



January 21, 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 Liz Rotenberry

153 *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down*

Prayer/Call to Worship Mark Hamilton

76 *How Great Thou Art*

538 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

803 *Turn My Heart*

Communion James Thompson

Phillipians 2:5-11

Bread

We Fall Down

Cup

We Fall Down

Offering

Children's Church

533 *I Am a Sheep*

Titus 1:1-9 Nathan Bryce

Like a Shepherd Lead Us Brent Isbell

567 *Restore My Soul*

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

Worship Leader Mark Tate

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 today, thank you for joining us. Please fill out a **Connections Card** (found in the seats) to share any 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. Please come back soon!

Today we wrap up a brief series called ***Like a Shepherd Lead Us***. These leadership messages are meant to complement the teaching our elders are doing in our classes these two Sundays. All of this is about helping us think, pray and prepare as a congregation for the important responsibility of appointing new elders. Nominations begin this week (see this bulletin and today's Family News for more process/timeline information). Our worship leader today is **Mark Tate**.

Next Sunday, we will begin an extended sermon series called ***Thorns: Finding God in Pain and Suffering***. Before next Sunday, please read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.

Adult Education Minute: Just like last week, our adult classes will meet in special combined groups this week and next:

- **Today:** Elders are teaching Part Two of two 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:** Next Sunday, 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 finish his four-part series ***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 **Leslye Roberts** teaching. Join us in **MAC 501** to learn more. Looking ahead, on **Wednesday, Jan. 31**, everyone from children up will gather in the MAC for a **CONNECT** inter-generational activity night. These are always a lot of fun!

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 -	318	January 14, 2018	Northern Oaks -	N/A
Bilingual -	71	Chisholm Place -	6	
Coronado -	60	Silver Springs -	20	

OFFERING:

January 14 **\$13,420.47**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

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

VBS Save the Date: Due to a widely attended Abilene event, the dates of VBS have changed. Please note the new dates for VBS are June 4-6. I am excited to share that all of UCC will be involved this year in VBS. I will begin making announcements in Bible classes this week.

TRANSITIONS

Joey Roberts, Communications Minister
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Tonight: The purple group will meet at the Bowmans' (642 Green Valley Drive) and the teal group will be at the Huddlestons' (858 Avenue F).

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.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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No small group tonight. We will resume next week at the Steeles' house. Many of our group are at a retreat this weekend.

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: This morning, 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 tonight.

NEWS

Common Life One will have a luncheon today in the Family Room after worship.

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

Wednesday Night Supper resumes this week at 5:45 p.m. The meal is free, but if you can donate \$5 per adult plate, that would be helpful to cover the cost of the ministry. This week's menu item is chicken.

The **Impressions Ministry** needs more volunteers. Please see **Bradley Steele** if you have questions or want to volunteer.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Joining Chapel Service Tonight: Today at 5 p.m., we will join the Chapel service as Jason preaches. Afterwards we will retire to the Youth Center for our own Dolphinky's Burritos (definitely not Sharky's) and some fun until 7:30 p.m. So, invite a friend and bring \$3 to help cover dinner.

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**.

Groundhog Day REEL Faith: We will have a special Groundhog Day REEL Faith on Friday, Feb. 2 from 7-9:30 p.m. in the Youth Center where we will be watching the classic movie *Citizen Kane*. Just kidding, we will be watching *Groundhog Day* (PG and edited for content). I want to pack our theater and give everybody something to do on a Friday night, so make plans early, invite your friends and join us. We will not have dinner, but we will have popcorn, candy and drinks.

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 plan to make it out and support them.

ELDER SELECTION PROCESS

UCC is in the midst of another elder selection process, done usually every six to seven years.

Today we are in the second of a two-week series on biblical leadership. Combined Bible classes will talk about elder leadership, and **Brent Isbell** will preach on related topics as well.

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 a process committee to tally the votes and deliver names of nominees to the elders, along with relevant observations or suggestions, by **February 11**.

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. 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
Mark Tate
James Thompson
Gustavo Villanueva, chair

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