

# UCC



# THORNS

Finding God in Pain

March 11, 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 and Call to Worship**

Jason Craddock

60 *He Is Exalted*

171 *Above All Else*

**Prayer**

Rusty Towell

410 *He Leadeth Me*

*Before the Throne of God Above*

**Communion**

Bo Green

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

**Bread**

*Amazing Grace*

**Cup**

*Amazing Grace*

**Offering**

*As the Deer Thirsts*

**John 13:21-35**

**The Enemy is Everywhere**

Bradley Steele

*Deep Calls to Deep*

**Benediction: Jude 24-25**

**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, you are an honored guest. Please fill out a **Connections Card** (found in the seats). Use those cards 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!

I've been out of town this week, taking some vacation time, so **Bradley Steele** is preaching today. **Eric Lemmons** is the worship leader.

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

**Evening Chapel:** There is no 5 p.m. chapel service today.

**Wednesday Night:** This week is Spring Break, so we will host a short all-church devotional in the Family Room at 7 p.m. Join us for songs and prayers and readings from Scripture.

On **March 21**, two new Wednesday series will begin! **Lou Seckler** will teach four weeks in the Family Room on **The Holy Spirit: God's Living Presence in the Church Today**. In Conversations (MAC 501), **Lisa Merchant** will spend four weeks on **Struggling with Addiction**.

**Special Collection for Missions is Sunday, March 25.** Plan and pray for a generous offering for a variety of projects around the world!

**Easter is Sunday, April 1.** We will have our usual special schedule in place: **Sunrise Service** in the courtyard at 8 a.m., **Easter Breakfast** in the MAC at 9 a.m., **Worship** at 10 a.m., and **Egg Hunt** for the children outside about 11:15 a.m.

**Easter Sunrise** includes a **Time of Remembrance** for family and friends we have lost to death since last Easter. If you have names of special people you would like us to recognize that morning, send them to me or the church office between now and March 28.

## 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 - 341  
Chapel PM - 36  
Bilingual - N/A  
Coronado - 60

## March 4, 2018

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

## OFFERING:

March 4 \$18,573.50

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

**March 11** - Austin B., Kaua, Lorena, Alyssa  
**March 18** - Marisol & Jacob G., Maggie T.

**Elder Bucks Cart:** Just a reminder that the elder buck cart is available the second and fourth Sunday of the month.

**Spring Break Fun This Week:** On **Monday, March 12** from 10:30 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 on our new playground, *Patty's Place*.

On **Tuesday, March 13**, kids first through fifth grade will enjoy roller skating and/or bowling from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Children will need to bring \$5 and money for snacks. Please RSVP a spot for your child by March 8.

*"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18*

## TRANSITIONS

**Andrew Huddleston**  
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There will be no organized small group activities tonight due to the beginning of Spring Break.

Next week, the blue group is hosting a combined group. Look on our Facebook page for more information.

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 at 5 p.m. Hope to see you there!

**Wednesday** we'll meet at 7 p.m. for an All-Church Devotional in the Family Room.

Don't forget to join us for **class** on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in MAC 504.

Check out our **Facebook** page (search *UCC Gatherings*) for more events and info.

## BILINGUAL MINISTRY

**Vini Montesdeoca**, Bilingual Minister  
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**Fiesta Bilingüe:** The Bilingual Group will be having an event at the Nelson Park Festival Gardens, April 1 at 4:30 p.m., for games, food and fellowship. It is a space for everyone in the family to come and enjoy.

**Women's Prayer Group:** Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**Men's Prayer Group:** Saturdays at 7 a.m.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
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**No Activity Tonight:** Today is Fellowship Sunday so, we will not have an activity tonight.

**Almost-Lock-In Wednesday:** If you are here on Wednesday night, then come join us for an "Almost Lock-in" from 6 p.m.- Midnight in the Youth Center. We will have lots of organized activities, games, basketball/volleyball and free time too. Bring your Nerf dart gear (in case we get to play), athletic attire and \$5 to cover food costs. We will probably even have a movie to watch for those who'd rather do that. We could always use a bit of adult help too, so let me know if you are willing to help.

**Spring Retreat:** Our Spring Retreat will be March 28-30 at the Butman Retreat Center. The cost will be \$40 per person or \$35 per person if there are two or more attendees in your family. Also, we will be offering the special price of \$25 for any friends you bring who are not regular attendees. It will be a ton of fun and spiritually meaningful so make plans to join us! As always, we will need adult volunteers so please let Jason know if you are interested.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Andrea Archer, Pablo Sanabria, Michael Kennedy**  
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There will not be any class or small groups during the week of Spring Break. Have a great week, and may God bless your travels!

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Sanctuary** continues tonight at 8 p.m. in the Chapel so come join us if you are able.

You are invited to a **Sip-and-See Baby Shower** honoring **Ben and Lyric Bailey** and their new baby, on Sunday, March 25, from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Ben and Lyric are only requesting diapers, wipes and gift cards.

**Nursery Update:** The nursery in the back of the auditorium will be going through a few changes as we make it more baby and nursing-mother friendly. This area will be specifically for nursing moms and fussy infants who need a quiet place to rock. We are blessed to have our Early Education Building that has two nurseries for children up to three years old during worship service. If you have a toddler that is restless, please feel free to take them to an attended nursery where you can leave them or sit with them there to allow them to play.

**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.

**There will not be a Wednesday Night Supper** this week due to Spring Break.

## UCC ELDERS

Tim Archer  
Steve Austin  
Richard Cox  
Mark Hamilton  
Eddie Mahanay  
Ted Presley  
Paul Rotenberry  
Kris Southward  
David Swearingen  
Mark Tate  
James Thompson  
Rusty Towell  
Gustavo Villanueva, chair

Submit your bulletin items to Jason Craddock before noon on Wednesday.