



November 12, 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

19 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Welcome/Family News Steve Austin
Congregational Prayer

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552 *Have Thine Own Way Lord*

Communion James Thompson

Bread

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318 *O Sacred Head*

Offering

Missions Moment: Costa Rica Rosario Gibbs

Children's Church

187 *Great is the Lord*

Feed the Hungry 2017 Jim Clark

It Does A Body Good (Part 2) Brent Isbell

586 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Shepherd's Remarks Paul Rotenberry

Responsive Benediction

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! If you are visiting today, thank you for joining our worship. Please fill out a **Connections Card** to share your contact information, ask for prayers, or maybe tell us you want to be a UCC member. Drop it in the offering plate, or do it online at uccabilene.org/card.

We are nearing the end of our **Beautiful Mess** series. In 1 Corinthians 14, Paul circles back to the messy conditions in the worship assembly at Corinth. Competing over gifts. Jockeying for position. Chaos and confusion. Rudeness. He begins where chapter 13 leaves off: *Pursue love...* Paul tells them (and us) that worship only really works when loving attitudes and behavior edifies (builds up) the Body of Christ: ***It Does a Body Good (Part 2)***. Our worship leader today is **David Allen Sprott**. Our **Missions Moment** this week comes from our **Costa Rica** team, represented by **Rosario Gibbs**.

Adult Education Minute: Today our adult classes studied *Israel and the Stranger*. This was the twelfth 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 13: Israel and the Glory of God**. On Sunday, Nov. 26 our adult classes will begin a short Advent series. Thanks to **Chris Willerton** who is writing that curriculum for us!

This Wednesday night, our current classes conclude. In the Family Room, **Stan Baldwin** will finish **First Thessalonians: Life Between Times**. In Conversations (MAC 501), **Brady Bryce** will be wrapping up **Following Jesus in Divided Times**. Note: There will be no Wednesday classes or UCC activities on **November 22** (Thanksgiving Week)!

Calendar Notes:

- **Life Between the Times #3 (Family Room)** - Wednesday, Nov. 15
- **Following Jesus in Divided Times #3 (MAC 501)** - Wednesday, Nov. 15
- **Feed the Hungry** - Sunday, Nov. 19
- **No Wednesday Activities** - Wednesday, Nov. 22
- **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.

NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE:

Worship - **358**
Bilingual - **81**
Coronado - **65**

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Northern Oaks - **18**
Chisholm Place - **10**
Silver Springs - **31**

OFFERING:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Church Helpers: Marisol and Jacob Groves, Maggie T.

Feed the Hungry: *Feed the Hungry* banks have been handed out the last two Wednesday nights and this morning in Bible class. Your child has been encouraged to fill their bank with change and bring it back next Sunday, Nov. 19.

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.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

- **John 13:34-35**

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight: The purple group will meet at the Lemmons' (1842 N. 5th) and the teal group will meet at the Gibbs' (901 Washington).

Coming up: Next week, the teal group will be at the Williams' house and the purple group will meet at the Bowmans' house. We will not meet on Sunday, Nov. 26.

Check out **Facebook** for more activities and info, including sign-ups for summer small groups.

GATHERINGS

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

Check out our **Facebook** page (search *UCC Gatherings*) for more events and info.

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.

Fall Retreat: Our campus ministry retreat is coming this week! It will be at Big Country Baptist Assembly in Lueders, and the cost is \$35. If the cost is prohibitive, talk to Kyle. We will leave from MAC 503 on Friday at 5 p.m., and we will return on Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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No Activity Tonight: It's fellowship Sunday, so we will not have an activity. So, get together and enjoy time fellowshiping with each other!

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. We will leave at 5 p.m. from the UCC Portico and return on Sunday by 3 p.m.

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.

NOTES

Because it's Fellowship Sunday, there will be no **5 p.m. Chapel Service** today.

We will have **Sanctuary** tonight at 8 p.m. in the UCC Chapel.

You are invited to a reception for **Mable Bailey's** 95th Birthday today from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Silver Spring Family Room (1690 North 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.

Ministry of MOMs will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 6:15 p.m. at the home of **Karen Southward** (1941 Green Ridge Court). Please respond to the Evite, and tell them if childcare is needed.

Ladies' Bible Class will conclude the semester this Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 11 a.m. at the home of Linda Ezzell.

John, David and Cary Gray: "Thank you so much for the love you have shown C.G. and Barbara over the 36 years since they moved to Abilene. Your support since Mom died is very much appreciated. Words are inadequate to express our gratitude. Dad has moved to Chisholm Place (from University Place). He would appreciate your cards and visits at 1450 E.N. 10th, #124, Abilene TX 79601."

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.