



# THORNS

## Finding God in Pain

February 25, 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** Tophier Fangio  
**Call to Worship: Psalm 22:23-31**

*You're Worthy of My Praise*

**Prayer** Paul Rotenberry

**66 Doxology**

**413 Lord Be There**

*Had It Not Been the Lord*

**Communion** Andrew Huddleston

**Psalm 69:16-21**

**Bread**

**315** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**Cup**

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**Offering**

**1015** *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

**Children's Church**

**318** *O Sacred Head*

**John 19:28-30** Ginna Sadler

**Victim Victorious** Brent Isbell

**470** *Victory in Jesus*

**Elders' Update** Gustavo Villanueva

**Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21**

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

### REFLECTIONS

**Brent Isbell**, Preaching Minister  
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**Welcome to UCC!** If you are visiting today, thank you for being our honored guest. Please fill out a **Connections Card** (found in the seats). Use it to share information, ask for prayers, or let us know you want to be a UCC member. Simply drop your card in the offering plate later, or fill it out online at [uccabilene.org/card](http://uccabilene.org/card). Please come back soon!

We continue our sermon series **Thorns: Finding God in Pain**. Today, five weeks from Easter, we begin thinking hard about the pain of Jesus. In John 19:28-20, we find him on the cross. He is both human (thirsty) and divine (finishing God's work). In a sense, he is both a loser and a winner; tragedy and triumph combining in one act of love and sacrifice. The good news? He is not above our pain and suffering, but shares in it. Today: **Victim Victorious**. Our worship leader is **Eric Lemmons**.

**Adult Education Minute:** Today our 9 a.m. adult classes continued our **The New Testament Speaks** series, looking at 1-2 Thessalonians. If you want to read ahead, next week we study **1 Corinthians**.

**Evening Chapel:** Our 5 p.m. speaker today is **Mark Hamilton**.

**Wednesday night.** This week, **James Thompson** concludes our **Family Room** series on **Interpreting the Bible**. In *Conversations* (MAC 501), **Brandon DeLano** is facilitating **Perceptions of Christianity on the Internet**. This will be the fourth and final week of these class series. On March 7, our worship leaders will host a **Wednesday Praise!** in the Family Room. All are invited to come sing with us!

**In Appreciation.** This morning, immediately after we dismiss worship, you are all invited to the Family Room for a come-and-go appreciation reception for **Joey, Leslye, Keaton and Kaylye Roberts**. Cookies and coffee will be available. You're invited to write a thank-you note and drop it in the gift box we will be presenting the Roberts family. This is a chance for each of us to express love and gratitude to Joey for his many contributions as our Communications Minister since 2011. We have all been helped and blessed by his spirit and through his work. Please take a few minutes to help us say thank you to these good friends.

### 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 - **338**  
Bilingual - **77**  
Coronado - **61**

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Northern Oaks - **30**  
Chisholm Place - **N/A**  
Silver Springs - **N/A**

### OFFERING:

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Feb. 25: D. Ice, V. Zuniga, L. Bryce  
March 4: Austin B., Jaua A., Lorena Z., Alyssa G.  
March 11: Kids Corner

### Spring Break Fun:

On Monday, March 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., children three years old through Kindergarten can bring a sack lunch and enjoy some play time in the MAC and Patty's Playground.

On **Tuesday, March 13**, kids first through fifth grade will enjoy roller skating and/or bowling from 1-3 p.m. Children will need to bring \$5 and money for snacks. Please RSVP a spot for your child by March 8.

## TRANSITIONS

**Joey Roberts**, Communications Minister  
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**Tonight:** The blue group will meet at the Huddlestons' house (858 Avenue F), and the red group will meet at the Callahans' (334 Apple Blossom). Check Facebook for what to bring.

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 (1725 Lincoln) 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**  
[campus@uccabilene.org](mailto:campus@uccabilene.org)

**Welcome:** We would like to welcome any college students with us today.

**Class:** Our Sunday morning class will meet in the MAC 503 at 9 a.m.

**Dwelling Place**, a time of fellowship, discussion and worship, meets Sundays at 6 p.m. (MAC 503).

**Community Groups** (our small groups) meet during the week. Details will be announced soon.

## NEW ELDER PROCESS

Today, the elders will announce the candidates who have been approved by the elders and who have accepted the honor of being considered as new elders for University Church of Christ.

The church will have this week to notify the elders of any possible scriptural objection, and on Sunday, **March 4**, the new elders will be added to the eldership during the morning worship service.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
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**Ultimate Frisbee Tonight:** Join us tonight from 5-7:30p.m. for Ultimate Frisbee followed by a giant sandwich for dinner. Bring \$3 to help cover the cost of food.

**Huddles Resume Wednesday:** With ice storms behind us, our small-group Huddles will resume this Wednesday night 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**.

**Free Tutoring Available at ACU: James Scudder** has made us aware of a great resource for all students in the community regarding free tutoring available at ACU. Abilene-area students can take advantage of a wide variety of tutoring services free of charge during the drop-in hours at the CORE Classroom (room attached to the south side of the library). The hours are Sunday (5-8 p.m.); Tuesday (5-9 p.m.) and Wednesday (5-9 p.m.). For more information, contact **Debbie Stewart** at 325-674-2667 or at [djs07a@acu.edu](mailto:djs07a@acu.edu).

**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 to support them.

## NEWS AND NOTES

Today, immediately after the morning service, we will have a reception honoring the **Roberts family** in the Family Room.

Ladies, you are cordially invited to attend a bridal shower honoring **Angela Darden**, bride-elect to **Adam Tate**, this afternoon from 2-3:30 p.m. at the home of **Sylvia McCaleb** (7 Hilliard Circle). Selections are at Pottery Barn and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

**Sanctuary** resumes tonight at 8 p.m. in the Chapel.

**Ladies' Bible Class** continues Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Family Room. Free babysitting is offered to those in attendance Wednesday with small children.

**UCC Family Dinners** return Saturday, March 3 at 6 p.m. Sign up this morning after church, and those who sign up will be contacted by their host about what dish to bring. Childcare will be provided for preschool through fifth grade.

**Short-Term Missions:** Mission teams and individuals requesting funding from the 2018 Missions Special need to get their requests to the missions committee no later than Sunday, Feb. 25. Those interested should complete the online application form at <https://tinyurl.com/2018UCCRequest>. If you have any questions, please contact **Tim Archer** at 668-9327 or any missions committee member.

**Wednesday Night Supper** resumes this week at 5:45 p.m. in the MAC. The cost is free, but if you can donate \$5 per adult plate to help cover the cost of this ministry, it would be appreciated.

## 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.