



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.

November 19, 2017

WORSHIP

144 *O Worship the King*

Welcome/Family News Cheryl Bacon
Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

122 *The Love of God*

Congregational Prayer Blake Williams

139 *In Heavenly Love Abiding*

64 *I Worship You, Almighty God*

Communion Jason Morris

Luke 22:14-20

Bread

275 *O Lord, You're Beautiful*

Cup

273 *More Precious Than Silver*

Offering

Pack the Pulpit

250 *The Great Redeemer*

1 Corinthians 15:12-20, 51-58 Josh Welch

Seeds of Glory Brent Isbell

There's A Stirring

Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Worship Leader Steve Austin

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
brent@uccabilene.org

Welcome to UCC! If you are visiting with us this morning, thank you for coming our way. Please fill out a **Connections Card** to share contact information, request prayer, or maybe even tell us you want to be a UCC member. Drop it in the offering plate or submit at uccabilene.org/card.

Feed the Hungry is today. The Sunday before Thanksgiving always means we help **Jim Clark** and our partners at the Christian Service Center restock their food pantry. Later in the service, we will ask our kids to bring grocery bags up front and help us **Pack the Pulpit**. If you want to give money—which is very beneficial—envelopes are available to use and put in the collection plate. Or you can simply mark your check “FTH.” There will only be **one collection**. Feed the Hungry is a great and long-time UCC tradition that helps many of our neighbors here in Abilene!

Today we conclude our **Beautiful Mess** series. All fall we've been in Paul's first letter to Corinth. In chapter 15, he responds to news that some of the Corinthians are saying there's no resurrection. Paul proceeds to take them (and us) back to basic, fundamental truths about Christianity, beginning with the gospel itself—Christ died, was buried, was raised from death—and this has everything to do with us and our future hope. Today: **Seeds of Glory**. Our worship leader today is **Steve Austin**.

Adult Education Minute: Today our adult classes studied *Israel and the Glory of God*. This was the final week of our fall Old Testament series. Please join us next Sunday at 9 a.m. as we begin a short Advent series that takes us into early 2018. Special thanks to **Chris Willerton** for writing our class notes for this new series

This is Thanksgiving week, so there will be **no activities** at the UCC building this Wednesday night. Enjoy the holiday week with your family! The following week—November 29—our Family Room class starts a new series with **Mac Ice**, and our Conversations class (MAC 501) will be taught by **Andie Wearden** and **Jarrod King**.

Coming Events

- **No Wednesday Classes** - Wednesday, Nov. 22
- **UCC Office Closed** - November 22-24
- **New Wednesday Classes Begin** - Wednesday, Nov. 29
- **UCC Christmas Party** - Sunday, December 10, 5 p.m.
- **UCC Office Closed** - December 22, 25; January 1
- **No 9 a.m. classes/10 a.m. worship only** - Sunday, Dec. 24
- **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** - Sunday, Dec. 24, 6 p.m.

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 - 378	November 12, 2017
Bilingual - 81	Northern Oaks - N/A
Coronado - 56	Chisholm Place - 7
	Silver Springs - 29

OFFERING:

November 12 **\$13,567.60**

FROM THE ELDERS

- by Kris Southward, 2017 elder chairman

The UCC elders held their monthly meeting with ministry staff on November 12, 2017. Numerous items were discussed and prayed over, among them:

- Thanked and prayed over our ministry committee leaders: **Tim Archer** (Missions), **Mac Ice/Brent Isbell** (Teaching), **Brandon Lemley** (Communications), **Liz Rotenberry** (Involvement), **Blake Williams** (Buildings and Grounds), **David Sprott** (Finance), **Gene Linder** (Caring) and **Dave Swearingen** who is the chairman of these chair leaders;
- Prayed, by name, for those who are in the hospital/skilled nursing, for those battling cancer and dementia, for the families of **Mel Hailey** on the passing of his lovely wife, **Jan**, and for the Bailey family on the passing of **George Bailey**, for the **Ben/Lyric Bailey** and **David/Jenna Sprott** families who are expecting babies, for the bilingual minister search process, grateful for the 602 men baptized at Middleton thus far in 2017, and for many others;
- Discussed audio/visual upgrades that will start soon in the chapel, and learned that the playground equipment will be here before Thanksgiving;
- Received an update on the search for a new minister to the bilingual ministry. Three excellent candidates have been here the past few weekends;
- Discussed potential candidates for the college minister/intern to replace **Kyle Bowen** who will be transitioning into full-time ministry in December outside of Abilene. We are so appreciative for Kyle's time with us!
- Grateful that **Bo Green** has accepted the role of chairing the elder-selection committee. The goal is for the elder selection process to start in early 2018 and be finalized in the spring;
- Approved **Mark Hamilton** to be elder-chairman for 2019, succeeding **Gustavo Villanueva** who will be the 2018 chairman;
- Approved a plan and underlying policies by **Bradley Steele** as to how we help those who come to UCC needing financial assistance. This plan helps us coordinate with other non-profits so that efforts are not duplicated;
- Set next meeting date for December 10.

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*

PLEAD THE CAUSE. FEED THE HUNGRY.

NOV. 19



FEED THE HUNGRY: Our annual Feed the Hungry is TODAY, and we are doing a few things differently. Did you know the Christian Service Center can buy more food with money than we can provide by filling sacks of groceries? They can buy more food by the pound than we can deliver, so if you can, please consider giving money via check or cash, and that will fill a greater need. However, we will have the children bring the bags up later this morning so we can pack the pulpit during Children's Time. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this annual gift a success.

MINISTRY NEEDS

Would you like to be involved in worship without being at the podium? Would you like to help run the sound board, the slides or the live video on Sunday mornings? Are you a teenager or adult who enjoys technology? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we have a place for you on the **UCC Media Team**. For more info, or to volunteer, see **Joey Roberts**.

The **UCC Security Team** needs some more volunteers to help walk around the building and help report anything suspicious. You would serve one Sunday a month, you don't have to be armed, but you do need to be willing to work as a team to keep our building and members safe. Contact **Jim Holmans** if you are interested in helping with this ministry at holmansj@acu.edu or call 674-4974.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The **NEW UCC Church Directory** is now available to be picked up at the Welcome Center. Please take one copy per family and place it in your existing directory binder. If you don't have a binder from the 2014 edition, let us know. If something or someone is missing, or we need to add someone, don't worry, we'll do an update page soon for new members as well as current member updates.

UCC FAMILY LIBRARY

The **UCC Family Library** has a wide selection of reading materials and videos for all ages to check out-from biographies, fiction, non-fiction, youth books, children's books and bilingual books. The UCC Family Library is open on Sundays from 8:45-10 a.m. and Wednesdays 6:45-8:15 p.m.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Small Groups: Tonight, both groups will meet at the **Williams'** (6350 Summerhill Road). Check Facebook to see what is needed. Next week, we will not have organized small groups, so get together with some friends or enjoy time with just your family. We still need a host for Dimetapp on Sunday, Dec. 3 and Teal for Sunday, Dec. 17.

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: Most of the group has been out of town for Encounter LE this weekend, so we will not have an activity this afternoon.

No Huddles This Week: Because of Thanksgiving break, Huddles will not meet this week.

There's not a lot of news this week because there's not much going on! **Enjoy your break with your families.** We pray God's safety on those who are traveling and on your time with family. As we've been talking about as a group these past few weeks, may we all make time to remember all that the Lord has done for us and give him all the praise and glory. We truly are blessed!

UCC NEWS

We express our sympathy to the family of **George Bailey**, a long-time minister here at UCC. The visitation is today from 12:45-1:45 p.m. in the Family Room, with the funeral service scheduled to begin in the auditorium at 2 p.m. Please be in prayer for the Bailey family during this time of loss.

Everyone is invited to **Sanctuary** tonight at 8 p.m. in the chapel.

Ladies Bible Class is finished for the semester. The class will resume after the new year.

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be **no mid-week services** this week.

The **UCC church offices** will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 22 through Friday, Nov. 24. The office will reopen on Monday, Nov. 27 with its normal operating hours.

Wednesday Night Supper will not meet this week due to the Thanksgiving break. WNS will resume next week on Wednesday, Nov. 29 with Italian food.

We will not have the **Thursday noon prayer** time this week due to Thanksgiving. We will resume the prayer time next week.

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.

GIVING CHEERFULLY

Perhaps you miss a few Sundays each year, and you need to make up your contribution. Maybe you would like to set up your contribution to be **withdrawn on a regular basis** so, if you are gone or forget your checkbook, your contribution to God's work here at UCC is not forgotten. If so, fill out this form and put it in the collection plate or mail it to the church office.

I authorize University Church of Christ to withdraw funds as checked below:

Regular contribution \$ _____ per week or month. *(Please circle one.)*

Special contribution \$ _____ (one time).

Please choose automatic withdraw from a bank account or payment by credit card.

Bank account No. _____ Bank routing No. _____

Credit Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Signature _____

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Thanksgiving Observance: Count your blessings instead of your crosses; Count your gains instead of your losses. Count your joys instead of your woes; Count your friends instead of your foes. Count your smiles instead of your tears; Count your courage instead of your fears. Count your full years instead of your lean; Count your kind deeds instead of your mean. Count your health instead of your wealth; Count on God instead of yourself. - Author Unknown

Children's Worship: On Sunday, November 26 children three years old through fifth grade will be invited to children's worship for a special time together as we prepare our minds and hearts for the holiday season.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Kyle Bowen, Campus Ministry Leader
campus@uccabilene.org

Welcome: We want to extend a warm welcome to any college student visiting today. Most of the group is on retreat today, but we hope you will come back to visit soon. Also, we won't have Dwelling Place tonight because of the retreat.

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

Community Groups (our small groups) meet Wednesday and Thursday nights at 7 p.m. We won't have groups this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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 at the **Steeles'** house (1451 Yeomans) for small group at 5 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday we will not meet due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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 - Nov. 19-Dec. 3

NOV. 19	8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, Steve Austin - worship leader 5 p.m. Chapel Service - Bradley Steele - speaker; David Sprott - song leader 8 p.m. - Sanctuary Worship Service, Chapel
NOV. 22	No Activities this week
NOV. 26	8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, Jacob Groves - worship leader 5 p.m. Chapel Service - Kyle Bowen, Speaker 8 p.m. - Sanctuary Worship Service, Chapel
NOV. 29	5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Supper (Italian) 7 p.m. - Bible Classes
NOV. 30	noon - Ask. Seek. Knock. (weekly open prayer time), Chapel
DEC. 3	8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, Mark Tate - worship leader 5 p.m. Chapel Service - Bradley Steele - speaker; Brandon DeLano - song leader 8 p.m. - Sanctuary Worship Service, 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.