



January 14, 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

Welcome/Family News Lance Tolar

144 *O Worship the King*

Prayer/Call to Worship Francisco Becerra

47 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Salvation Belongs to Our God

383 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Communion Gary McCaleb

John 6:48-58

Bread

134 *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Cup

134 *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Offering

One Thing Remains

Kids Corner Jennifer Welch, Bradley Steele

Exodus 3:1-12 Richard Cox

Like a Shepherd Lead Us Brent Isbell

100-101 *Holy Ground*

Responsive Benediction

Worship Leader Eric Lemmons

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 to University Church! If you are visiting our worship, you are an honored guest. Take a moment to 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. Thank you for joining us today, and please come back soon!

Today we begin a short two-week series called ***Like a Shepherd Lead Us***. These messages on leadership will complement the teaching our elders are doing in our classes these two Sundays. All of this is intended to help us think, pray and prepare as a congregation for the process of choosing new shepherds in coming weeks. Our worship leader today is **Eric Lemmons**. On January 28, we will begin an extended Sunday sermon series called ***Thorns: Finding God in Pain and Suffering***.

Adult Education Minute: Beginning today, our adult classes will meet in special combined groups the next three Sundays:

- **Today and January 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 week, **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 will continue a series on ***Children in Need in Abilene*** with **Sandra Shirey** from 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 - **X**
Bilingual - **N/A**
Coronado - **64**

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Northern Oaks - **22**
Chisholm Place - **9**
Silver Springs - **N/A**

OFFERING:

January 7 **\$21,248.37**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Church:

Jan. 14: Kids Corner
Jan. 21: D. Ice, K Copher, V. Zuniga, L. Bryce
Jan. 28: A. Britten, K. Awbrey, L. Zuniga, A. Garza
Feb. 4: M and J Groves, M. Trammell

Children's Bulletin: A bulletin for your child is available at the Welcome Desk each Sunday.

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 not have small scheduled small groups this evening.

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.

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. 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.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Andrea Archer, Pablo Sanabria, Michael Kennedy
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Welcome: We would like to welcome any college students with us today.

Class: For January 14 and January 21, our Sunday morning class will meet in the Family Room at 9 a.m. Our first Wednesday night meeting will be January 24 at 7 p.m. in MAC 503.

Dwelling Place, a time of fellowship, discussion and worship, meets Sundays at 6 p.m. (MAC 503). Our first meeting of the year will be January 21.

NEWS

A couples shower honoring **Nathan** and **Rosario Gibbs** is set for today from 2-4 p.m. in the Family Room. Selections are at Target and Walmart. Please help us show love and support to this family as they add three young siblings: two girls, ages 2 and 4, and one boy, age 3, have joined big sister Evelyn.

The **ESL Wednesday night class** will resume this week at 7 p.m. in the MAC.

Ladies' Bible Class continues Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Family Room.

Common Life One will have a luncheon next Sunday, Jan. 21 in the Family Room after worship.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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No Activity Tonight: Because we will just be getting back from Winterfest this afternoon, we will not have an activity today.

Huddles Continue Wednesday: Our small-group Huddles will continue Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. The **HS Huddle** will meet at the **Scudder** home (658 E N 22nd St.). The **MS Huddle** will meet in the **Youth Center**.

Sign up for a CRADtalk: CRADtalks are our "conversations worth having" with Jason and/or Karla Craddock.

Activity Schedules: If you or your kids have any activities (school or otherwise) coming up, please let Jason know so we can plans to make it out support them.

ELDER SELECTION PROCESS

UCC is about to begin another elder selection process, done usually every six to seven years. It is an exciting time, an opportunity to reflect on the changes in the congregation over the last several years, and a chance to appreciate how the Lord continues to provide mature, godly men to serve in his kingdom here in Abilene.

The process will begin today, with a two-week series on biblical leadership. **James Thompson** will teach in the auditorium all the adult classes that meet in the main building; **Mark Hamilton** will teach the youth class, **Gustavo Villanueva** will teach the bilingual class in Room 123 and I will teach in the Family Room all the classes that meet in the MAC. **Brent Isbell** will preach on related topics these two Sundays as well.

Then beginning **January 22**, current UCC members will have the chance to nominate men whom they believe would serve effectively as elders. We would like for each member to submit a separate, signed ballot. If a couple, for example, submit a joint ballot, it would be counted as one. Deadline for nominations is **February 7**.

The elders have asked **Bo Green** to lead a process committee, which will tally the votes and deliver names of nominees to the elders, along with relevant observations or suggestions, by **February 11**. This group includes Bo, **Hal Howell, Wanda Bradford, Don Faver, Harland Rall, Daniel Garcia, Derek Bowman** and **Sara Trammell**. We thank them for their service!

Beginning **February 11**, the elders will discuss the list, talk to potential elder candidates and evaluate the responses from the candidates. On **February 25**, the candidates who have accepted being considered and approved by the elders will be presented to the church. The church will have that week to notify the elders of any possible scriptural objection. On **March 4**, the new elders will be added to the eldership during the morning worship service.

We ask for your prayers for each step of this process and for each one involved. You have an important role in helping the church discern whom the Lord may wish to add to the current group. If you have any questions, feel free to contact an elder, and we'll be happy to talk.

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.