



SENIOR SUNDAY

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

May 20, 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 121 Bradley Steele

2 We Praise Thee, O God

72 Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty

Shepherd's Prayer David Swearingen

991 This is My Father's World

218 Blessed Jesus

Communion Jason Morris

Matthew 26:26-29

Bread

383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Cup

383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Offering

Children's Home Video

Children's Church

528 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Job 38:1-7: 42:1-6 Barry Young

Pilgrimage Brent Isbell

Here in This Place

Senior Blessing Jason Craddock

Benediction: 1 Thess. 5:23-24

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 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!

Senior Sunday. Today we will pause to honor our UCC high school graduates. These young people are very much our shared sons and daughters. Earlier we had a celebratory breakfast reception for our seniors. Later, we will take some time to call their names, present each a Bible, and pray over this important time in their lives and the lives of their families. May God bless each member of the Class of '18!

In our May sermon series—**When Suffering Eclipses God**—we've been unpacking themes from the **Book of Job**. Today let's wrap up with Job's struggle to discover God again. His painful experiences in the ashes forced Job to change his view of God, and that didn't happen overnight. It never does. Growth is always a process, a stormy journey marked by small breakthroughs along the way. Today: **Pilgrimage**. Our worship leader today is **Steve Austin**.

Adult Education Minute: Today our 9 a.m. adult classes continued our **New Testament Speaks** series, looking at 1-3 John. If you want to read ahead, next week we conclude our series with **Revelation**.

This Wednesday, we will host a **Wednesday Praise!** in the Family Room. All you singers and music-lovers, come join **Eric Lemmons** and some of our other song-leaders at 7 p.m. for a time of praise and song. Next week, Wednesday, May 30 is the first of four **Family Nights** this summer. Let's celebrate the end of school (AISD dismisses the next day!) with delicious **homemade ice cream!**

Coming Soon

Wednesday Praise! - Wed., May 23

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

VBS - Mon. - Wed., June 4-6

Summer Series: People of God begins - Wed., June 6

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

Father's Day - Sun., June 17

NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE: May 13, 2018

Worship - 353 Northern Oaks - 31
Bilingual - 98 Silver Springs - N/A
Coronado - 69 Chisholm Place - 12

OFFERING:

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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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FROM THE ELDERS

Two of our elders, **Eddie Mahanay and Richard Cox**, retired May 1, each having served the congregation for 26 years. Eddie's service focused on the Caring Committee plus building and grounds, while Richard's centered on his role as secretary to the elders and teaching a Bible class since 2003. Both served in a variety of other ways, also, such as praying and counseling with members. Eddie has been a member of UCC since 1966 and Richard since 1971.

Their **wisdom** and **care** has blessed the eldership and this community and while they will no longer serve in the formal role as elders, we imagine that they will continue to serve in their own quiet and humble ways. Thank you Eddie and Richard for your genuine pastoral care to this community over your many years as Elders.

Gustavo Villanueva, 2018 elder chair

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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VBS Registration, Vacation Bible School will be June 4-6 from 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. each evening for children four years old through fifth grade. Please be sure and go on-line to **uccabilene.org** to register or sign up at the welcome desk.

VBS Work Night, this Wednesday evening, May 23, if you would be willing to help with VBS preparation, please plan to meet in the fifth grade class at 6:30. Some painting help is needed, so wear paint clothes.

Youth Helpers for Children's Church

May 20: D. Ice, V. Zuniga, L. Bryce
May 27: A. Britten, K. Awbrey, L. Zuniga, A. Garza
June 3: M. & J. Groves, M. Trammell
June 10: N. Bryce, B. West, E. Ice

TRANSITIONS

Andrew Huddleston
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Tonight, we will meet at the church playground at 5 p.m. Bring food for your family and a dessert to share with others.

Next week, both groups are in need of a host.

The schedule for **summer small groups** is posted on **Facebook**. There are plenty of opportunities still available to host.

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.

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.

Because of summer, we will not have Community Groups or Dwelling Place until school starts back in the Fall. Enjoy your summer!

NEWS AND NOTES

Thank you! My Family and I were so touched by all the ways you expressed your blessings at the time of Mom's passing. Cards, phone calls, texts, visits, the great lunch after the funeral, Gary's kind words of love at the service and Mom's final communion with Odell and Dionne. **-Ron Smith**

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Senior Sunday: This 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 at a work camp, as the region continues to recover from last year's hurricane. We will be painting, landscaping and perhaps doing 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 Jason know if you can go with us.

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

Sixth-Grade Orientation: We are doing something different this year with our sixth-grade promotion and it's gonna be great! Sixth-grade promotion, will be Sunday evening, **June 3** from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. We will have the teens arrive early and ready to greet our newest sixth-graders! We will introduce everyone to each other; enjoy dinner (around tables) together; give you a tour of the Youth Center to demonstrate how everything works; talk about our Summer events; and explain how our favorite Waffle Mania game works. Parents are encouraged to join us for this time, if you are able, but you may also drop your teen (we call them all teens) off and come back at 7:30 p.m. There will be no cost for food on this evening. Hope to see you all there.

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.

UCC ELDERS

Tim Archer
Steve Austin
Mark Hamilton
Ted Presley
Paul Rotenberry
Kris Southward
David Swearingen
Mark Tate (Sabbatical)
James Thompson
Rusty Towell

Chair
Gustavo Villanueva

Please submit your bulletin items to Marisol Groves before noon on Wednesday.
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