

UCC



THORNS

FINDING GOD IN PAIN

April 15, 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

144 *O Worship the King*

Welcome/Family News

Call to Worship - Psalm 40:5-10

Cheryl Bacon

233 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Prayer

Ted Presley

457 *How Firm a Foundation*

325 *Boundless Love*

Communion

Topher Fangio

Acts 3:12-19

Bread

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Cup

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Offering

Children's Church

Be Thou My Vision

Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

Lorrie Baldwin

Fighting the Good Fight

Brent Isbell

Instruments of Your Peace

Benediction: 1 John 3:1-2

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 for you.

Our Sunday morning service is broadcast live at www.uccabilene.org.

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister

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Good morning! If you are one of our visitors today, we welcome you to University Church. Please fill out a **Connections Card** (found on the seat backs). It's easy. Use your 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 series **Thorns: Finding God in Pain**. Today, let's talk about anger. To many of us, anger doesn't seem very virtuous, does it? It is certainly painful and real. In Ephesians 4:25—5:2, Paul writes to real people living in real community and experiencing real discord. Oddly enough, he doesn't seem to give a hoot about "being nice." What he does care about is our loving one another. Anger is actually a part of healthy relationship, but for Christians it has to be managed in the name of Jesus. Today, let's rethink and reclaim anger as something good: **Fighting the Good Fight**. Our worship leader is **Mark Tate**.

Adult Education Minute: Today our 9 a.m. adult classes continued our **New Testament Speaks** series, looking at Colossians/ Ephesians. If you want to read ahead, next week we will study **1-2 Timothy** and **Titus**.

New Wednesday Series! This week, we 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 a very interesting study with a great teacher. I encourage you to make plans now to join us this Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. for supper (pizza) in the MAC, and then come to our new class at 7 p.m.

COMING SOON..

Mother's Day - Sun., May 13

Senior Sunday - Sun., May 20

Family Night #1 (Ice Cream) - Wed., May 30

Wednesday Summer Series begins - Wed., June 6

Children's Homes Special Offering - Sun., June 10

We're excited to announce that the giving for our **Missions Special** has reached the **\$50,000** mark. Today is the last day to contribute if you haven't already.

Thanks for your generosity and support.

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 8, 2018

Worship - 341 Northern Oaks - 15

Chapel PM - n/a Silver Springs - 32

Bilingual - 71 Coronado - 58

OFFERING:

April 8 \$10,030.64

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

April 22 - Austin Britten, Kaua Awbrey, Lorena Zuniga, Alyssa Garza

April 29 - Marisol & Jacob Groves, Maggie Trammell

Children's Church - This morning our children will enjoy a puppet skit by our LTC kids.

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

Family Fun - On Sunday evening, **April 29** families are invited to come to Nelson Park. We will gather at **5 p.m.** to play, picnic and enjoy some games together.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Sonic Drive-Over Tonight: Join us **tonight** from 5-7:30 p.m. for a Sonic Drive-Over. We will meet in the Youth Center at 5 p.m. and share some worship time together. Then we will all drive over in vans to the Sonic on N. 1st where we will have some fun volleyball-area games. You will need to bring money for your Sonic dinner or treat. You may be picked up at 7:30 at Sonic or at 7:45 at the YC.

Spring Retreat - April 27-29: Our retreat this year will be at **Camp Butman**. The cost will be \$40 or \$35 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. Paperwork is on the desk in the Youth Center and is **due by Wed., April 18**.

Senior Sunday - May 20: Seniors: **Jackson Hatch** (AHS), **Ashlen Pamplin** (ACHS) and **Andy Qian** (ACHS), international student of the Presleys.

Senior Sunday Volunteer Meeting: Sunday, April 22, we will have a meeting for anyone who is willing to help organize our Senior Sunday festivities, **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.

HS Mission Trip Set: We are pleased to announce the HS Mission has been set for **July 14-21**. We will be travelling to Beaumont as our base of operations to continue hurricane relief begun by many others in the region. More details to come.

NEWS AND NOTES

TODAY! Make plans to attend a come and go reception for **Megeste Pierre** from **3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the UCC Family Room**. Megeste will finish his Master of Divinity in May and return to **The Goodness of God Orphanage in Haiti**. It has been a long journey for Megeste, but with all glory to God and many brothers and sisters in Christ the finish line is in sight. Please stop by and wish him well. A money tree will be available and a journal for notes of encouragement.

Jacqueline Smith's visitation will be **today** from **4 p.m. to 6 p.m.**, and the funeral will be on Monday, April 16th at 10a.m. Both of these will be held at the **Elmwood Funeral Home**. UCC will provide a meal for the family at the Family Room on Monday at 12 p.m.

THANK YOU CARDS

Dear UCC Family, Thank you so much for the cards, visits and prayers. I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much. Blessings, **Angela Estes**
"Thank you for keeping me in your prayers". -**Evie Clovis**

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

Quilting Day will be **Monday, April 16** at 9 a.m. in Room 208

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 **Pizza** this week at 5:45 p.m. in the MAC.

TRANSITIONS

Andrew Huddleston
huddleston_andrew@yahoo.com

Tonight, the **red** group will be at the **Bowmans'** house and the **blue** group will be at the **Huddlestons'** at 5 p.m.

Check **Facebook** for food signups.

Next week, both groups will meet at the Callahans'.

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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Rachel Montesdeoca is recovering at home, thank you for all your help and prayers.

Women's Retreat, The Bilingual Ministry has planned a retreat for women on **April 28-29**. Contact the Church office if you want more information.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

Class, our Sunday morning class begins at 9 a.m. in MAC 503.

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

Community Groups: Our small groups meet Wednesdays at (910 EN 12th St.) and Thursday nights (901 Washington Blvd.) at 7 p.m.

UCC ELDERS

Tim Archer
Steve Austin
Richard Cox
Mark Hamilton
Eddie Mahanay
Ted Presley
Paul Rotenberry
Kris Southward
David Swearingen
Mark Tate
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Rusty Towell
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Submit your bulletin items to Marisol Groves before noon on Wednesday.
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