETARY RELIEF

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." We have good contacts in the flood zones. These funds will be distributed to our three contact church partners listed below. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Contact:

Grace Crossing Church of Christ

Doug Peters
105 FM 1488, Conroe, TX 77384
817-706-1474
doug.peters@gracecrossing.net
www.gracecrossing.church

Grace Crossing is now in the rebuilding phase with volunteer crews. They have a construction manager, and funds will be used to rebuild.

Kingwood Church of Christ

Hugh Miller
2901 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood, TX 77339
713-252-7810
www.kwcoc.org

KWCC needs funds to rebuild members' houses. The funds will be used to buy materials.

Impact Church of Christ

Paul Woodward
1604 Weber, Houston, TX 77007
713-501-6255
pwoodward@impachouston.net
www.impachoustonchurch.org

Impact currently has cash on hand, but they do need help to replenish supplies such as water, baby supplies, etc. They also need workers to help with cleanup.

GLOBAL SAMARITAN

They are collecting strategic supplies to support ministry partners working along the Texas coast in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. You can drop off any of the following items from 7 a.m. to noon, Monday-Friday, baby diapers, baby formula, work gloves, rubber gloves, dust masks, mops, brooms, shovels, paper towels, toilet paper and heavy duty garbage bags. Workers can sign up on their website of www.globalsamaritan.org.

CHURCH OF CHRIST RELIEF ORGANIZATION

This organization is helping both the Harvey and Irma areas. See: <https://www.churchesofchristdrt.org/>

VOLUNTEERS TO WORK

There are some who have gone to the Rockport area to work. Other areas have needs that would involve cleanup and carpentry skills. Contact Kirsten Rogers at Kirsten.Rogers@gracecrossing.net or 530-295-7395.

NOTES

Marcus Brown: "Thank you for the beautiful plant you sent to honor my father, Edward Brown, in his passing on. Even now, the plant is gracing our kitchen with beauty and love. UCC meant so very much to dad and mom. Dad served as an elder there for 34 years, and he took on many different responsibilities during his years there. UCC was also a great influence on me during my teen years, and again when Carol and I lived in Abilene from 1981-84. UCC will always have a special place in our hearts. Thank you again for remembering us in this time."

ACU Athletics: "Thank you so much for blessing our athletics family with a meal after the Ybarra funeral. The food was so delicious, and it was such a thoughtful blessing to us all. Thank you for your kindness."

Hoebelheinrich Family: "Our family would like to extend our gratitude to UCC for hosting and providing the luncheon following Phil Hoebelheinrich's funeral. The meal was a blessing to us during this difficult time, and it gave us an opportunity to share memories of Phil while we were all together."

Jill Bailey Hoebelheinrich: "Thank you so very much for the beautiful plant you sent for Phil's service. The loving cards, visits and prayers mean so much to me. What a blessing you all are to me. Special thanks to our wonderful staff for their love and support!"

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight, the teal group will meet at the **Gibbs'** (901 Washington Blvd), and the purple group will meet at the **Lemmons'** (1842 North Fifth Street). Next week, we will combine into a large group. Details later this week.

Conversations Class does Creation: Join us for the second week of **Josh Brokaw's** series called ***It's God's Creation: Who Cares?*** Conversations meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays in MAC 501.

We'll do our annual ACU Homecoming Parade Picnic on Saturday, Oct. 21. So, mark your calendar and join us.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Seekers of the Word Event Tonight: Tonight, Seekers of the Word, an ACU drama ministry group, will be performing at ACU as an area-wide event, and we will join them. We will meet at the Youth Center at 4:30 p.m. and then walk over to campus together. After the performance, we will return to the YC for dinner and a little discussion about the performance. We will finish at 7:30 p.m. If you want to meet us at Cullen Auditorium at 5 p.m., then you are welcome to do that as well.

Huddles Resume Wednesday: We will resume our smaller Huddle groups this Wednesday, Oct. 11. The **HS Huddle** will meet again at the home of **James and Mandy Scudder** (658 E N 22nd St), just a half-mile down Campus Court. The **MS Huddle** will meet in the Youth Center. Everyone is asked to think of someone they can invite each week to join them for this time of sharing, prayer, study and fun.

Encounter LE at LCU, Nov. 17-19: For the fourth year, LCU is hosting a weekend retreat/conference called Encounter LE. LCU will be providing all food, keynote speakers, powerful worship experiences and entertainment. Each person will need to register on their own at LCUcamps.com/Encounter-LE. The early registration fee is \$25 (before Nov. 3), covering meals, entertainment and a t-shirt. If you register between Nov. 4-16 the cost is \$30. After that, the registration fee is \$35. In addition to this registration fee, there will be an additional \$20 to help cover housing and transportation. This is more expensive than last year because hotels are double the price (or more) from last year because Texas Tech has a football game that Saturday and hotels engage in price gouging. We may be able to find a church who can put us up for the weekend and that might bring costs down a little, but for now, the additional cost is \$20 due Nov. 12. We also need some adult volunteers who would be willing to go with us.

Sign up for CRADtalks: We have already started CRADtalks back up for the semester! You've probably heard of TEDtalks ("ideas worth sharing") before, but we have something a little different. CRADtalks are "conversations worth having." During these conversations there will not be a lot of small talk (just a little), but we will dive into our students' spiritual lives, offering some coaching and strategies for spiritual growth and just focus on building students up. Our goal is to leave with a plan for growing deeper in relationship with God and praying over anything for which you may want prayer. Guys will generally just go out with Jason, and girls will go out with Jason and Karla or just Karla. So, let us know when you can meet.

NEWS AND NOTES

Ministry of MOMs will meet Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 6:15 p.m. at the home of **Carolyn Thompson** (1226 Kingsbury). Make sure you respond to the Evite to reserve your seat and childcare (if needed).

Ladies Bible Class is set to continue on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Family Room. Women of all ages are invited to attend.

Wednesday Night Suppers will continue this week in the MAC at 5:45 p.m. We need two volunteers to help serve on the chicken nights. Please contact **Alan Caffey** if you can help.

Ladies, you are invited to a baby shower honoring **Sarah Welch** and baby **Jaziah Redeem** today from 2-4 p.m. at the home of **Heidi Morris** (1526 Glen Eagles Court). Selections are at Target, Walmart and Dillard's.

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring **Marshall Towell**, son of **Rusty** and **Amy Towell**, and bride-elect **Ashlyne Lanza** on Sunday, Oct. 15 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the home of **Liz Rotenberry** (1602 Newcastle Drive). Registry is at Amazon.com.

Mary Johnson: "I want to thank 'JUST BECAUSE' for the beautiful flowers delivered by a florist to my door. I am enjoying every posey and cherishing once again the blessings of my UCC family I love you all."

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Wednesday Night: If you would like to teach or help on Wednesday nights beginning in January, please contact Jennifer Welch.

Service Project: Please plan to save clean, empty vegetable cans. The UCC kids will have a special service project in November. You can drop off your clean cans in a box located by the welcome center.

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.

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

Tonight we will be watching the Seekers of the Word Drama ministry perform at 5 p.m., in Cullen Auditorium on ACU's campus. It's free and will be over about 6:30 p.m.

Community Groups (our small groups) meet Wednesday and Thursday nights at 7 p.m.

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 at the Steeles' house (1451 Yeomans) for small group at 5 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

OCT. 8	FELLOWSHIP 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 2-3:30 p.m. - Sip and See for Sarah Welch, 1526 Glen Eagles Court No 5 p.m. Chapel Service 8 p.m. - Sanctuary Worship Service, Chapel
OCT. 10	6:15 p.m. - Ministry of MOMs, 1226 Kingsbury Road
OCT. 11	10 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room 5:45 - Wednesday Night Supper, MAC (Chinese Food) 7 p.m. - Bible Classes
OCT. 12	noon - Ask. Seek. Knock. (weekly open prayer time), Chapel
OCT. 15	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 2-3:30 p.m. - Wedding Shower for Towell/Lanza, 1602 Newcastle Drive 5 p.m. Chapel Service - Brent Isbell - speaker, Garrett Hoskins - song leader 8 p.m. - Sanctuary Worship Service, Chapel
OCT. 18	10 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room 5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Supper (Chicken) 7 p.m. - Bible Classes
OCT. 19	noon - Ask. Seek. Knock. (weekly open prayer time), Chapel

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.