



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

May 13, 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
Psalm 93 Andrew Huddleston

Hosanna You're My King

Shout Hallelujah

Shepherd's Prayer Paul Rotenberry

Had It Not Been the Lord

And Can It Be

Communion Stan Lambert

John 15:12-17

Bread

Amazing Grace

Cup

Amazing Grace

Offering

Kids Corner

We Love You With the Love of the Lord

Deep Calls to Deep

Job 13:1-12 Elijah Tolar

Friends Brent Isbell

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Benediction: 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

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
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Happy Mother's Day! The second Sunday of May usually brings a few extra folks to church! Moms have a knack for motivating us to do things we might not otherwise do, right? Truly, moms are very important, and we love them a lot! We will acknowledge our moms this morning with some simple flowers from our children. We will honor mamas, grandmas, and special ladies who show us Jesus. At the same time, we also acknowledge that today can represent a difficult time for those who are not moms or cannot be moms; for those who have lost mothers or children; for those who experience heart-breaking family relationships; and more. Not everybody gets to live a Hallmark-card life. Today our love goes out to all our sisters, particularly those having a tough day.

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 May series **When Suffering Eclipses God**, unpacking themes from the Book of Job. Today we come to long conversations (arguments) in the big middle of Job in which Job's companions are trying to show him some pastoral care. Much of it is rough, accusatory, ugly. What does it mean to sit with someone who's in the ashes? Today: **Friends**. Our worship leader today is **Eric Lemmons**.

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

This Wednesday, we conclude our combined class in the Family Room. **Carisse Berryhill** has been teaching a **History of the Churches of Christ in Texas** in five parts. This week is #5. Join us for class at 7 p.m. On the 23rd we will have a Wednesday Praise! night, and on the 30th is our first Family Night of the summer (ice cream).

Coming Soon

- Senior Sunday** - Sun., May 20
- Wednesday Praise!** - Wed., May 23
- Family Night #1 (Ice Cream)** - Wed., May 30
- VBS** - Mon.-Wed., June 4-6
- People of God Summer Series begins** - Wed., June 6
- Children's Homes Special Offering** - Sun., June 10

NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE: April 29, 2018

- Worship - **320**
- Chapel PM - **125**
- Bilingual - **62**
- Chisholm Place - **11**
- Northern Oaks - **22**
- Silver Springs - **39**
- Coronado - **61**

OFFERING:

April 29 \$18,548.38

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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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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VBS: Our VBS theme this year is LEGO-themed, titled **#theGospel: Building Your Life on Christ**. Our event will be June 4-6 from 6-8:15 each evening. VBS is open for all 4-year-olds through fifth-graders. Registration is available online at both the Children's Ministry Facebook page and the UCC website. If you would like to register using pen and paper, there are sign up forms located at the Welcome Desk.

A Mother's Day Poem:

God's Helpers by George W. Wiseman

*God could not be in every place
With loving hands to help erase
The teardrops from each baby's face,
And so He thought of mother.*

*He could not send us here alone
And leave us to a fate unknown;
Without providing for His own,
The outstretched arms of mother.*

*God could not watch us night and day
And kneel beside our crib to pray,
Or kiss our little aches away;
And so He sent us mother.*

*And when our childhood days began,
He simply could not take command.
That's why He placed our tiny hand
Securely into mother's.*

*The days of youth slipped quickly by,
Life's sun rose higher in the sky,
Full grown were we, yet ever nigh
To love us still, was mother.*

*And when life's span of years shall end,
I know that God will gladly send,
To welcome home her child again,
That ever-faithful mother.*

TRANSITIONS

Andrew Huddleston

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Tonight, there is no small group. Enjoy time with your family!

Next week, there will be a combined group hosted by the **blue group**.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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No Activity Today: It's Mother's Day, so do something special for *your* mom to let her know how much you love and appreciate her.

Senior Sunday: Next Week (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 are encouraged to visit with our graduates, view table exhibits, drop off gifts and enjoy breakfast together. At the close of worship, we will recognize our graduates and pray over them in the auditorium. That evening, from 6-7:30 p.m., we will have a smaller, more intimate dinner for seniors, their families, guests and the youth group. Make plans to join us on this special day.

2018 Graduates: Jackson Hatch (AHS), **Ashlen Pamplin** (ACHS) and **Andy Qian** (ACHS), international student with the Presleys.

HS Mission Trip will be July 14-21 in Beaumont and will be \$40 per person. We will be working with the Westgate Church of Christ and a couple of other youth ministries as a work camp, as the region continues to recover from last year's hurricane. We will be painting, landscaping and perhaps finish-work in houses. We will also be able to visit and work with some non-profit groups who were crucial in the immediate response to the devastation that left Houston and much of the area underwater. Make plans to join us! We need adult volunteers so please let me know if you can go with us.

Wednesday Huddles continue this week from 7-8 p.m. The **HS Huddle** meets at the Scudder home (658 EN 22nd) and **MS Huddle** meets in the Youth Center. Come and join us!

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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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.

Summer Changes: Because our college population changes so much in the summer, we will not have Community Groups or Dwelling Place until school starts back in the Fall. Enjoy your summer!

BILINGUAL MINISTRY

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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.

NEWS AND NOTES

Tonight, there will be no **5 p.m. Service in the Chapel**.

Sanctuary will continue **tonight at 8 p.m. in the Chapel**, so come join us as we worship together.

LEGOS, LEGOS, LEGOS.... Our VBS this year, **#TheGospel: Building Your Life on Christ**, will have a LEGO theme. If you have any used or new **LEGO bricks you are willing to donate** please bring them by the office at your earliest convenience.

UCC ELDERS

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Please submit your bulletin items to Marisol Groves before noon on Wednesday. marisol@uccabilene.org