



April 22, 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

103 *He Has Made Me Glad*

Welcome/Family News

Call to Worship - Psalm 40:5-10

Blake Williams

123 *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

Prayer Eddie Mahanay

Refiners' Fire

What the Lord Has Done In Me

Before the Throne of God Above

Communion Michael Kennedy

John 12:20-26

Bread

Before the Throne of God Above

Cup

Before the Throne of God Above

Offering

Children's Church

676 *Living for Jesus*

Romans 6:3-5 Jennifer Huddleston

Dying as Living Brent Isbell

My God Most High

Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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 for you.

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

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
brent@uccabilene.org

Welcome to UCC! If you are a guest today, please fill out one of our **Connections Cards** (found on the seat backs). Simply drop your card in the offering plate or fill it out online at uccabilene.org/card.

Today we wrap up our series **Thorns: Finding God in Pain**. In Romans 6, Paul reminds us about the meaning of our baptism: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Well, yes, we know it—but we forget. We forget that it's only in dying that we truly live; that real Christian faithfulness is not very glamorous or romantic, and it's certainly not painless. Baptism means thorns. Today: **Dying as Living**. Our worship leader is **Eric Lemmons**.

Next Sunday, we will begin a short five-week message series based in the Book of Job—**When Suffering Eclipses God**. I think Job's story may be a helpful follow-up to our conversation about finding God in pain.

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

Wednesday night. This week, we continue our new combined class in the Family Room. **Carisse Berryhill** is teaching a series on **History of the Churches of Christ in Texas**. This is a fascinating study with a great teacher. Make plans to join us Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. for supper (Mexican food in the MAC), and then come join Carisse's class at 7 p.m.

Just call Marisol! Our new Administrative Assistant, **Marisol Groves**, is now in charge of **booking UCC facilities** and **coordinating funerals**. For any questions or issues related to these important subjects—or anything else office-related—Marisol is now your primary contact person. Her email is marisol@uccabilene.org.

Coming Soon

Mother's Day - Sun., May 13

Senior Sunday - Sun., May 20

Wednesday Praise! - Wed., May 23

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

Wednesday Summer Series begins - Wed., June 6

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

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 15, 2018

Worship - 343 Northern Oaks - 32
Chapel PM - 37 Silver Springs - 32
Bilingual - 72 Coronado - 59

OFFERING:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
jenniferw@uccabilene.org

Children's Church Helpers

April 22 - Austin B., Kaua A., Lorena Z., Alyssa G.

Mi Casa Es Su Casa - Parents, while we want UCC to be your child's second home there are a few issues that need your attention. On Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, children are playing with sound and mic. equipment, playing in the nursing room at the back of the auditorium, jumping on the bench located on the stage area, bringing doughnuts in the auditorium, running in the hallway and playing behind the wood fences between the two buildings. **Please** take a minute to visit with your child and go over **care** and **respect** for areas of the church, the safety issue of why no one should run in the hallway or auditorium, and the danger of playing behind the wood fence due to electrical wires and a grease trap with a removable cover.

VBS Meeting - Just a reminder to the VBS leaders who received e-mail from me this last week, we will meet **today at 3:30 in MAC room 501.**

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

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Andrea Archer, Pablo Sanabria, Michael Kennedy
campus@uccabilene.org

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).

We are honoring our graduate students with a **luncheon on May 6** right after worship service in the MAC. We are inviting graduates, their families and friends, and other college students. Please come and celebrate together!

Community Groups: Our small groups meet Wednesdays at and Thursday nights at 7 p.m.

BILINGUAL MINISTRY

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister
vini@uccabilene.org

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Dinner and Free Time Tonight: Join us **tonight** from 5-7:30 p.m. for dinner and free time in the Youth Center. We will have spaghetti for dinner so bring \$3 to help cover the cost of dinner.

Senior Sunday Volunteer Meeting: Today at 3:30 in the Youth Center, 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.

Spring Retreat Paperwork Due: 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 are 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 today.**

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

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.**

TRANSITIONS

Andrew Huddleston
huddleston_andrew@yahoo.com

Tonight, the **red** and **blue** group will meet at the **Callahans'** (334 Apple Blossom) at 5 p.m.

Check **Facebook** for food signups.

Next week, we will join the children's ministry at the park.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Young Adults Minister
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Tonight, check Facebook for small group details.

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.

NEWS AND NOTES

THANK YOU CARD

Dear UCC family, Thank you so very much for all you did for the Norma Jean Williams family during her time of death. The meal after the funeral was delicious and comforting, we thank all who contributed and worked so hard having it ready. UCC was her Church family, and we will always be indebted to you for the love and sympathy shown to us and the honor bestowed upon her. In Christian love, **Norma Jean Williams Family.**

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.

Needs of the Christian Service Center,

Currently we are in great need of the following: Paper sacks with handles, Men's underwear and socks, Boys' and girls' clothing and shoes, Queen size bedding, Adult sleeping bags, Forks, knives and spoons and Electric skillets and crock pots. Please take them to **3185 N. 10th**, on the back of our building from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thank you so much! In Christ, Jim Clark

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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