



# HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 7, 2018

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*

1018 *Joy to the World*

**Welcome/Family News/Elder's Prayer**  
Kris Southward

664 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

791 *On Bended Knee*

47 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Communion** Alan Caffey  
**Bread**

770 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

**Cup**  
770 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

**Offering**  
770 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

*Before the Throne of God Above*

**Matthew 2:1-12** Carisse Berryhill

**Bended Knees, Altared Lives** Jason Craddock

399 *Jesus Calls Us*

**Responsive Benediction**

**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](http://www.uccabilene.org).*

## REFLECTIONS

**Brent Isbell**, Preaching Minister  
[brent@uccabilene.org](mailto:brent@uccabilene.org)

**Welcome to University Church!** If you are visiting today, you are an honored guest. Please fill out a **Connections Card** (found in the seats). Use these to share information, ask for prayers or perhaps let us know you want to be a UCC member. Drop your card in the offering plate or go online to [uccabilene.org/card](http://uccabilene.org/card).

Well, last week the icy weather cancelled our services, so today is our first Sunday together in 2018. Happy New Year! **Jason Craddock**, our Youth Minister, will be preaching for us today, and I know we will all be encouraged by Jason's message. Our worship leader this morning is **Steve Austin**.

Next week, I will start a short two-week series called **Like a Shepherd Lead Us** to complement some teaching the elders will be doing in our classes (more below). Then, on January 28 we will begin sharing an extended Sunday sermon series called **Thorns: Finding God in Pain and Suffering**.

**Adult Education Minute:** Today we will finish up the last week of our current Advent series. Then, beginning next Sunday, we will be in special combined classes the next three weeks:

- **January 14 and 21:** Elders will be teaching all our classes from middle school through adults, focusing on leadership and the work of elders. We will combine in the following groups:
  - **Auditorium** - Main Building classes (**James Thompson**)
  - **Family Room** - MAC/Family Room classes (**Steve Austin**)
  - **Room 123** - Bilingual group (**Gustavo Villanueva**)
  - **Youth Room** - MS/HS (**Mark Hamilton**)
- **January 28:** All adult classes will combine in the Auditorium, where James Thompson will introduce our spring curriculum series overviewing the New Testament.
- **February 4:** Separate classes will resume as usual

**Wednesday Classes.** This Wednesday night, **Wendell Willis** will continue his series called **Turning Points in Church History**. Join us in the **Family Room** at 7 p.m. Our **Conversations** class (MAC 501) will begin a series with **Paul Rotenberry** addressing the needs of children in Abilene and the ministry of CASA. Join us in **MAC 501** to learn more.

### CLASS TIMES:

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

### WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.  
Sanctuary - 8 p.m.

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### NURSERY FACILITIES

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

### ATTENDANCE:

Worship - 324	December 24, 2017	Northern Oaks - N/A
Bilingual - N/A	Chisholm Place - 8	
Coronado - 66	Silver Springs - 30	

### OFFERING:

December 24 \$23,828.15

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**Children's Church:** Helpers today are N. Bryce, B. West and E. Ice.

**Teacher's Meeting:** Bible class teachers for the children's ministry will meet today at 4 p.m. in Room 101. If you are unable to attend please get in contact with **Jennifer Welch**.

**Save the Date:** Vacation Bible School will be Friday evening and Saturday, June 8-9.

**Nursery Volunteer:** Please contact Jennifer Welch if you would be willing to help in the nursery one Sunday a month.

## TRANSITIONS

**Joey Roberts**, Communications Minister  
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**Tonight:** We will resume small groups. The teal group will meet at the **Sprott's** (834 Elmwood Drive), and the purple group will need to check Facebook for its location.

**Small Groups:** We will be changing the groups at the end of January, so be on the lookout for the new groups soon as well. We need hosts this month, so sign up on the link via Facebook.

## GATHERINGS

**Bradley Steele**, Young Adults Minister  
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**Tonight** we will meet at the **Steeles'** house (1451 Yeomans) at 5 p.m. Hope to see you there!

**Wednesday** we'll 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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
[jason.craddock@uccabilene.org](mailto:jason.craddock@uccabilene.org)

**No Activity Tonight:** Because of New Year's Eve, we will not have an activity tonight.

**BLAST on Tuesday:** Since everyone will still be out of school and looking for something fun to do, let's serve the community together! We will meet at 9 a.m. at the Youth Center, and we will head over to the Christian Service Center to help them sort through all of their holiday donations. Bring \$5 for an activity and a sack lunch. We will finish at 3 p.m. back at the Youth Center. If a parent is willing to tag along with us that day and drive a van or personal vehicle, please let Jason know.

**Combined Huddle Wednesday:** Our small-group Huddles are on a brief hiatus from normal during the holidays, but we will have a combined Huddle activity in the Youth Center on Wednesday at 7 p.m. We will resume Huddles in their normal locations next Wednesday, Jan. 10.

**Winterfest:** Winterfest paperwork is on the Youth Center desk and has been emailed as well. Winterfest is a *huge* youth conference that happens in January each year with thousands of teens in attendance. We will leave on Friday afternoon (1/12) and drive straight to the Arlington Convention Center. We will stay in a hotel on Friday and Saturday night. The cost of the conference, which includes transportation, hotel and conference registration is \$60, so save your Christmas money. The hard deadline for payment is Sunday, Jan. 7.

## BABY SHOWER

A baby shower for **Jenna Spratt** and baby boy is set for today from 2-4 p.m. at the home of **Laura Ice** (1226 Sayles Blvd.). Jenna is requesting diapers and Target gift cards.

## PRAYER LIST

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Jan. 7-24

- JAN. 7** 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, Gene Linder - song leader  
8 p.m. - Sanctuary Worship Service, Chapel
- JAN. 10** 10 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room  
7 p.m. - Bible Classes
- JAN. 14** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC  
9 a.m. - Bible Classes  
10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, TBD - worship leader  
No 5 p.m. Chapel Service - Fellowship Sunday  
8 p.m. - Sanctuary Worship Service, Chapel
- JAN. 17** 10 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room  
7 p.m. - Bible Classes
- JAN. 21** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC  
9 a.m. - Bible Classes  
10 a.m. - Worship, Brent Isbell - speaker, TBD - worship leader  
5 p.m. Chapel Service - Jason Craddock - speaker, Eric Lemmons - song leader  
8 p.m. - Sanctuary Worship Service, Chapel
- JAN. 24** 10 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Class, Family Room  
7 p.m. - Bible Classes

## UCC ELDERS

Steve Austin  
Richard Cox  
Mark Hamilton  
Eddie Mahaney  
Paul Rotenberry  
Kris Southward, chair  
Mark Tate  
James Thompson  
Gustavo Villanueva

Submit your bulletin items to Joey Roberts before noon on Wednesday.