



October 22, 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

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Welcome/Family News Liz Rotenberry

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

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Prayer for Church and World Jon Ashby

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Communion

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Cup Pablo Sanabria

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Collection Connor Smith

How Great is Our God

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Children's Church

We Shall Assemble

When It's More Mess Than Bless Brent Isbell

121 Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing

Lord, Reign in Me

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.

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
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Welcome! If you are visiting today, thanks for joining us. Maybe you're in town for **ACU Homecoming** festivities? It doesn't matter why you're here—we're just glad you came! Please take a minute to fill out a **Connections Card** to share contact information or ask for prayers or let us know if you want to be a UCC member. Drop it in the offering plate, or fill out your card online at uccabilene.org/card.

This fall, we are in a series out of 1 Corinthians called **Beautiful Mess**. In chapter 11, Paul begins answering questions about public worship. The Corinthians had some "issues" with their assembly! Here we begin to get a rare glimpse into first-century worship life, and, regrettably, some of the problems at Corinth may seem very ancient and distant to us. But, on the other hand, there are also some things here that may ring very, very familiar. Today: **When It's More Mess Than Bless**. Our worship leader this morning is **Steven Moore**.

Adult Education Minute: Today our adult classes studied *Israel as the Celebrating Community* in this ninth week of our fall series **Of Lands Lost and Found: The Old Testament and the People of God**. Please join us next Sunday at 9 a.m. for **Lesson 10: Israel as the Obedient Community** (Read ahead in Exodus 20-23).

This Wednesday night, everyone join us for **Wednesday Praise!** in the Family Room. Our worship leaders will teach some new music, and we'll probably sing some familiar songs, too. The following week, on Nov. 1, new classes begin. In the Family Room, **Stan Baldwin** will start teaching for three weeks on **First Thessalonians: Life Between Times**. In Conversations (MAC 501), **Brady Bryce** will begin discussing **Diversity**. Two fine choices. Find a class and jump in!

Tailgates-N-Treats is only one week away! Our big fall outreach event is set for **next Sunday night from 5:30-7 p.m.** on our west parking lot. This is a great chance to connect with hundreds of our neighbors here on the Hill. Sign up to host a parking space, decorate your tailgate (or hatch or trunk), and join us as we pass out candy to happy trick or treaters. There will be prizes for the most creative trunk displays and—a new twist this year—best costumes! We will have games, an air castle and a maze. And plenty of food! This year, we will serve chili, Frito pies and hot dogs. Begin thinking right now about friends, co-workers, and neighbors you will invite next week to TNT 2017!

Coming Events

- **Wednesday Praise!** – Wednesday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m. (Family Room)
- **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.

NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE:

Worship - 360	Northern Oaks - 22
Bilingual - 55	Chisholm Place - 13
Coronado - 64	Silver Springs - 26

OFFERING:

Oct. 15 **\$16,721.31**

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FROM THE ELDERS

– by *Kris Southward, 2017 elder chairman*

The UCC elders held their monthly meeting with ministry staff on October 15, 2017. Numerous items were discussed and prayed over, among them:

- Prayed, by name, for those who are in the hospital/skilled nursing, for those battling cancer and dementia, for the families of **Gene Shelhammer** on the passing of his mother, **Lois**, and **C.G. Gray** on the passing of his dear wife, **Barbara**, for those families expecting babies, and for many others;

- Received a report from **Garnie Hatch** and **Jim Clark** on the wonderful work done at the Christian Service Center. Around 35 of our UCC members volunteer there which represents about 1/3 of all volunteers. **Eddie Mahanay** led a prayer over these two servant-minded men;

- Discussed dates for playground installation. The old fence and dirt work will begin in the next few weeks. The playground equipment will arrive in November. Depending on how early or late in November it arrives will determine if we have work days to construct it before or after Christmas;

- Received a timeline from the bilingual minister search committee. Three excellent candidates have been asked to come in for an interview starting the weekend of October 27 and then for the two weekends following. Candidates will meet with staff, various adult bible classes, preach in the bilingual service and meet with elders. Oil revenue proceeds received earlier in the year will fund this new position to help reach this growing population in Abilene. The bilingual service has been experiencing record numbers in attendance and the elders are very excited about this ministry;

- Received an update from **Kyle Bowen** on the college ministry. There are three mid-week small groups that meet at the homes of **Judy Siburt, Nathan/Rosario Gibbs**, and **Tim/Carolina Archer** and led by our outstanding university students. We are grateful for all of those involved in this ministry;

- Discussed the upcoming elder selection process which is planned to take place in early 2018;

- Discussed 2017 budget/actual figures and 2018 budget.

- Set next meeting date for November 12.

As always, the UCC elders are grateful for each of you and covet your continued prayers, just as we remember you in our prayers. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about what was discussed in this elder's meeting, or on any other UCC/spiritual matter, please contact me (kris@abilenecpas.net/325-513-6784)...we would appreciate the opportunity to visit with you.

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

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TAILGATES-N-TREATS

Tailgates-N- Treats is a great outreach event for UCC. We will have food and drinks. We will have a new maze we are calling Dark Labyrinth. We will have games (including several new ones). We will have trunks/tailgates to pass out candy. Prizes will be awarded for costumes as well as the best tailgate/trunk theme and hosts.



We need your help! Here's how:

- **Liz Rotenberry** is recruiting people to help set up, serve food and more.

- **Hosts**...we need 15-20 more cars to sign up to host. Whether you do it individually, as a family or as a group of families/friends, we need more. So sign up in the *Welcome Center* today!

- **CANDY, CANDY, CANDY!** The last couple of years we have run out of candy, so we need more. If you haven't already brought candy, please do so. If you have, thank you! And if you can bring more, that works, too!

- **Invite your friends and neighbors.** This doesn't really work as an outreach if we don't have guests, so figure out who you are going to invite and bring them with you!

FROM THE ELDERS

On behalf of the UCC elders, I want to sincerely thank you for your generous spirit in giving towards the various special contributions we have each year. Typically we have four special contributions: **Missions, Children's Homes, Operation Blue Jeans** and **Feed the Hungry** (next month). This year, we had added one for **World Christian Broadcasting** recognizing the efforts of the **Lowell and Earline Perry** family in this great ministry. Below you will see the amounts contributed in 2017. In addition to these special contributions, there has also been around \$50,000 of other contributions made outside of our normal weekly giving to help those in various need within our church, hurricane relief and to support various ministries within our church.

Missions	\$55,230
Children's Homes	\$23,380
Operation Blue Jeans	\$19,262
World Christian Broadcasting	\$20,392
Other non-budgeted gifts	\$48,200

For all of this, the elders are especially grateful for the way God blesses this church to reach out and bless others.

For the UCC Elders,
Kris Southward, 2017 Elder Chairmen

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight, the purple group will meet at the **Bowmans'** (642 Green Valley), and check Facebook to see what the teal group is doing. Next week, we will not meet, but we will attend Tailgates-N-Treats.

Next Wednesday we will have our next **Wednesday Praise!** where we will learn some new songs. Make plans to join us in the Family Room at 7 p.m.

Make sure to check out the **Facebook** group for more information on small groups, events, etc.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

No Activity Tonight: The Craddocks are out of town this weekend visiting family, so we will not have an activity tonight. Enjoy time with your family.

Huddles Continue Wednesday: Our small-group Huddles will continue this Wednesday night from 7-8 p.m. The **HS Huddle** will meet 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. Think of someone to invite each week to join us for this time of sharing, prayer, study, fun and snacks.

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! 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

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

Wednesday Night Suppers will continue this week in the MAC at 5:45 p.m. This week's menu item is pizza. The meal is free, but if can make a \$5 donation per adult, that would help cover the cost of this wonderful ministry.

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.

Rainbow Bible School is in need of full-time teachers. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in finding out more information, please contact **Courtney Harbin** by calling 325-673-6972.

You are invited to the **STAND BOLDLY** Dinner for Christian Homes and Family Services on Monday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Abilene Convention Center. The cost is \$50 per plate, and you can purchase tickets on their website at www.christianhomes.com/champion-for-children.

The Family of Ron Roby: "Thank you so much for your care and thoughtfulness and the provisions of food and friendship."

Ricky and Judy Kiker: "Your care and concern for us has been a true comfort. Thank you for all the cards, calls, kind words, the lovely green plant and the luncheon provided to our family the day of Chris' service. We are blessed to be a part of UCC."

Arms of Hope: "Thanks to you, Arms of Hope can provide a safe, healthy and happy environment for children and mothers in need. Thank you for your gift of \$4,676. The contribution will be a great help in our work."

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Church Helpers: Austin B., Kaua A., Lorena Z., Alyssa G.

Family Night: Families, please mark your calendar for Sunday, Nov. 5 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Family Room. Families are going to have the opportunity to make an Advent Keepsake for their family. Melinda Isbell will be instructing us on how to make our Advent calendar. If you have young children who may have a short attention span, there will be some help to babysit them while other family members make this keepsake. Families will need to eat before they come so we can get right to work on the project. Due to the cost of the project, please RSVP a spot for your family by Monday, Oct. 30.

Wednesday Night: If you would like to teach or help on Wednesday nights beginning in January, 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.

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

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

Retreat: Our campus ministry retreat will be November 17-19, so put it on your calendars and ask for time off so you can 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 at the Lemleys' house (1250 Tulane) 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 - Oct. 22-Nov. 2

OCT. 22	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 5 p.m. Chapel Service - Bradley Steele - speaker; Eric Lemmons - song leader 8 p.m. - Sanctuary Worship Service, Chapel
OCT. 25	10 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room 5:45 - Wednesday Night Supper, MAC (Pizza) 7 p.m. - <i>Wednesday Praise!</i>
OCT. 26	noon - Ask. Seek. Knock. (weekly open prayer time), Chapel
OCT. 29	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 5:30-7 p.m. - Tailgates-N-Treats, west parking lot
NOV. 1	10 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room 5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Supper (Chicken) 7 p.m. - Bible Classes
NOV. 2	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.