

UCC



THORNS

FINDING GOD IN PAIN

April 8, 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

Call to Worship - 1 Peter 1:3-9

Bradley Steele

647 *Soldiers of Christ Arise*

860 *There is a Habitation*

Prayer

Richard Cox

845 *Gentle Shepherd*

662 *All to Jesus I Surrender*

Communion

Jacob Groves

1 John 1:1-2:2

Bread

725 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Cup

725 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Offering

533 *I Am a Sheep*

Kids Corner

Jennifer Welch

674 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Matthew 10:34-42

Jeannette Lipford

Home is Where the Hurt Is

Brent Isbell

567 *Restore My Soul*

Benediction: Ephesians 3:20-21

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.

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister

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Good morning! Welcome to UCC. If you are one of our visitors today, please fill out a **Connections Card** (found on the seat backs). It's quick and easy. You can use that card to share contact information, request prayers, or even let us know you want to be a member here at University Church. Then drop your card in the offering plate. You can also do this on your phone at **uccabilene.org/card**. Come back soon!

We continue our spring sermon series **Thorns: Finding God in Pain**. Today, let's think about the particular pain associated with family relationships. Nothing is more agonizing than family trouble. Jesus knew this personally and talked about it (Matthew 10:34-42). Today: **Home is Where the Hurt Is**. Our worship leader is **Steve Austin**.

Adult Education Minute: Today our 9 a.m. adult classes continued our **New Testament Speaks** series, looking at Philippians and Philemon. If you want to read ahead, next Sunday we will be studying **Colossians and Ephesians**.

This week, our current Wednesday classes will conclude. In the Family Room, **Lou Seckler** will finish his series **The Holy Spirit: God's Living Presence in the Church Today**. In Conversations (MAC 501), **Lisa Merchant** and others will wrap up with **Supporting Families of Addiction**. Join us this Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. for supper (chicken) in the MAC, and then come to one of our mid-week classes at 7 p.m.

New class coming! On Wednesday, **April 18**, we will begin a new five-week combined class in the Family Room. **Carisse Berryhill** will be teaching a series on **History of the Churches of Christ in Texas**. Carisse will be including some local material on the history of Restoration churches in and around Abilene, including UCC. This is going to be an interesting and informative study with a great teacher, so I encourage you to make plans now to join us!

CLASS TIMES:

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

WORSHIP TIMES:

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

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE: April 1, 2018

Worship - 411 Northern Oaks - 30
Chapel PM - n/a Silver Springs - n/a
Bilingual - 89 Coronado - 57

OFFERING:

April 1 \$21,572.15

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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April 8 - Kids Corner

Children's Church Helpers

April 22 - Austin Britten, Kaua

Awbrey, Lorena Zuniga, Alyssa Garza

April 29 - Marisol & Jacob Groves, Maggie Trammell

April 22 - VBS leaders from each class will meet at 4 p.m. in room 101.

April 29 - Families mark your calendar for this fun Sunday evening at **Nelson Park**. We will gather at 5 p.m. to play, picnic and enjoy some games together.

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Hebrews 13:16

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Spring Retreat — It will be **April 27-29** 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. Paperwork is on the desk in the Youth Center and is **due by Wed., April 18**.

Senior Sunday — May 20: This year our seniors include: **Jackson Hatch** (AHS), **Ashlen Pamplin** (ACHS) and **Andy Gian** (ACHS), international student of the Presleys.

Senior Sunday Volunteer Meeting:

Sunday, April 22, we will have a meeting for anyone (youth parent or not) who is willing to help organize our Senior Sunday festivities, which will be on **May 20**. We will discuss the day's plans and divvy up responsibilities for making this a special day for our graduating high school students. If you would be willing to help in this way, but can't come to the meeting, please let Jason know as soon as you are able.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Andrea Archer, Pablo Sanabria, Michael Kennedy
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We extend a warm welcome to any college students with us today! **We are glad you're here!**

Since the College group is at the **Retreat in Lueders**, there will not be class or Dwelling Place today.

Community Groups, our small group, meet Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (910 EN 12th Street).

TRANSITIONS

Andrew Huddleston
huddleston_andrew@yahoo.com

Tonight, both groups will meet together at the **Gibbs'** house at 5:00 p.m. Sign ups for food are on Facebook.

Next week, the **red** group will meet at the Bowmans' and the **blue** group needs a host.

Check our **Facebook** page for more information.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight we will meet at the Steeles' house at 5 p.m. for small group.
Hope to see you there!

Wednesday we will 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

Make sure to check our **Facebook** group for more information.

BILINGUAL MINISTRY

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister
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Thanks to everyone that participated at the Easter events. We had a great time getting to know new friends!

Please keep **Rachel** in your prayers, as she goes into back surgery tomorrow at Abilene Regional Hospital.

Congratulations to **Gustavo Villanueva** for achieving his Doctoral Degree. We are so proud of you!

Today, Bilingual Potluck at 12:00 p.m. at the Youth Center.

NEWS AND NOTES

Rachel Montesdeoca is having back surgery Monday morning. We have set up a **meal train** for her and her family while she recovers from the surgery. <https://mealtrain.com/k74n5z>

New Online Directory and Daily News! Please make sure you add office@uccabilene.org to your contacts, and us know if you are not getting the daily news or if you need help setting up the new directory.

There will be no **5:00 p.m.** service today.

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

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

Wednesday Night Supper. Join us for Chicken Express this week at 5:45 p.m. in the MAC.

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 Marisol Groves before noon on Wednesday.
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