



November 5, 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

Here I Am to Worship

Welcome/Family News Kyle Bowen
Congregational Prayer

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

How Great the Father's Love for Us

779 *I Love You, Lord*

Communion David Allen Sprott
Bread
Cup
Offering

705 *A Common Love*

Missions Moment: Mexico Lynette Austin

Children's Church

448 *The Greatest Commands*

One Thing Remains Bradley Steele

18 *Faithful Love*

Responsive Benediction

Worship Leader Jacob Groves

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 us today, thanks for joining us. Please take a moment to fill out a **Connections Card** to share contact information or ask for prayers or tell us 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 working through a series in 1 Corinthians called **Beautiful Mess**. In chapter 13, Paul pauses in the middle of a lot of messiness and gets very beautiful with his words. Poetic. Musical even. To Christians who are self-centered and prideful, the apostle prescribes the only treatment that will truly heal: **One Thing Remains**. Our Associate Minister **Bradley Steele** is preaching today. Our worship leader this morning is **Jacob Groves**. And our **Missions Moment** this week will come courtesy **Lynette Austin** representing our **Mexico** team.

Adult Education Minute: Today most of our adult classes studied *Israel* as a *Community Among Friends and Enemies*. This was the eleventh week of our 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 12: Israel and the Stranger**.

This Wednesday night, our new classes continue. In the Family Room, **Stan Baldwin** is teaching for three weeks on **First Thessalonians: Life Between Times**. In Conversations (MAC 501), **Brady Bryce** is leading a three-week discussion of **Following Jesus in Divided Times**. Please, find a class and jump in!

Calendar Notes:

- **Life Between the Times #2 (Family Room)** - Wednesday, Nov. 1
- **Following Jesus in Divided Times #2 (MAC 501)** - Wednesday, Nov. 1
- **Feed the Hungry** - Sunday, Nov. 19
- **UCC Christmas Party** - Sunday, Dec. 10 (5 p.m. in the MAC)
- **UCC Office Closed** - Dec. 22, 25; Jan. 1
- **No 9 a.m. classes/10 a.m. worship only** - Sunday, Dec. 24
- **Candelight Christmas Eve Service** - Sunday, Dec. 24
- **No 9 a.m. classes/10 a.m. worship only** - Sunday, Dec. 31

CLASS TIMES:

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

WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.
Sanctuary - 8 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 - **318**
Bilingual - **75**
Coronado - **63**

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Northern Oaks - **N/A**
Chisholm Place - **13**
Silver Springs - **N/A**

OFFERING:

October 29 **\$10,206.50**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Church Helpers: Lizzie B., Darbi I., Keegan C., Valencia Z.

Family Night: Tonight families who have reserved their spot will gather in the Family Room from 5:30-7 p.m. for the Advent project calendar project. Please plan to eat before you come. Thank you to **Melinda Isbell** for leading us in this project.

Feed the Hungry: *Feed the Hungry* banks have been handed out the last two Wednesday nights. Your child has been encouraged to fill their bank with change and bring it back on Sunday, Nov. 19. Together we studied and discussed the *Feeding of the Five Thousand* and the scripture in Matthew 8 about the healing of the leper. Our time of study led us to the idea we need to be faithful to bring this offering before the Lord, knowing that He "is willing" to receive it and that He can "multiply it." In Jesus name, Amen.

Teachers: The children's ministry will need teachers for the new semester beginning in January on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Please contact **Jennifer Welch** if you are will to teach.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight: Those of us who have RSVP'd will meet in the Family Room with the children's ministry.

Next Week: Next Sunday night, Dimetapp needs a host and the Gibbs will host the Teals.

Small Groups: We still need a few hosts for future small groups, so please check the calendar.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight we will meet at the McCalebs' house (7 Hilliard Circle) at 5 p.m. for small group.

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.

NOTES

The **5 p.m. Chapel Service** will feature **Kyle Bowen** (speaker) and **Gene Linder** (song leader).

The **Quilting Ministry** will meet tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. in Room 208.

You are invited to a reception for **Mable Bailey's** 95th Birthday on Sunday, Nov. 12 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Silver Spring Family Room (1690 N. Treadaway Blvd). No gifts please, just a hello, hug or card will be appreciated. If you can't come, please drop her a card by mailing it to Room 512 at Silver Spring.

We express our sympathy to the family of **Jan Hailey** who passed away Thursday. Visitation is set for today from 3:30-5 p.m. at Piersall, and the funeral is tomorrow at 11 a.m. at UCC.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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FEEL Faith Tonight - Spider-Man: Homecoming: Join us tonight from 5-8:30 p.m. as we watch *Spider-Man: Homecoming* (PG-13 but edited for content). What a great movie this was! And I think it was really refreshing to see Spider-Man as an actual teen, trying to balance being a superhero with all of his high school life. Last month, we watched Wonder Woman motivate us to get off the sideline and get involved in kingdom work in this world. So, what can teens actually do to make a difference? Teens aren't just the future of the church but the passionate present! We will share some stories of ways other teens have made a difference here and now to help inspire us. So, invite a friend to join us and bring \$3 for pizza during the movie.

Huddles Continue Wednesday Night: Our small-group Huddles will continue this Wednesday night from 7-8 p.m. The **HS Huddle** will meet at the home of the **Scudders** (658 E.N. 22nd Street), and the **MS Huddle** will meet in the Youth Center. Think of someone to invite 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 will be an additional \$20 to help cover housing and transportation. 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! 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.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Minister
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Welcome: We would like to welcome 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, discussion and worship, meets Sundays at 6 p.m. (MAC 503).

Community Groups, our small groups, meet Wednesday and Thursday nights at 7 p.m. So, if you are looking for a community, contact Kyle and join a community group.

Fall Retreat: Our campus ministry retreat will be November 17-19. It will be at Big Country Baptist Assembly in Lueders, and the cost is \$35. If the cost is prohibitive, talk to Kyle.

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.