

UCC



WHEN SUFFERING ECLIPSES GOD THE BOOK OF JOB

May 6, 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 - Psalm 98

Jason Craddock

66 *Doxology*

3 *Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah*

Prayer

Kris Southward

991 *This is My Father's World*

922 *Jesus Paid it All*

Communion

Art Rosenquist

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Bread

O Sacred Head

Cup

O Sacred Head

Offering

O Sacred Head

Children's Church

712 *Jesus is Coming Soon*

Job 3:1-10

Andrea Archer

Ashes

Brent Isbell

23 *Our God, He is Alive*

Blessing of Graduates

Mark Hamilton

Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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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Welcome to UCC! If you are visiting us today, please fill out one of our **Connections Cards** (on the seat backs). Drop your card in the offering plate or fill it out online at uccabilene.org/card. Come back soon!

Today we will continue our series **When Suffering Eclipses God**. We are unpacking some key themes from the **Book of Job**. Today we arrive at chapter 3, where we find a desperate man sitting in a kind of hell on earth. Have you ever been there? Some of us know the landscape all too well. This place has its own unique language. Today: **Ashes**. Our worship leader today is **Mark Tate**.

Congratulations, Grads! Today is the last Sunday many of our college students will be with us. Some will leave for summer and return in August. But others are about to leave us with a diploma in hand! We will take a few minutes this morning to honor our 2018 college graduates.

Adult Education Minute: Today our 9 a.m. adult classes continued our **New Testament Speaks** series, looking at James. If you want to read ahead, next week we will be in the **Gospel of John**.

This Wednesday, we continue our combined class in the Family Room. **Carisse Berryhill** is teaching a **History of the Churches of Christ in Texas** in five parts. This week is #4. Join us at 5:45 p.m. for our last Wednesday Supper this spring (Chinese), then come to class at 7 p.m.

Greetings from Igor Egirev! I was blessed to be with Igor this past week at a board meeting for the Russian ministry. He sends love and greetings from St. Petersburg to his many friends at UCC. Despite challenges, the work there is being blessed by God in countless ways. As ministry partners, let's pray daily for Christianity in Russia!

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.

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NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE: April 29, 2018

Worship - 320

Chapel PM - 40

Bilingual - 62

Chisholm Place - 11

Northern Oaks - 31

Silver Springs - 34

Coronado - 60

OFFERING:

April 29 \$11,197.64

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Chapel Service, This evening, our children will lead the chapel service. Children who are reading scripture need to be at the chapel at **4:15 p.m.**, all other children need to be there at 4:30 p.m. for us to practice before service starts.

Children's Church, Today, children three years old through fifth grade are invited to Children's Worship. We will be participating in a special missions project.

VBS Sign Up, Parents, please visit our website to sign up on line for Vacation Bible School. Our VBS is for children four years old through fifth grade. **If you are helping** with VBS and need childcare for your child who is too young to participate, please **RSVP** a spot for your child by sending e-mail to: jenniferw@uccabilene.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Joining Chapel Service and Free Time Tonight: Join us tonight from 5-7:30 p.m. as we encourage our Children's Ministry leading the Chapel Service. Afterwards we will have dinner and free time until 7:30 p.m. Bring \$3 to help cover the cost of food.

LCU Encounter Registration Still Open: Encounter will be June 10-16 and is for students who will be entering 9th grade through 2018 HS graduates. Registration is still open and costs \$295 for the week with a few additional expenses for fast food meals during travel. You can register at LCUcamps.com. Registration will be open through the end of May.

Senior Sunday - May 20: This year's graduating class is **Jackson Hatch** (AHS), **Ashlen Pamplin** (ACHS) and **Andy Qian** (ACHS international student with the Presleys).

On **May 20** at 8:15 a.m., we will begin **Senior Sunday** with a breakfast reception in the Family Room. This will be our congregation-focused time, where members will be encouraged to come visit with and congratulate our graduating seniors, peruse their table exhibits, drop off gifts and enjoy breakfast together. We would like to have congregational support for the reception food items and are asking for volunteers to provide food (see below). At the close of worship, we will recognize our HS graduates and pray over them and their families in the auditorium. **That evening, from 6-7:30 p.m.**, we will have a smaller, more intimate dinner for seniors, their families, invited guests and the youth group. Please make plans to join us on Sunday morning as we honor our HS graduates who once played on the stage as toddlers but will now be walking across a different one.

Senior Sunday Breakfast Reception Help Needed: The reception menu will include yogurt-and-fruit parfaits, pigs in a blanket, mini-quiches, muffins, pastries and fresh fruit. If you would like to help by providing an item or two or even contributing some money for some items, we would appreciate the help. Please contact **Vicki Britten** at brittenv@acu.edu

HS Mission Trip: Our HS Mission has been set for **July 14-21** in Beaumont, TX., and will be \$40 per person. We will need adult volunteers so please let me know if you would like to go.

TRANSITIONS

Andrew Huddleston
huddleston_andrew@yahoo.com

Tonight, the children are leading the chapel service. Afterwards, we will go enjoy a meal together at Rosa's.

Next week, there will be no small group because of Mother's Day.

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

BILINGUAL MINISTRY

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister
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Bilingual Ladies' prayer group meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in a different location every week. If you want to assist, call the office for more information.

Men's prayer group meets every Saturday at 7 a.m. at McDonald's on Judge Ely.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

Our **Sunday** morning class begins at 9 a.m. in MAC 503.

Today, we are honoring our graduating students with a luncheon right after worship service in the MAC. We are inviting graduates, their families and friends, and other college students. Please come and celebrate with us!

Tonight, we will meet in our classroom and head out to the Pamplins' house at 6:45 p.m. Come join us for food and a movie under the stars!

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.

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

NEWS AND NOTES

THANK YOU CARDS

We appreciate the prayers, visits and cards for Bill while he was in the hospital. Thank you for the pretty bouquet of flowers. In Christian Love, **Bill and Donna Roberts**

Dear UCC Family, Thank you so much for all you did for my Mom and Dad through the years, and particularly for us this last month. The hospital visits were so comforting as well as all the prayers. Thank you for letting us have the memorial service at UCC. We couldn't have done it without the great help of Gene, Marisol and Cristian. Thank you also for everyone that was involved with serving us lunch. It was wonderful. We appreciate you more than you know. Thank you, **Kara Cobb** (From the family of **Arnold Shaver**)

Tonight, the **5 p.m. Chapel** will be led by the **Children's Ministry**.

Quilting Day will be Monday, May 7th at 9 a.m. in Room 208.

UCC ELDERS

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